

# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Fall 2018

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## Important Disclosures

**Figures shown are past results and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Share prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. For more current information and month-end results, visit [americanfunds.com](http://americanfunds.com).**

Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining. Market indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Results for the Lipper indexes do not reflect sales charges. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index.

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](http://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 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 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](http://americanfunds.com).**

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

**The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)**

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
10/01/1993	\$400,000.00	None	\$400,000	20,997.375

\$400,000 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.

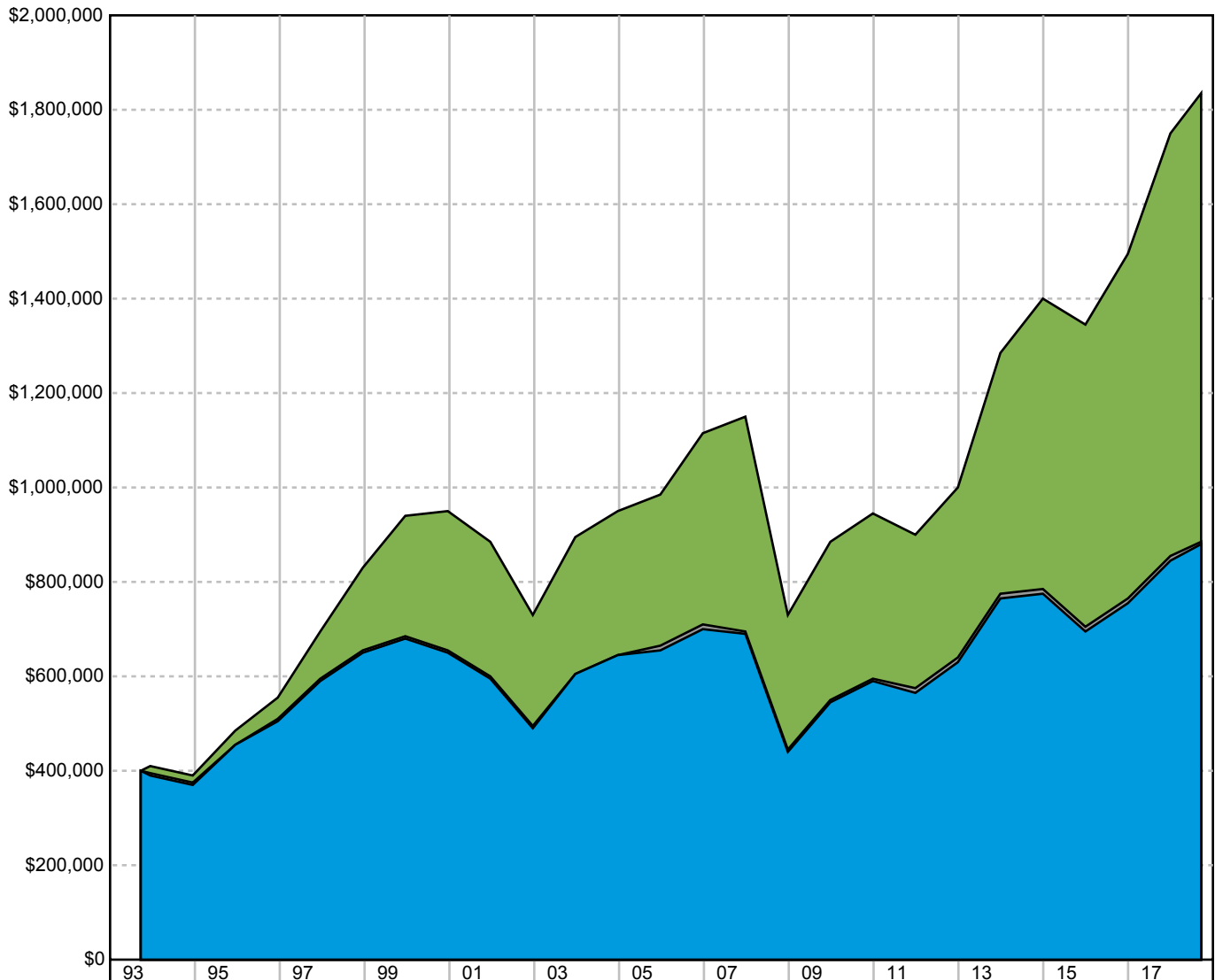
Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1993	400,000	3,333	2,915	2,915	14,785	21,775	407,632
12/31/1994	0	20,100	10,211	13,127	12,642	21,966	388,139
12/31/1995	0	20,703	10,755	23,881	19,399	22,359	483,172
12/31/1996	0	21,324	10,981	34,862	22,437	22,825	553,042
12/31/1997	0	21,964	11,227	46,089	58,027	24,529	692,945
12/31/1998	0	22,623	12,446	58,535	71,573	26,591	826,186
12/31/1999	0	23,301	13,501	72,036	80,305	28,879	937,416
12/31/2000	0	24,000	15,009	87,044	59,898	30,550	948,891
12/31/2001	0	24,720	15,827	102,872	17,911	30,878	880,953
12/31/2002	0	25,462	15,922	118,794	14,047	31,088	729,954
12/31/2003	0	26,226	15,943	134,738	6,409	30,889	890,850
12/31/2004	0	27,013	15,868	150,606	10,783	30,859	948,913
12/31/2005	0	27,823	20,712	171,318	24,617	31,402	984,753
12/31/2006	0	28,658	22,988	194,307	63,847	33,141	1,110,572
12/31/2007	0	29,518	21,686	215,993	60,875	34,807	1,146,895
12/31/2008	0	30,403	23,437	239,430	0	34,601	725,241
12/31/2009	0	31,315	19,425	258,855	0	34,078	884,328
12/31/2010	0	32,255	18,780	277,635	0	33,539	944,460
12/31/2011	0	33,222	19,151	296,785	0	33,048	895,268
12/31/2012	0	34,219	23,378	320,163	13,572	33,116	998,767
12/31/2013	0	35,245	20,554	340,717	81,510	34,920	1,281,559
12/31/2014	0	36,303	25,002	365,719	114,776	37,703	1,398,036
12/31/2015	0	37,392	23,245	388,964	93,968	40,188	1,341,088
12/31/2016	0	38,514	27,206	416,169	51,458	41,264	1,494,984
12/31/2017	0	39,669	27,772	443,942	92,024	43,231	1,746,117
09/30/2018	0	30,492	19,822	463,763	24,061	43,555	1,834,095
<b>Total</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>725,797</b>	<b>463,763</b>	<b>463,763</b>	<b>1,008,926</b>	<b>43,555</b>	<b>1,834,095</b>

**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: \$1,834,095

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$950,369)
- From Income (Ending value: \$6,804)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$876,923)

This graph must be accompanied by the underlying Hypo illustration(s).