

## Building a sustainable retirement income plan

Making retirement savings last is the most important goal for many investors. Careful planning and investment selection can help make this goal a reality.

**The dividends and growth potential of these American Funds, offered by Capital Group, can help retirees keep pace with rising expenses.**

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### The value of equities

The first step is to resist the temptation to invest retirement savings too conservatively, such as moving too much into short-term investments like U.S. Treasury bills. While these short-term instruments may make sense as part of a comprehensive retirement income program, their low yields and total returns typically won't cover a retiree's long-term income needs.

The tables below and on the other side show how growth-and-income, equity-income and balanced American Funds with at least a 20-year lifetime fared over rolling monthly 20- and 10-year periods for the lifetime of each fund, assuming regular withdrawals.

- All eight funds would have had money after every 10- and 20-year period.
- Seven of the eight funds would have had more than the initial investment after 20 years of withdrawals.
- By comparison, the initial investment in U.S. Treasury bills would have remained intact in slightly fewer than 40% of the 20-year periods and 41% of the 10-year periods.\*

Keep in mind that the objectives, costs, expenses and relative risks of these investments differ significantly. For example, unlike mutual fund shares, investments in U.S. Treasuries are guaranteed by the U.S. government as to the payment of principal and interest.

### Eight American Funds that each would have withstood 20 years of monthly withdrawals totaling \$537,407

Results for each fund are for rolling monthly 20-year periods through 12/31/23 and assume a hypothetical \$500,000 initial investment with annual withdrawals of \$20,000 (taken monthly), increasing by 3% each year.

| Periods in lifetime   | Growth-and-income funds      |  |                               |   |   | Equity-income funds            |                                    | Balanced fund                  |
|---|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | American Mutual Fund®<br>647 | Capital World Growth and Income Fund®<br>130 | Fundamental Investors®<br>306 | The Investment Company of America®<br>841 | Washington Mutual Investors Fund<br>618 | Capital Income Builder®<br>198 | The Income Fund of America®<br>362 | American Balanced Fund®<br>342 |
| <b>Percent of time the 20-year ending value was ...</b>             |                              |  |                               |   |   |                                |                                    |                                |
| >\$0  | 100%                         | 100%   | 100%                          | 100%                                      | 100%                                    | 100%                           | 100%                               | 100%                           |
| >\$500,000  | 100%                         | 100%   | 100%                          | 99.9%                                     | 100%                                    | 100%                           | 100%                               | 100%                           |
| <b>Ending values for the best, worst and median 20-year periods</b> |                              |  |                               |   |   |                                |                                    |                                |
| <b>Best</b>   | \$8,699,008<br>2/78-2/98     | \$2,915,789<br>6/94-6/14                     | \$10,938,424<br>3/80-3/00     | \$9,909,387<br>3/80-3/00                  | \$11,041,941<br>3/78-3/98               | \$3,655,239<br>11/87-11/07     | \$5,777,522<br>3/80-3/00           | \$5,153,278<br>3/82-3/02       |
| <b>Worst</b>  | \$685,569<br>5/99-5/19       | \$789,503<br>3/00-3/20                       | \$560,763<br>3/00-3/20        | \$449,269<br>3/00-3/20                    | \$560,575<br>6/99-6/19                  | \$763,787<br>12/98-12/18       | \$796,445<br>12/98-12/18           | \$875,882<br>5/99-5/19         |
| <b>Median</b>   | \$2,371,690<br>1/88-1/08     | \$1,742,173<br>1/02-1/22                     | \$2,462,987<br>1/03-1/23      | \$3,070,000<br>7/69-7/89                  | \$2,383,043<br>10/90-10/10              | \$1,507,507<br>7/96-7/16       | \$2,028,019<br>12/90-12/10         | \$1,861,191<br>2/95-2/15       |

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\*U.S. 30-day Treasury bills representing 755 rolling monthly 20-year periods and 875 rolling monthly 10-year periods.

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Many investors are concerned about how their retirement savings will fare during future declines, particularly if they are taking withdrawals. Although the past is no guarantee of future results, the table below shows that even during the worst 10-year periods, all of the funds still had money after taking withdrawals totaling \$229,278.

### Eight American Funds that would have withstood 10 years of monthly withdrawals totaling \$229,278

Results for each fund are for rolling monthly 10-year periods through 12/31/23 and assume a hypothetical \$500,000 initial investment with annual withdrawals of \$20,000 (taken monthly), increasing by 3% each year.

| Periods in lifetime ►   | Growth-and-income funds     |   |                              |  |   | Equity-income funds           |                                   | Balanced fund                 |
|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | American Mutual Fund<br>767 | Capital World Growth and Income Fund<br>250 | Fundamental Investors<br>426 | The Investment Company of America<br>961 | Washington Mutual Investors Fund<br>738 | Capital Income Builder<br>318 | The Income Fund of America<br>482 | American Balanced Fund<br>462 |
| <b>Percent of time the 10-year ending value was ...</b>             |                             |   |                              |  |   |                               |                                   |                               |
| >\$0  | 100%                        | 100%  | 100%                         | 100%                                     | 100%                                    | 100%                          | 100%                              | 100%                          |
| >\$500,000  | 97.0%                       | 94.0%                                       | 93.7%                        | 94.6%                                    | 93.9%                                   | 93.1%                         | 97.9%                             | 98.7%                         |
| <b>Ending values for the best, worst and median 10-year periods</b> |                             |   |                              |  |   |                               |                                   |                               |
| <b>Best</b>   | \$2,543,141<br>9/74-9/84    | \$1,516,657<br>2/95-2/05                    | \$2,461,871<br>10/90-10/00   | \$2,470,291<br>8/77-8/87                 | \$2,605,540<br>3/80-3/90                | \$1,547,292<br>3/88-3/98      | \$2,019,772<br>3/80-3/90          | \$1,881,430<br>7/82-7/92      |
| <b>Worst</b>  | \$347,869<br>2/99-2/09      | \$405,069<br>10/07-10/17                    | \$358,295<br>8/00-8/10       | \$322,154<br>2/99-2/09                   | \$294,687<br>4/99-4/09                  | \$400,393<br>10/07-10/17      | \$447,224<br>4/99-4/09            | \$457,304<br>2/99-2/09        |
| <b>Median</b>   | \$1,071,614<br>4/57-4/67    | \$834,196<br>1/11-1/21                      | \$1,206,922<br>4/12-4/22     | \$1,188,193<br>8/87-8/97                 | \$1,154,289<br>8/95-8/05                | \$747,445<br>8/03-8/13        | \$1,039,800<br>2/94-2/04          | \$1,052,818<br>7/95-7/05      |

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### Results as of March 31, 2024

| Class F-2 shares                     | Inception date | Total returns (%) | Average annual total returns (%) |          |          | Expense ratio (%) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
|                                      |                | 1 year            | 5 years                          | 10 years | Lifetime |                   |
| <b>Growth-and-income funds</b>       |                |                   |                                  |          |          |                   |
| American Mutual Fund                 | 2/21/50        | 16.51             | 10.56                            | 9.88     | 11.66    | 0.38              |
| Capital World Growth and Income Fund | 3/26/93        | 23.29             | 10.10                            | 8.15     | 10.46    | 0.52              |
| Fundamental Investors                | 8/1/78         | 32.74             | 13.66                            | 12.05    | 12.67    | 0.38              |
| The Investment Company of America    | 1/1/34         | 33.69             | 14.15                            | 11.68    | 12.34    | 0.37              |
| Washington Mutual Investors Fund     | 7/31/52        | 26.79             | 13.25                            | 11.58    | 12.10    | 0.38              |
| <b>Equity-income funds</b>           |                |                   |                                  |          |          |                   |
| Capital Income Builder               | 7/30/87        | 11.00             | 6.46                             | 5.59     | 8.79     | 0.38              |
| The Income Fund of America           | 12/1/73        | 11.52             | 7.59                             | 6.85     | 10.65    | 0.37              |
| <b>Balanced fund</b>                 |                |                   |                                  |          |          |                   |
| American Balanced Fund               | 7/26/75        | 17.97             | 8.79                             | 8.25     | 10.58    | 0.35              |

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