

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Spring 2019

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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 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.

- 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
01/01/1979	\$100.00	5.75%	\$94	12.579

\$100 initial investment on 01/01/1979. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$100.00 from 02/01/1979 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
12/31/1979	1,200	29	29	1	147	1,248
12/31/1980	1,200	91	120	32	291	2,811
12/31/1981	1,200	169	289	199	458	3,957
12/31/1982	1,200	274	563	258	661	6,731
12/31/1983	1,200	333	896	301	826	9,299
12/31/1984	1,200	415	1,311	425	1,013	11,146
12/31/1985	1,200	500	1,811	501	1,200	16,209
12/31/1986	1,200	624	2,435	3,204	1,587	20,934
12/31/1987	1,200	862	3,297	1,267	1,833	23,112
12/31/1988	1,200	1,078	4,375	1,493	2,117	27,398
12/31/1989	1,200	1,305	5,680	1,908	2,410	36,730
12/31/1990	1,200	1,476	7,156	558	2,628	38,153
12/31/1991	1,200	1,194	8,349	1,038	2,835	49,555
12/31/1992	1,200	1,366	9,716	946	3,031	54,226
12/31/1993	1,200	1,460	11,175	2,361	3,298	61,745
12/31/1994	1,200	1,618	12,793	2,052	3,565	62,989
12/31/1995	1,200	1,818	14,612	3,357	3,869	83,601
12/31/1996	1,200	1,966	16,578	4,099	4,170	101,048
12/31/1997	1,200	2,114	18,691	11,094	4,690	132,482
12/31/1998	1,200	2,440	21,131	14,179	5,284	164,184
12/31/1999	1,200	2,742	23,874	16,463	5,935	192,636
12/31/2000	1,200	3,147	27,020	12,645	6,478	201,210
12/31/2001	1,200	3,423	30,443	3,887	6,769	193,120
12/31/2002	1,200	3,569	34,013	3,175	7,080	166,242
12/31/2003	1,200	3,727	37,740	1,520	7,328	211,347
12/31/2004	1,200	3,849	41,589	2,651	7,586	233,270
12/31/2005	1,200	5,217	46,807	6,262	7,988	250,515
12/31/2006	1,200	5,978	52,784	16,771	8,705	291,717
12/31/2007	1,200	5,801	58,585	16,467	9,415	310,231
12/31/2008	1,200	6,475	65,060	0	9,703	203,365
12/31/2009	1,200	5,612	70,672	0	10,021	260,043
12/31/2010	1,200	5,675	76,347	0	10,283	289,576

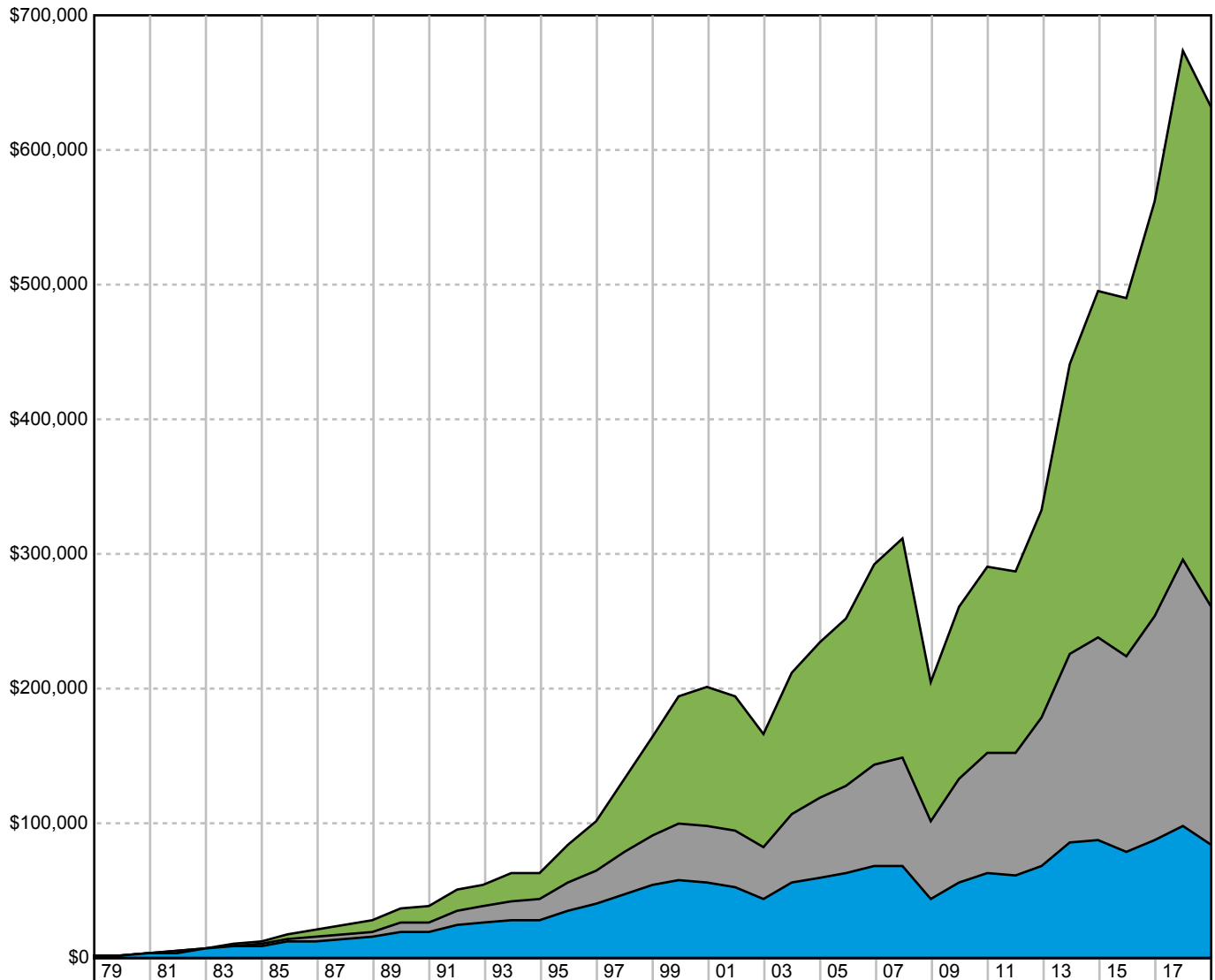
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/2011	1,200	6,026	82,373	0	10,544	285,641
12/31/2012	1,200	7,677	90,050	4,504	10,989	331,438
12/31/2013	1,200	6,986	97,036	28,003	11,997	440,274
12/31/2014	1,200	8,773	105,809	40,618	13,343	494,745
12/31/2015	1,200	8,384	114,192	34,170	14,647	488,783
12/31/2016	1,200	10,122	124,314	19,323	15,495	561,379
12/31/2017	1,200	10,619	134,933	35,491	16,673	673,428
12/31/2018	1,200	12,448	147,381	54,659	18,598	630,652
Total	48,000	147,381	147,381	345,878	18,598	630,652

Average annual return on the investment for the period 01/01/1979 - 12/31/2018 : 10.43%

1/1/1979 - 12/31/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$630,652

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$371,412)
- From Income (Ending value: \$176,129)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$83,111)

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