

# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Spring 2019

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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 12/31/2018

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	-11.87%	5.96%	10.97%	11.87%

#### 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
01/01/1989	\$100.00	5.75%	\$94	7.283

\$100 initial investment on 01/01/1989. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$100.00 from 02/01/1989 to 12/31/2018 every month, on the first day of the month. The initial investment is subject to a 5.75% sales charge. Subsequent investments are subject to a sales charge of up to 5.75%. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

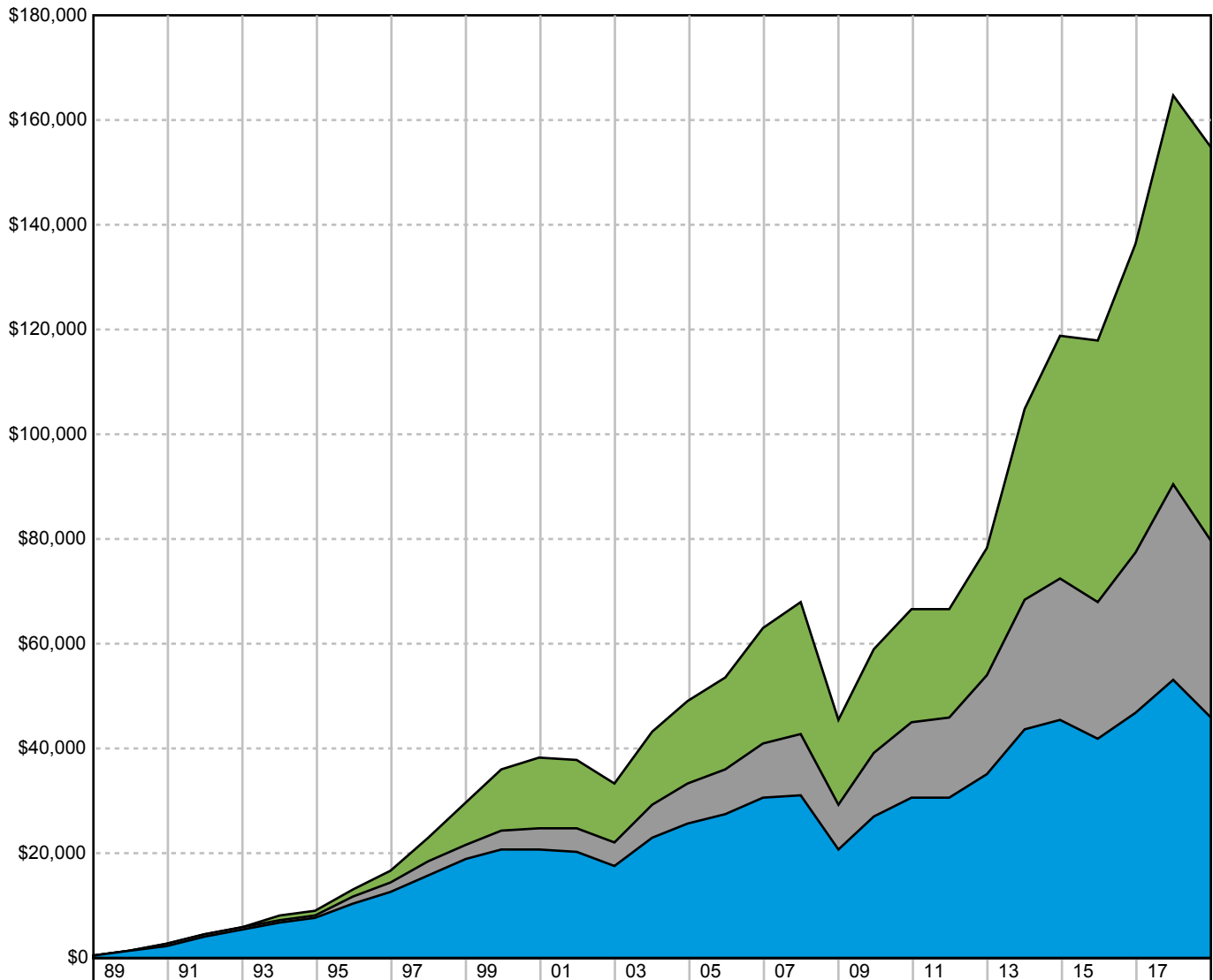
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1989	1,200	33	33	63	83	1,265
12/31/1990	1,200	82	115	35	168	2,437
12/31/1991	1,200	94	209	85	249	4,349
12/31/1992	1,200	138	347	102	327	5,848
12/31/1993	1,200	174	521	294	413	7,731
12/31/1994	1,200	219	741	289	502	8,876
12/31/1995	1,200	272	1,013	518	597	12,897
12/31/1996	1,200	316	1,329	675	687	16,646
12/31/1997	1,200	360	1,688	1,917	810	22,892
12/31/1998	1,200	432	2,120	2,534	947	29,434
12/31/1999	1,200	501	2,622	3,032	1,095	35,557
12/31/2000	1,200	590	3,212	2,385	1,226	38,085
12/31/2001	1,200	658	3,869	748	1,313	37,462
12/31/2002	1,200	703	4,573	629	1,409	33,093
12/31/2003	1,200	754	5,327	310	1,496	43,152
12/31/2004	1,200	796	6,123	552	1,581	48,602
12/31/2005	1,200	1,101	7,224	1,329	1,695	53,145
12/31/2006	1,200	1,282	8,506	3,614	1,876	62,862
12/31/2007	1,200	1,260	9,767	3,596	2,056	67,750
12/31/2008	1,200	1,427	11,193	0	2,151	45,093
12/31/2009	1,200	1,259	12,453	0	2,264	58,741
12/31/2010	1,200	1,294	13,747	0	2,358	66,394
12/31/2011	1,200	1,394	15,141	0	2,449	66,353
12/31/2012	1,200	1,799	16,940	1,059	2,583	77,915
12/31/2013	1,200	1,654	18,593	6,648	2,848	104,517
12/31/2014	1,200	2,094	20,688	9,719	3,193	118,381
12/31/2015	1,200	2,016	22,703	8,232	3,531	117,819
12/31/2016	1,200	2,452	25,155	4,690	3,761	136,267
12/31/2017	1,200	2,588	27,743	8,666	4,071	164,429
12/31/2018	1,200	3,050	30,793	13,409	4,564	154,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>30,793</b>	<b>30,793</b>	<b>75,130</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>154,781</b>

**Average annual return on the investment for the period 01/01/1989 - 12/31/2018 : 8.46%**

1/1/1989 - 12/31/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$154,781

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$75,522)
- From Income (Ending value: \$33,799)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$45,460)

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