

The Bond Fund of America A

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## Hypothetical Illustration

### 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](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. 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, 2013, 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 3/31/2014

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 Bond Fund of America A	5/28/1974	3.75% Front	-3.69%	6.07%	3.06%	7.93%

#### 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 Bond Fund of America A	3.75%	1.00%	-	0.19%	0.24%	0.18%	0.61%

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

The return of principal for bond funds and for funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

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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.

Higher yielding, higher risk bonds can fluctuate in price more than investment-grade bonds, so investors should maintain a long-term perspective.

- 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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### The Bond Fund of America A

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charges	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
3/31/1994	200,000.00	0.00%	200,000.00	14,652.015

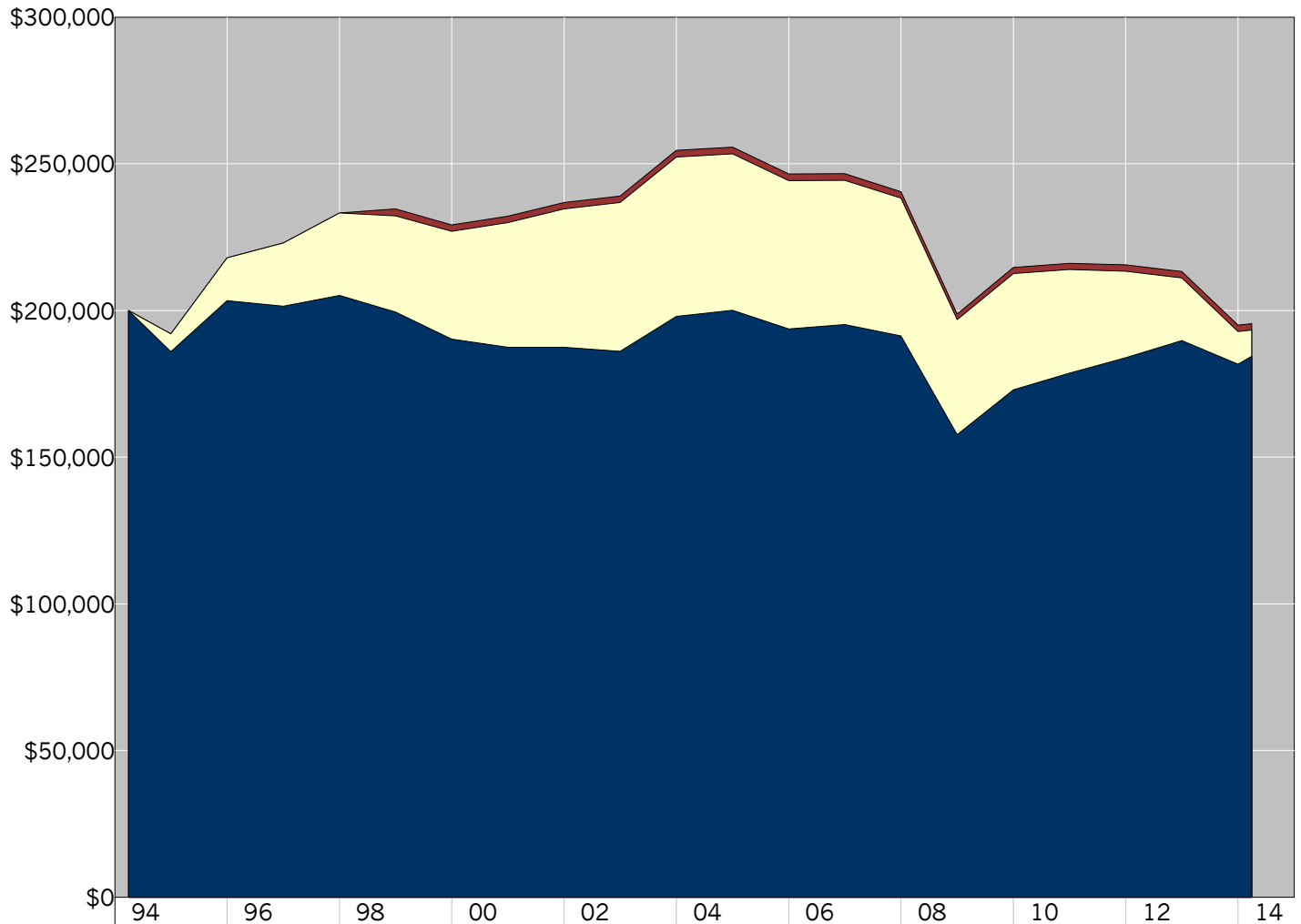
\$200,000 initial investment on 3/31/1994. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Withdrawals of 4.00% annually from 05/1994 to 03/2014 every month, on the first day of the month, increasing by 3.00%, every twelve months, as long as funds are available. Initial investment is not subject to sales charges. 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
12/31/1994	200,000	5,220	11,471	11,471	0	15,131	192,013
12/31/1995	0	8,368	16,047	27,518	0	15,702	217,945
12/31/1996	0	9,121	16,110	43,628	0	16,216	222,976
12/31/1997	0	9,830	15,997	59,625	0	16,661	233,256
12/31/1998	0	10,466	16,025	75,650	2,379	17,238	234,604
12/31/1999	0	10,623	16,154	91,804	0	17,656	229,181
12/31/2000	0	10,808	17,055	108,858	0	18,148	232,113
12/31/2001	0	11,574	16,331	125,189	0	18,515	236,813
12/31/2002	0	11,738	15,475	140,664	0	18,815	238,945
12/31/2003	0	12,776	13,239	153,903	0	18,846	254,612
12/31/2004	0	13,474	11,957	165,861	0	18,733	255,700
12/31/2005	0	13,751	12,559	178,420	0	18,648	246,526
12/31/2006	0	13,823	12,100	190,520	0	18,516	246,638
12/31/2007	0	14,225	12,848	203,368	0	18,416	240,515
12/31/2008	0	13,500	13,653	217,022	0	18,470	198,737
12/31/2009	0	12,698	9,551	226,573	0	18,190	214,636
12/31/2010	0	13,903	8,276	234,849	0	17,725	216,066
12/31/2011	0	14,142	7,305	242,153	0	17,171	215,498
12/31/2012	0	14,560	5,580	247,733	0	16,469	213,275
12/31/2013	0	14,194	4,712	252,445	0	15,723	194,964
3/31/2014	0	3,441	1,182	253,627	0	15,542	195,521
<b>Total</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>242,237</b>	<b>253,627</b>	<b>253,627</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>15,542</b>	<b>195,521</b>

Average Annual Return on the investment for the period of 3/31/1994 - 3/31/2014 : 5.84%

**Hypothetical Illustration**
**3/31/1994 - 3/31/2014**
**Total Ending Amount= \$195,521**

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- Capital Gains (Ending Amount: \$2,176)
- Income (Ending Amount: \$9,022)
- Principal (Ending Amount: \$184,322)

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