

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Fall 2018

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This illustration must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current summary prospectus or prospectus, which details charges, expenses, investment objectives and operating policies. The American Funds are distributed by American Funds Distributors, Inc.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. Expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. The expense ratios for Class F-3 shares are estimated. When applicable, investment results reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which results would have been lower. Please see americanfunds.com for more information. For the funds and/or share classes listed below, the investment adviser is currently reimbursing a portion of the funds' fees or expenses, without which the results would have been lower and net expense ratios higher.

- AMCAP Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least May 1, 2018)
- American Funds Corporate Bond Fund: all share classes (through at least August 1, 2018)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Fund of New York: all share classes (through at least October 1, 2018)
- American Funds Mortgage Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2018)
- Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America and U.S. Government Securities Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2018)
- American High-Income Trust and American Funds U.S. Government Money Market Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least December 1, 2018)
- American Funds 2010 - 2020 and 2040 - 2055 Target Date Retirement funds: Class F-3 shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Mutual Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Global Balanced Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio and American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund: all share classes (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund: Class F-3, R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least February 1, 2019)
- Capital World Bond Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least March 1, 2019)

The investment adviser may elect at its discretion to extend, modify or terminate the reimbursements at that time. Please see each fund's most recent prospectus for details. The expense ratios for the College Target Date Series, Target Date Retirement Series and Portfolio Fund Series include the weighted average expenses of the underlying funds. Please see the fund's most recent prospectus for details.

Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 9/30/2018

Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized

Inception Max. Initial Sales

Security Name	Inception Date	Max. Initial Sales Charge/CDSC	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)	5/28/1974	3.75% Front	-5.49%	1.18%	3.28%	7.29%
The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)	1/1/1934	5.75% Front	6.94%	11.01%	10.12%	12.08%

Gross Charges and Expenses

Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Total Gross Operating Expense
The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)	3.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.61%
The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)	5.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.58%

The fund does not assess redemption fees. However, shareholders redeeming shares may be subject to the fund's Purchase Blocking Policy as described in the prospectus.

The illustration included herein does not reflect the effects of taxes in some or all of the investments.

If the results shown on the following pages do not reflect deduction of an initial sales charge (i.e. they are at net asset value), please note that they would have been lower if the sales charge had been deducted.

Class A shares are subject to an up-front maximum sales charge of 5.75% for equity funds and most Portfolio Series funds, 3.75% for most fixed income funds and American Funds Tax-Advantaged Income Portfolio, and 2.50% for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America, American Funds Preservation Portfolio and American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio. The sales charge declines for accounts and aggregated investments (\$25,000 for equity and target date funds, \$100,000 for most bond funds, \$500,000 for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, and Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America). There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1 million or more. A 1% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) may be assessed if a redemption occurs within 18 months of purchase. Results on the following pages reflect deduction of the CDSC if the investment is \$1 million or more and a withdrawal is selected within 18 months of purchase. Certain withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to income tax and, if applicable, to a 10% federal penalty. For current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com.

The return of principal for bond funds and for funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

Investing outside the United States involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

Higher yielding, higher risk bonds can fluctuate in price more than investment-grade bonds, so investors should maintain a long-term perspective.

- The A/529-A share 1, 5, and 10-year return for each fund is based on the MOP value.
- The "Average annual return on the investment" is based on the initial investment and the breakpoint chosen.

This composite illustration must be accompanied by the underlying individual illustrations.

- Cumulative Volume Discount Reflected Where Applicable in This Illustration.
- NOTE: Systematic Accumulation Plans cannot assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

Portfolio Illustration Summary

The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX): \$200,000 initial investment on 10/01/1993. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals from 11/01/1993 to 09/30/2018 every month starting at 5.00% (annually) of Initial Investment and increasing by 3.00%, every twelve months, on the first day of the month as long as funds are available. The initial investment is not subject to sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

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Portfolio

Date	Initial Investment	Net Amount Invested
10/01/1993	\$400,000.00	\$400,000

See the settings on the Portfolio Illustration Summary Page preceding this illustration.

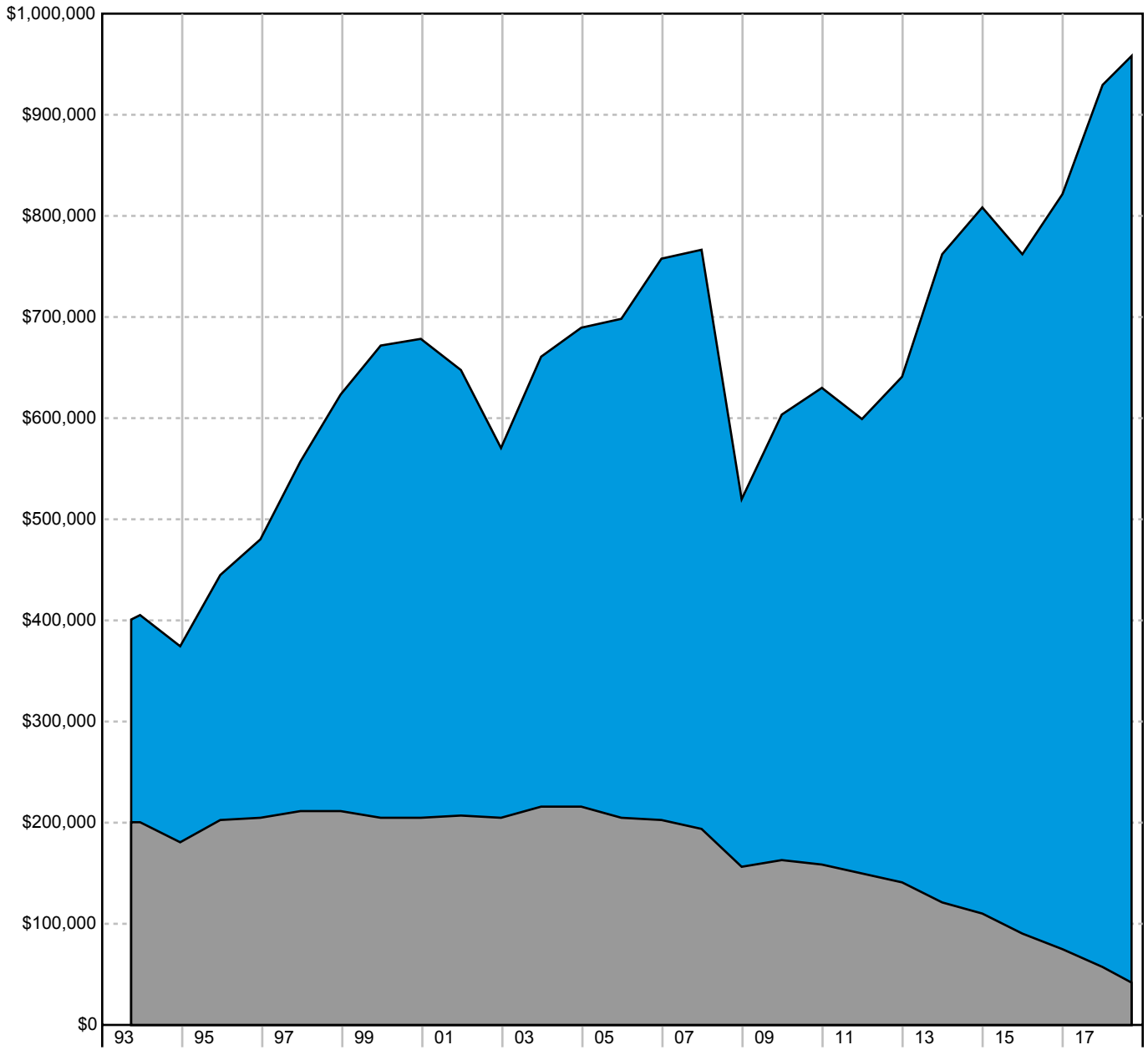
Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Total Value
12/31/1993	400,000	3,333	4,862	12,221	403,404
12/31/1994	0	20,100	19,716	6,321	373,760
12/31/1995	0	20,703	20,278	9,700	442,782
12/31/1996	0	21,324	20,266	11,218	480,003
12/31/1997	0	21,964	20,129	29,014	557,213
12/31/1998	0	22,623	20,633	37,924	623,150
12/31/1999	0	23,301	21,136	40,152	671,737
12/31/2000	0	24,000	22,512	29,949	677,542
12/31/2001	0	24,720	22,116	8,956	645,397
12/31/2002	0	25,462	21,263	7,023	569,040
12/31/2003	0	26,226	19,212	3,204	660,522
12/31/2004	0	27,013	17,979	5,391	688,265
12/31/2005	0	27,823	20,786	12,309	696,069
12/31/2006	0	28,658	21,407	31,924	756,047
12/31/2007	0	29,518	21,201	30,438	765,997
12/31/2008	0	30,403	22,499	0	517,662
12/31/2009	0	31,315	17,016	0	603,360
12/31/2010	0	32,255	15,486	0	628,677
12/31/2011	0	33,222	14,741	0	597,080
12/31/2012	0	34,219	15,462	6,786	640,100
12/31/2013	0	35,245	13,279	40,755	761,228
12/31/2014	0	36,303	14,957	57,388	807,601
12/31/2015	0	37,392	13,567	46,984	760,812
12/31/2016	0	38,514	14,991	25,729	821,095
12/31/2017	0	39,669	15,068	46,012	928,977
09/30/2018	0	30,492	10,672	12,030	956,823
Total	400,000	725,797	461,235	511,428	956,823

Average annual return on the investment for the period 10/01/1993 - 09/30/2018 : 8.48%

Portfolio - (10/1/1993 - 9/30/2018)

Total Ending Amount: \$956,823

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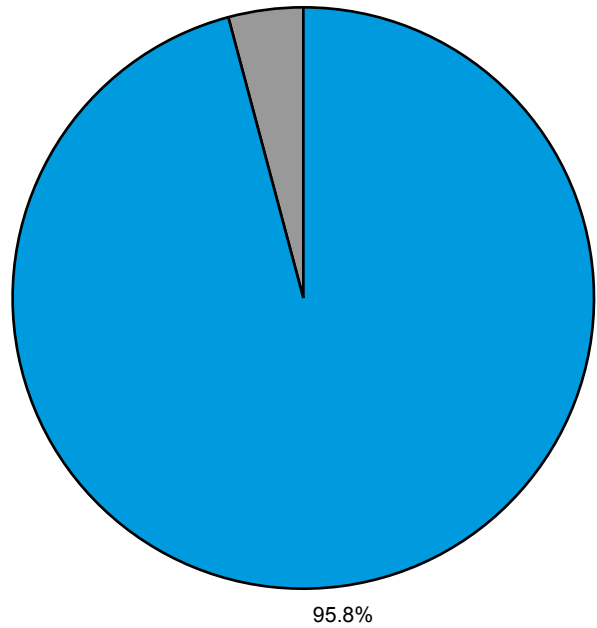
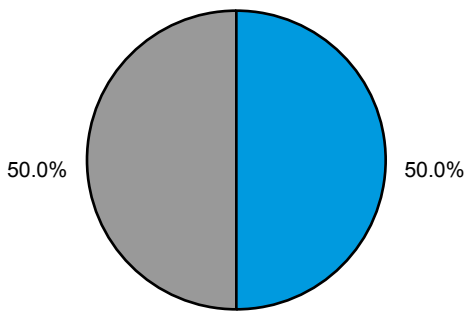
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Total Beginning Market Value : \$400,000

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 The Investment Company of America A (Ending value: \$917,047)  The Bond Fund of America A (Ending value: \$39,776)

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The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
10/01/1993	\$200,000.00	None	\$200,000	10,498.688

\$200,000 initial investment on 10/01/1993. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals from 11/01/1993 to 09/30/2018 every month starting at 5.00% (annually) of Initial Investment and increasing by 3.00%, every twelve months, on the first day of the month as long as funds are available. The initial investment is not subject to sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

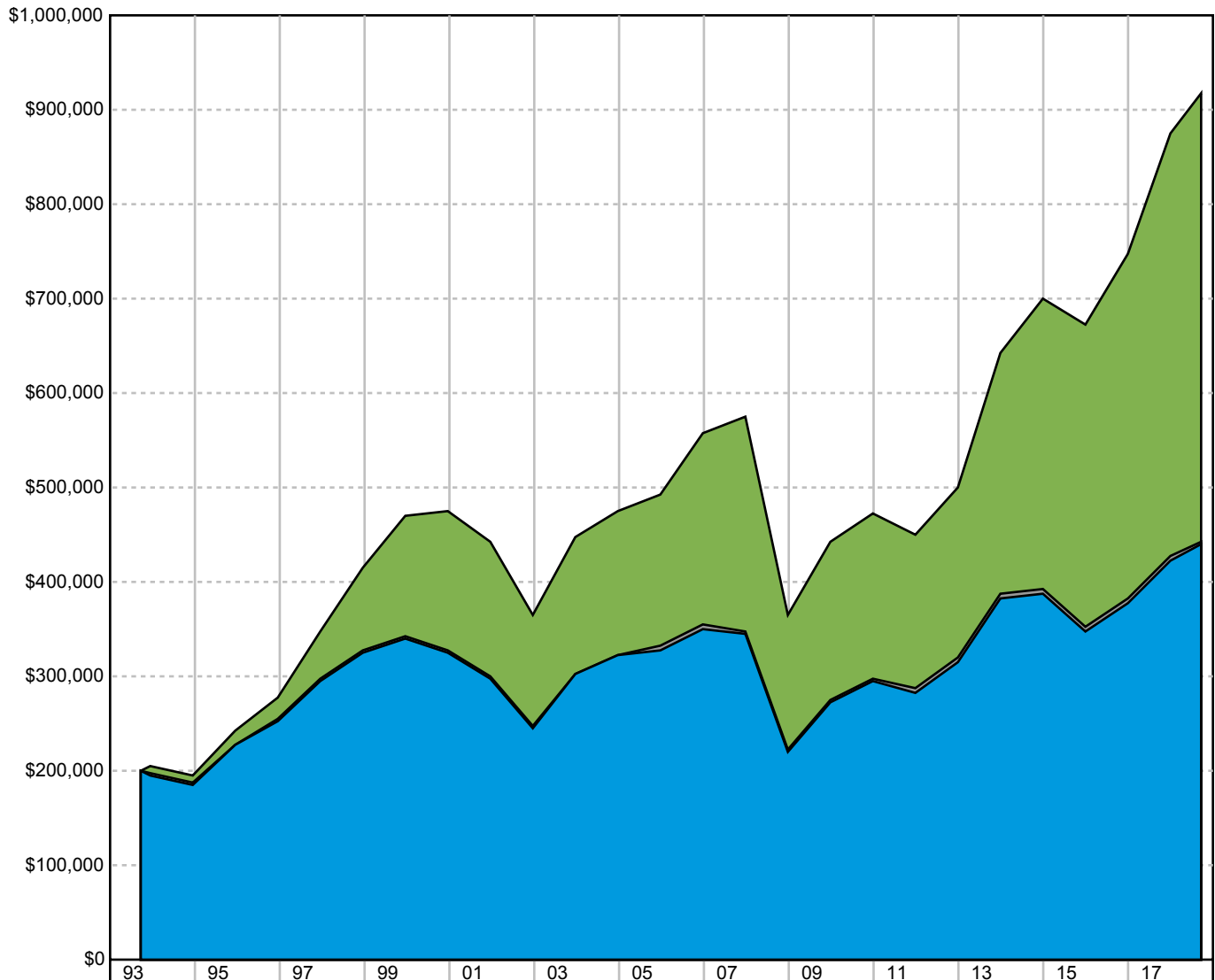
Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1993	200,000	1,667	1,458	1,458	7,393	10,888	203,816
12/31/1994	0	10,050	5,106	6,563	6,321	10,983	194,069
12/31/1995	0	10,352	5,377	11,941	9,700	11,179	241,586
12/31/1996	0	10,662	5,490	17,431	11,218	11,412	276,521
12/31/1997	0	10,982	5,613	23,044	29,014	12,265	346,472
12/31/1998	0	11,311	6,223	29,267	35,787	13,296	413,093
12/31/1999	0	11,651	6,751	36,018	40,152	14,440	468,708
12/31/2000	0	12,000	7,504	43,522	29,949	15,275	474,445
12/31/2001	0	12,360	7,914	51,436	8,956	15,439	440,477
12/31/2002	0	12,731	7,961	59,397	7,023	15,544	364,977
12/31/2003	0	13,113	7,972	67,369	3,204	15,445	445,425
12/31/2004	0	13,506	7,934	75,303	5,391	15,429	474,456
12/31/2005	0	13,912	10,356	85,659	12,309	15,701	492,377
12/31/2006	0	14,329	11,494	97,153	31,924	16,571	555,286
12/31/2007	0	14,759	10,843	107,997	30,438	17,404	573,447
12/31/2008	0	15,202	11,718	119,715	0	17,301	362,620
12/31/2009	0	15,658	9,712	129,427	0	17,039	442,164
12/31/2010	0	16,127	9,390	138,817	0	16,770	472,230
12/31/2011	0	16,611	9,575	148,393	0	16,524	447,634
12/31/2012	0	17,109	11,689	160,082	6,786	16,558	499,384
12/31/2013	0	17,623	10,277	170,359	40,755	17,460	640,780
12/31/2014	0	18,151	12,501	182,860	57,388	18,852	699,018
12/31/2015	0	18,696	11,622	194,482	46,984	20,094	670,544
12/31/2016	0	19,257	13,603	208,085	25,729	20,632	747,492
12/31/2017	0	19,835	13,886	221,971	46,012	21,616	873,059
09/30/2018	0	15,246	9,911	231,882	12,030	21,777	917,047
Total	200,000	362,899	231,882	231,882	504,463	21,777	917,047

Average annual return on the investment for the period 10/01/1993 - 09/30/2018 : 10.17%

10/1/1993 - 9/30/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$917,047

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$475,184)
- From Income (Ending value: \$3,402)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$438,461)

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The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
10/01/1993	\$200,000.00	None	\$200,000	13,360.053

\$200,000 initial investment on 10/01/1993. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals from 11/01/1993 to 09/30/2018 every month starting at 5.00% (annually) of Initial Investment and increasing by 3.00%, every twelve months, on the first day of the month as long as funds are available. The initial investment is not subject to sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

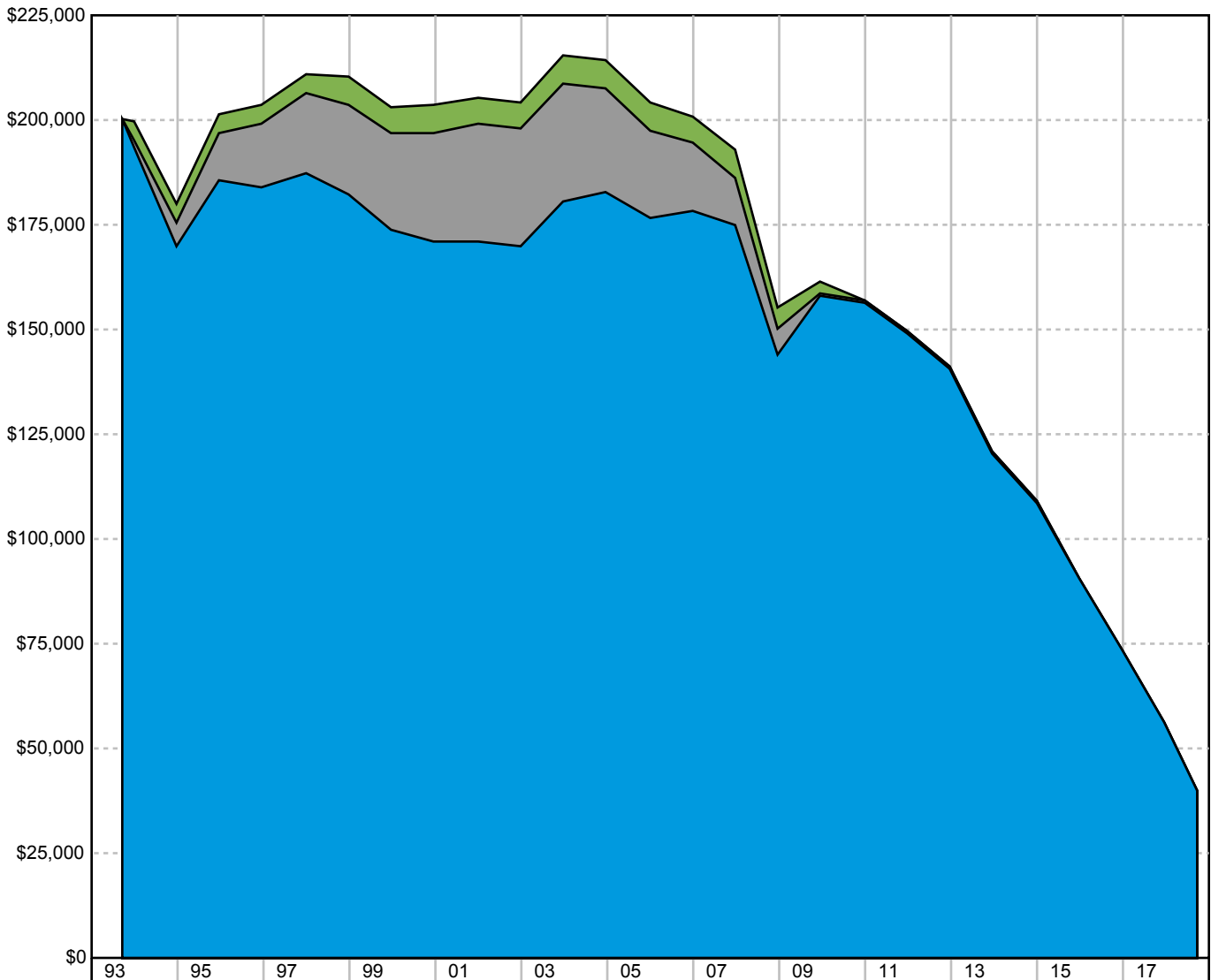
Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1993	200,000	1,667	3,404	3,404	4,828	13,812	199,588
12/31/1994	0	10,050	14,610	18,014	0	14,160	179,691
12/31/1995	0	10,352	14,900	32,915	0	14,495	201,197
12/31/1996	0	10,662	14,776	47,690	0	14,799	203,482
12/31/1997	0	10,982	14,516	62,206	0	15,053	210,741
12/31/1998	0	11,311	14,410	76,616	2,137	15,434	210,057
12/31/1999	0	11,651	14,385	91,001	0	15,642	203,029
12/31/2000	0	12,000	15,008	106,009	0	15,879	203,097
12/31/2001	0	12,360	14,203	120,212	0	16,022	204,920
12/31/2002	0	12,731	13,302	133,514	0	16,068	204,063
12/31/2003	0	13,113	11,240	144,754	0	15,921	215,097
12/31/2004	0	13,506	10,045	154,799	0	15,664	213,809
12/31/2005	0	13,912	10,430	165,230	0	15,408	203,692
12/31/2006	0	14,329	9,913	175,142	0	15,072	200,761
12/31/2007	0	14,759	10,358	185,500	0	14,743	192,549
12/31/2008	0	15,202	10,780	196,281	0	14,409	155,041
12/31/2009	0	15,658	7,303	203,584	0	13,661	161,196
12/31/2010	0	16,127	6,096	209,680	0	12,834	156,447
12/31/2011	0	16,611	5,166	214,846	0	11,908	149,446
12/31/2012	0	17,109	3,773	218,619	0	10,866	140,716
12/31/2013	0	17,623	3,002	221,621	0	9,714	120,448
12/31/2014	0	18,151	2,456	224,077	0	8,476	108,584
12/31/2015	0	18,696	1,945	226,022	0	7,170	90,268
12/31/2016	0	19,257	1,388	227,410	0	5,786	73,603
12/31/2017	0	19,835	1,182	228,591	0	4,338	55,919
09/30/2018	0	15,246	761	229,353	0	3,190	39,776
Total	200,000	362,899	229,353	229,353	6,965	3,190	39,776

Average annual return on the investment for the period 10/01/1993 - 09/30/2018 : 5.27%

10/1/1993 - 9/30/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$39,776

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$0)
- From Income (Ending value: \$77)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$39,700)

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