

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Spring 2020 - Class A

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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.

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. 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. 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 August 1, 2019)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Fund of New York: all share classes (through at least October 1, 2019)
- American Funds Mortgage Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2019)
- Short-Term Bond Fund of America: Class R-2E shares (through at least November 1, 2019)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio Series: Conservative: Class R-2E and R-5 shares (through at least January 1, 2020)
- American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio Series: Moderate and American Funds Retirement Income Portfolio Series: Enhanced: Class R-2E, R-5 and R-6 shares (through at least January 1, 2020)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio: all share classes (through at least January 1, 2020)
- American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund: Class R-2E shares (through at least February 1, 2020)

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 February 1, 2020)

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.

Virginia529SM, 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, Virginia529SM may elect to extend, modify or terminate the waiver at that time.

Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 12/31/2019

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	17.38%	8.22%	10.74%	12.01%

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%	0.57%

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 funds, Target Date Funds, Retirement Income funds and most Portfolio Series funds, 3.75% for most fixed income funds and American Funds Tax-Advantaged 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. 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.

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.

The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
01/01/1980	\$100.00	5.75%	\$94	11.086

\$100 initial investment on 01/01/1980. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments from 02/01/1980 to 12/31/2019 every month starting at \$100.00 and increasing by \$10.00, every twelve months, 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
12/31/1980	1,200	33	33	2	134	1,298
12/31/1981	1,310	98	131	95	293	2,534
12/31/1982	1,430	193	325	168	501	5,101
12/31/1983	1,550	265	589	230	683	7,692
12/31/1984	1,670	359	948	354	901	9,912
12/31/1985	1,790	460	1,409	447	1,127	15,222
12/31/1986	1,910	601	2,010	3,063	1,550	20,442
12/31/1987	2,030	859	2,869	1,272	1,849	23,311
12/31/1988	2,150	1,113	3,982	1,554	2,208	28,578
12/31/1989	2,270	1,389	5,371	2,044	2,585	39,392
12/31/1990	2,390	1,613	6,983	613	2,892	41,996
12/31/1991	2,510	1,333	8,316	1,162	3,193	55,816
12/31/1992	2,630	1,560	9,876	1,088	3,486	62,370
12/31/1993	2,750	1,701	11,577	2,767	3,868	72,410
12/31/1994	2,870	1,921	13,498	2,451	4,260	75,267
12/31/1995	2,990	2,197	15,695	4,080	4,702	101,610
12/31/1996	3,110	2,411	18,107	5,055	5,142	124,595
12/31/1997	3,230	2,626	20,733	13,840	5,850	165,272
12/31/1998	3,350	3,064	23,797	17,849	6,658	206,851
12/31/1999	3,470	3,474	27,271	20,905	7,541	244,768
12/31/2000	3,590	4,019	31,290	16,178	8,298	257,721
12/31/2001	3,710	4,407	35,696	5,007	8,743	249,448
12/31/2002	3,830	4,636	40,333	4,132	9,232	216,771
12/31/2003	3,950	4,892	45,224	2,002	9,651	278,328
12/31/2004	4,070	5,096	50,321	3,521	10,076	309,830
12/31/2005	4,190	6,970	57,290	8,385	10,696	335,421
12/31/2006	4,310	8,044	65,334	22,620	11,741	393,452
12/31/2007	4,430	7,856	73,190	22,355	12,782	421,178
12/31/2008	4,550	8,831	82,021	0	13,277	278,276
12/31/2009	4,670	7,729	89,751	0	13,851	359,435
12/31/2010	4,790	7,887	97,638	0	14,334	403,657
12/31/2011	4,910	8,443	106,081	0	14,812	401,269

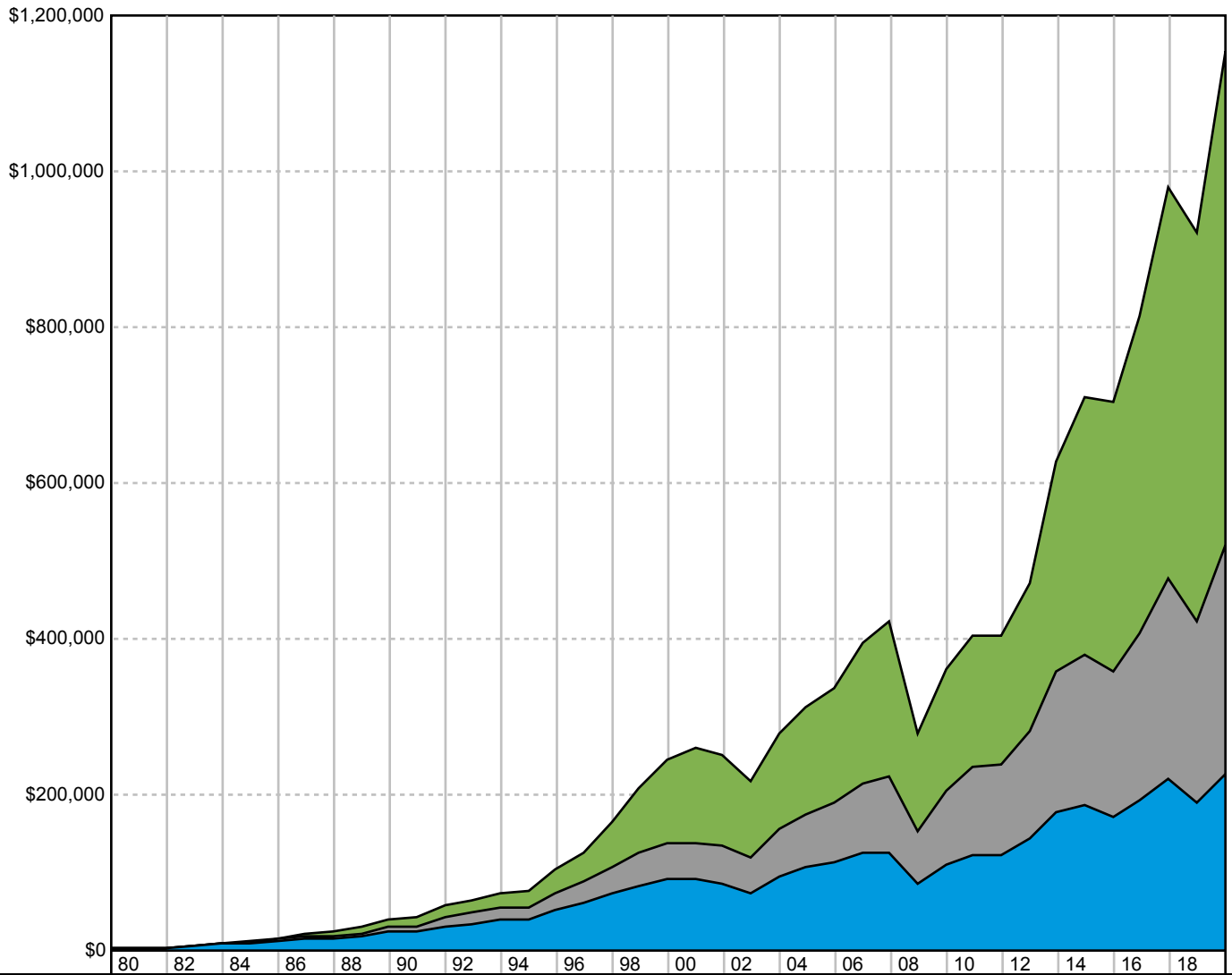
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/2012	5,030	10,844	116,924	6,374	15,552	469,050
12/31/2013	5,150	9,930	126,855	39,880	17,085	627,020
12/31/2014	5,270	12,541	139,395	58,150	19,102	708,302
12/31/2015	5,390	12,042	151,437	49,148	21,076	703,315
12/31/2016	5,510	14,615	166,052	27,943	22,407	811,814
12/31/2017	5,630	15,401	181,454	51,548	24,216	978,095
12/31/2018	5,750	18,130	199,583	79,677	27,119	919,614
12/31/2019	5,870	20,941	220,524	50,172	29,109	1,151,839
Total	141,210	220,524	220,524	526,133	29,109	1,151,839

Average annual return on the investment for the period 01/01/1980 - 12/31/2019 : 10.33%

1/1/1980 - 12/31/2019

Total Ending Amount: \$1,151,839

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$634,035)
- From Income (Ending value: \$292,184)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$225,620)

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