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Hypothetical Illustration

The Investment Company of America A

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Important Information

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. Investments are not FDIC-insured, nor are they deposits of or guaranteed by a bank or any other entity, so they may lose value. For more current information and month-end results, visit 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. Indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Results for the Lipper indexes do not reflect sales charges. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index. While it is not possible to invest directly in an index, you can invest in an index fund.

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. The investment adviser for the Target Date Retirement Series is currently waiving its management fee of 0.10%. After December 31, 2012, the adviser may modify or terminate the waiver, but only with fund board approval. From September 1, 2004, through December 31, 2008, the investment adviser to the American Funds and the business manager for The Tax-Exempt Fund of Maryland, The Tax-Exempt Fund of Virginia and Washington Mutual Investors Fund waived a portion of their management fees. The investment adviser has also reimbursed expenses for some funds and share classes. Investment results shown reflect the waiver and reimbursements, without which the results would have been lower. The waiver may be adjusted or discontinued by the investment adviser, subject to any limitations in the fund's prospectus. The expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. The Target Date Retirement Series include the weighted average expenses of the underlying funds. Please see the funds most recent prospectus for details.

Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 3/31/2013

Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

Security Name	Inception Date	Max. Initial Sales Charge/CDSC	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
The Investment Company of America A	1/1/1934	5.75% Front	7.16%	3.41%	7.44%	12.02%

Gross Charges and Expenses

Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Mgmt Fee	Distribution (12b-1) Fee	Other Expenses	Total Gross Operating Expense
The Investment Company of America A	5.75%	1.00%	-	0.24%	0.23%	0.15%	0.62%

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.

Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses, summary prospectuses and CollegeAmerica Program Description, which can be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing.

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 (5.75% for equity and target date funds, 3.75% for most bond funds, and 2.50% 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). The sales charge declines for accounts and aggregated investments (\$25,000 for equity and target date funds, \$100,000 for most bond funds, and \$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 one year 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 one year of purchase. Illustrations run after January 26, 2010 use data and calculations provided by Lipper; therefore, results may differ from previous illustrations. 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.

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- The A/529A 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.

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Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charges	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
3/31/1993	200,000.00	3.50%	192,958.49	10,509.721

\$200,000 initial investment on 3/31/1993. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals of 4.00% annually from 04/1993 to 03/2013 every three months, on the first day of the month, increasing by 3.00%, every twelve months, as long as funds are available. The Initial investment is subject to a 3.50% sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

Date	Investment(s)	Withdrawal	Dividend Income	Cumulative Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1993	200,000	5,842	3,729	3,729	7,326	10,789	201,964
12/31/1994	0	8,036	5,090	8,819	6,323	10,986	194,131
12/31/1995	0	8,994	5,399	14,218	9,759	11,248	243,071
12/31/1996	0	11,066	5,515	19,733	11,267	11,462	277,720
12/31/1997	0	13,746	5,608	25,340	28,861	12,200	344,654
12/31/1998	0	16,715	6,129	31,469	35,094	13,020	404,534
12/31/1999	0	19,826	6,524	37,993	38,573	13,849	449,545
12/31/2000	0	22,045	7,085	45,078	28,152	14,308	444,413
12/31/2001	0	20,896	7,300	52,378	8,254	14,129	403,090
12/31/2002	0	19,211	7,185	59,562	6,316	13,937	327,240
12/31/2003	0	17,960	7,066	66,629	2,818	13,582	391,702
12/31/2004	0	21,428	6,869	73,498	4,623	13,231	406,867
12/31/2005	0	22,735	8,710	82,208	10,267	13,097	410,715
12/31/2006	0	24,592	9,381	91,590	25,814	13,399	449,014
12/31/2007	0	27,734	8,575	100,165	23,767	13,589	447,764
12/31/2008	0	24,575	8,967	109,131	0	13,100	274,570
12/31/2009	0	17,771	7,265	116,396	0	12,619	327,467
12/31/2010	0	20,843	6,826	123,222	0	12,066	339,775
12/31/2011	0	22,341	6,742	129,963	0	11,510	311,810
12/31/2012	0	22,971	7,942	137,905	4,566	11,141	336,002
3/31/2013	0	5,892	1,423	139,328	0	10,989	360,659
Total	200,000	375,221	139,328	139,328	251,779	10,989	360,659

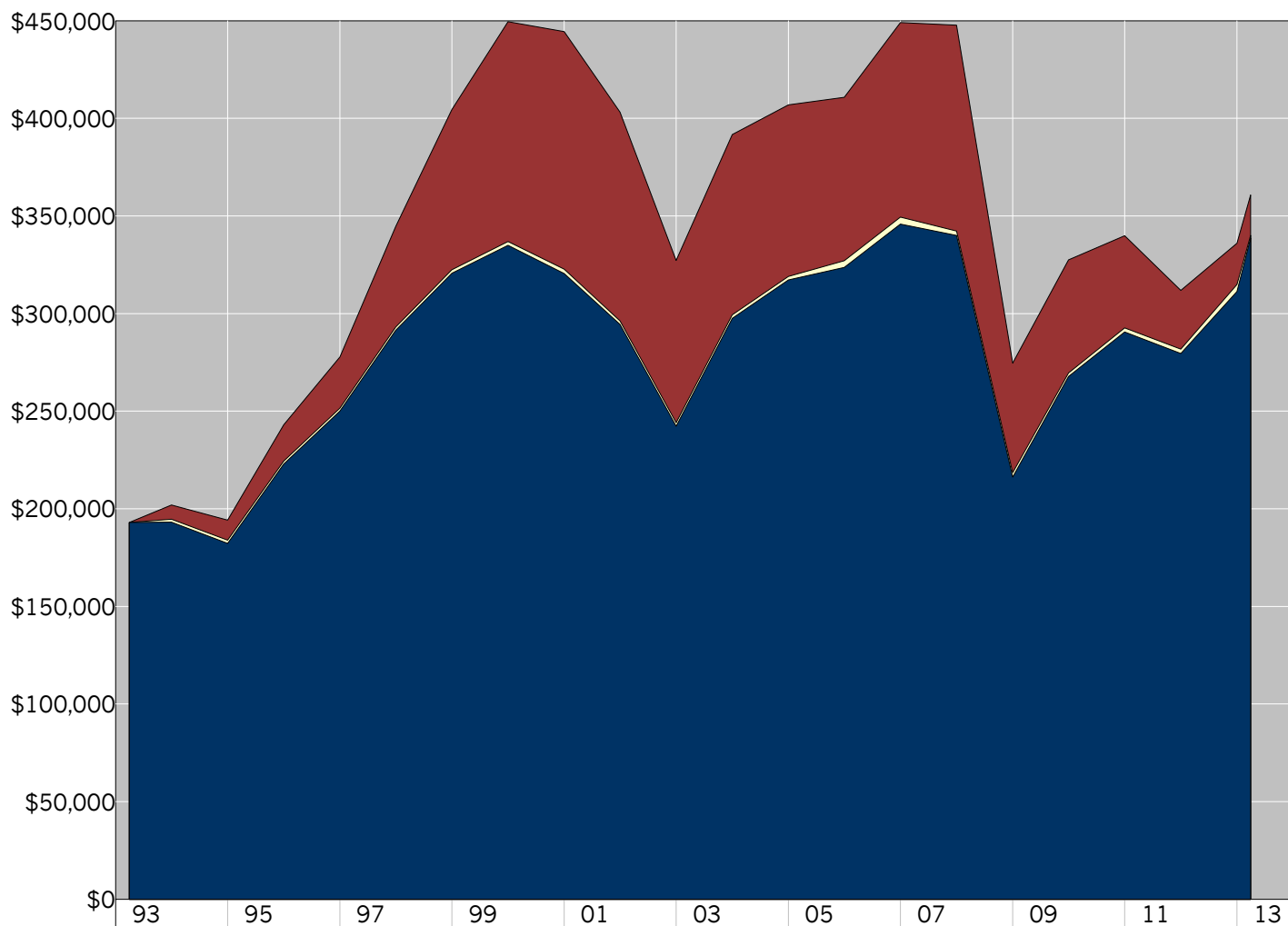
Average Annual Return on the investment for the period of 3/31/1993 - 3/31/2013 : 9.98%

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3/31/1993 - 3/31/2013

Total Ending Amount= \$360,659

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- Capital Gains (Ending Amount: \$20,599)
- Income (Ending Amount: \$1,434)
- Principal (Ending Amount: \$338,626)

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