

# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-121, Financial Planning and Money Management

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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 carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses, summary prospectuses, CollegeAmerica Program Description and ABLEAmerica Program Description, which should be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing. 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. American Funds Distributors, Inc., member FINRA.

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. 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.

- American Funds Corporate Bond Fund: all share classes (through at least 8/1/20)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Fund of New York: all share classes (through at least 10/1/20)
- American Funds Mortgage Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least 11/1/20)
- Short-Term Bond Fund of America: Class F-3 shares (through at least 11/1/20)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio - Conservative: Class R-2E and R-5 shares (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio - Moderate: Class R-5E, R-5 and R-6 (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio - Enhanced: Class R-5 and R-6 shares (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Preservation Portfolio: Class R-2E shares (through at least 1/1/21)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio: all share classes (through at least 1/1/21)

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.

For the funds listed below, the fund's transfer agent is currently waiving a portion of the funds' other expenses, without which the results would have been lower and net expense ratios higher.

- American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund and American Funds Inflation Linked Bond Fund: Class F-3 shares (through at least 2/1/21)

The transfer agent may elect at its discretion to extend, modify or terminate the waiver at that time. Please see each fund's most recent prospectus for details.

Virginia529<sup>SM</sup>, as program administrator of ABLEAmerica, is currently waiving the fee owed to it as compensation for its oversight and administration of ABLEAmerica. This waiver will be in effect for Class ABLE-A shares through at least December 1, 2019 for American Funds U.S. Government Money Market Fund and January 1, 2020 for the Portfolio Fund Series. Subject to the terms of its contractual arrangement with the investment adviser, Virginia529<sup>SM</sup> may elect to extend, modify or terminate the waiver at that time.

### Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 9/30/2020

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 Growth Fund of America A (AGTHX)	12/1/1973	5.75% Front	24.53%	15.48%	14.01%	13.66%

#### Gross Charges and Expenses

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Sales Charge</b>	<b>Max CDSC</b>	<b>Max Redem Fee</b>	<b>Total Gross Operating Expense</b>
The Growth Fund of America A (AGTHX)	5.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.65%

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.

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

**Class A shares are subject to an up-front maximum sales charge of 5.75% for equity, Target Date, Retirement Income and most Portfolio Series funds, 3.75% for most fixed income funds and American Funds Tax-Aware Conservative Growth and 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. Data prior to 6/30/2020, returns reflect deduction of the maximum sales charge: 5.75% for equity funds and most Portfolio Series funds and 3.75% for most fixed income funds maximum sales charges. 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.**

- 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.

**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.**

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.

**The Growth Fund of America A (AGTHX)**

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
10/01/1990	\$60.00	5.75%	\$57	6.316

\$60 initial investment on 10/01/1990. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$60.00 from 11/01/1990 to 09/30/2020 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.

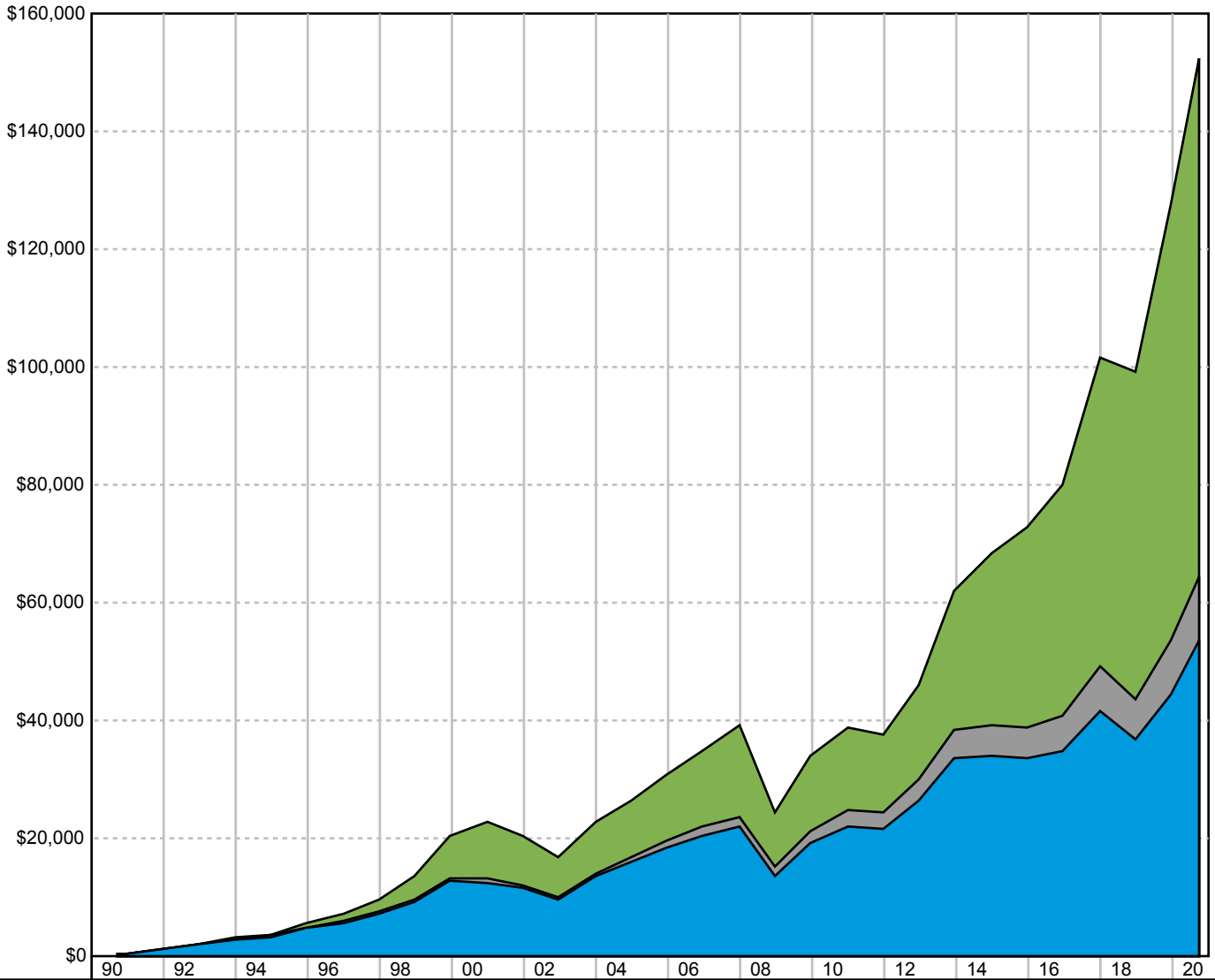
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1990	180	5	5	8	20	183
12/31/1991	720	15	19	45	89	1,026
12/31/1992	720	14	33	7	151	1,836
12/31/1993	720	12	46	99	212	2,840
12/31/1994	720	22	68	137	276	3,523
12/31/1995	720	47	115	365	349	5,327
12/31/1996	720	43	158	336	414	6,858
12/31/1997	720	59	216	928	504	9,466
12/31/1998	720	48	265	1,187	594	13,297
12/31/1999	720	28	292	1,982	695	20,248
12/31/2000	720	104	396	2,930	828	22,412
12/31/2001	720	38	435	0	857	20,322
12/31/2002	720	17	452	0	891	16,456
12/31/2003	720	6	457	0	924	22,685
12/31/2004	720	86	543	0	954	26,132
12/31/2005	720	186	729	220	992	30,609
12/31/2006	720	277	1,006	1,114	1,055	34,687
12/31/2007	720	386	1,392	2,211	1,152	39,195
12/31/2008	720	275	1,668	0	1,190	24,371
12/31/2009	720	257	1,925	0	1,230	33,615
12/31/2010	720	307	2,232	0	1,265	38,510
12/31/2011	720	282	2,514	0	1,297	37,276
12/31/2012	720	373	2,888	0	1,330	45,671
12/31/2013	720	185	3,073	3,702	1,440	61,912
12/31/2014	720	244	3,317	5,904	1,603	68,395
12/31/2015	720	441	3,758	5,487	1,762	72,763
12/31/2016	720	445	4,204	4,499	1,895	79,654
12/31/2017	720	477	4,681	6,175	2,044	101,246
12/31/2018	720	627	5,308	9,914	2,314	98,956
12/31/2019	720	885	6,193	7,626	2,495	127,565
09/30/2020	540	0	6,193	0	2,505	152,128
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>6,193</b>	<b>6,193</b>	<b>54,875</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>152,128</b>

**Average annual return on the investment for the period 10/01/1990 - 09/30/2020 : 11.02%**

10/1/1990 - 9/30/2020

Total Ending Amount: \$152,128

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$87,856)
- From Income (Ending value: \$11,034)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$53,238)

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