

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123, Introduction to Investments, Spring 2021

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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. 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.

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 12/31/2020

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 Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)	1/1/1934	5.75% Front	7.92%	11.50%	11.10%	12.04%

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%	0.59%

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.

The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
01/01/1996	\$500,000.00	2.00%	\$490,023	22,675.737

\$500,000 initial investment on 01/01/1996. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. The initial investment is subject to a 2.00% sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

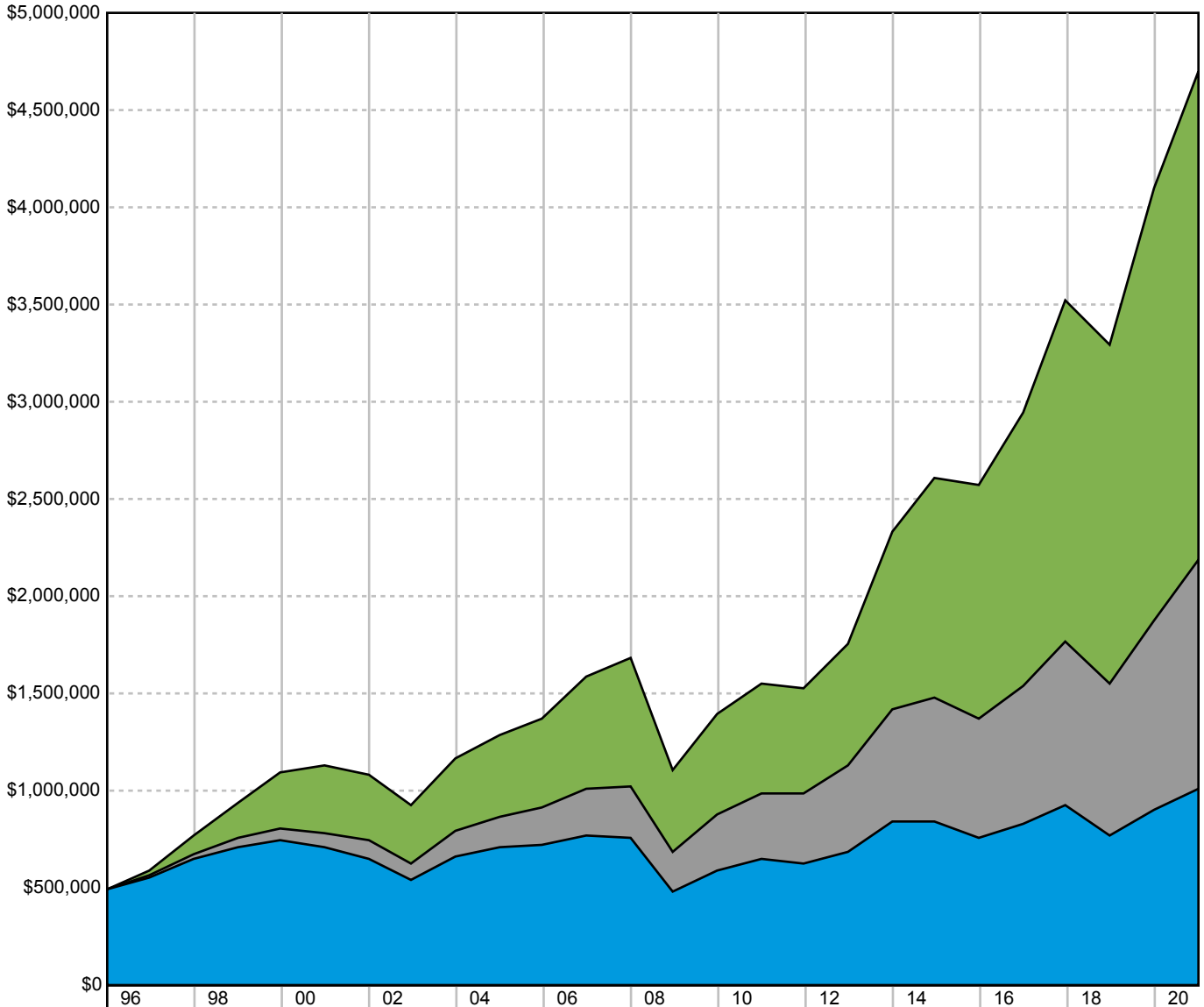
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1996	500,000	11,431	11,431	23,727	24,137	584,839
12/31/1997	0	12,152	23,583	63,572	26,873	759,157
12/31/1998	0	13,909	37,492	80,648	30,038	933,280
12/31/1999	0	15,521	53,013	93,005	33,512	1,087,789
12/31/2000	0	17,701	70,714	71,044	36,366	1,129,531
12/31/2001	0	19,148	89,862	21,728	37,774	1,077,702
12/31/2002	0	19,842	109,704	17,625	39,257	921,744
12/31/2003	0	20,580	130,285	8,375	40,368	1,164,212
12/31/2004	0	21,132	151,416	14,524	41,564	1,278,103
12/31/2005	0	28,486	179,902	34,145	43,555	1,365,895
12/31/2006	0	32,495	212,397	91,042	47,258	1,583,610
12/31/2007	0	31,416	243,813	89,051	50,917	1,677,724
12/31/2008	0	34,924	278,737	0	52,241	1,094,972
12/31/2009	0	30,115	308,852	0	53,663	1,392,558
12/31/2010	0	30,299	339,150	0	54,821	1,543,753
12/31/2011	0	32,040	371,190	0	55,986	1,516,652
12/31/2012	0	40,650	411,840	23,824	58,132	1,753,250
12/31/2013	0	36,876	448,716	147,670	63,263	2,321,762
12/31/2014	0	46,179	494,895	213,658	70,185	2,602,470
12/31/2015	0	44,032	538,926	179,348	76,866	2,565,028
12/31/2016	0	53,034	591,960	101,173	81,129	2,939,306
12/31/2017	0	55,525	647,486	185,468	87,130	3,519,179
12/31/2018	0	64,975	712,461	285,191	97,022	3,290,026
12/31/2019	0	74,619	787,080	178,510	103,549	4,097,447
12/31/2020	0	64,748	851,828	11,857	105,612	4,691,288
Total	500,000	851,828	851,828	1,935,185	105,612	4,691,288

Average annual return on the investment for the period 01/01/1996 - 12/31/2020 : 9.37%

1/1/1996 - 12/31/2020

Total Ending Amount: \$4,691,288

The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX) : \$500,000 initial investment on 01/01/1996. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. The initial investment is subject to a 2.00% sales charge. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.



- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$2,509,149)
- From Income (Ending value: \$1,174,883)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$1,007,256)

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