# American Funds Mortgage Fund®

Class A | MFAAX for the year ended August 31, 2024



This annual shareholder report contains important information about American Funds Mortgage Fund (the "fund") for the period from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the fund at capitalgroup.com/mutual-fund-literature-A. You can also request this information by contacting us at (800) 421-4225.

What were the fund costs for the last year? (based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Share class	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Class A	\$73	0.71%

# Management's discussion of fund performance

The fund's Class A shares gained 6.74% for the year ended August 31, 2024. That result compares with a 7.46% gain for the Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index. For information on returns for additional periods, including the fund lifetime, please refer to capitalgroup.com/mutual-fund-returns-A.

#### What factors influenced results

Expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve would begin to cut the federal funds rate contributed to a notable decline in Treasury bond yields, which pushed bond prices higher. The Fed's potential move comes as inflation cooled, hitting a three-year low in August, and hiring slowed. Mortgage rates continued to trend downwards, starting in May through the fund's fiscal year-end, with the average rate on the 30-year mortgage hovering at around 6.2% in mid-September, according to Freddie Mac. Based on home sales, housing demand remained weak as buyers held off in anticipation of even lower rates.

Security selection within mortgages was additive, with notable contributions from the fund's larger positions in Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage. The fund's allocation to higher coupon mortgages was also additive. This was boosted further by smaller allocations to asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities.

Allocations to Treasuries, inflation-linked bonds and agency bonds were less additive as returns for those markets were outpaced by securitized markets. Interest rate positioning contributed to returns overall, aided by declining yields. In particular, the shorter end of the curve fell further than longer-term yields, which helped returns as the fund placed greater emphasis on shorter-term bonds over the period.

#### How a hypothetical \$10,000 investment has grown

Figures reflect deduction of the maximum sales charge and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.



### Average annual total returns

	1 year	5 years	10 years
American Funds Mortgage Fund – Class A (with sales charge)*	2.75%	(0.46)%	0.86%
American Funds Mortgage Fund – Class A (without sales charge)*	6.74%	0.30%	1.25%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index <sup>†</sup>	7.30%	(0.04)%	1.64%
Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index <sup>†</sup>	7.46%	(0.18)%	1.28%

Effective July 24, 2024, the fund's primary benchmark changed from the Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index (the "Previous Primary Benchmark") to the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, a broad-based index that represents the overall applicable securities market, as required by the SEC. The Previous Primary Benchmark provides a means to compare the fund's results to a benchmark that the investment adviser believes is more representative of the fund's investment universe. There is no change in the fund's investment strategies as a result of the benchmark change.

The fund's past performance is not a predictor of its future performance. The line chart and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or redemption of fund shares.

# **Key fund statistics**

Fund net assets (in millions)	\$11,046	
Total number of portfolio holdings	823	
Total advisory fees paid (in millions)	\$23	
Portfolio turnover rate including mortgage dollar roll transactions	824%	
Portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions	37%	

# Portfolio holdings by asset type (percent of net assets)



\*Includes derivatives.

## Availability of additional information



Scan the QR code to view additional information about the fund, including its prospectus, financial information, holdings and information on proxy voting. Or refer to the web address included at the beginning of this report.

#### Important information

To reduce fund expenses, only one copy of most shareholder documents will be mailed to shareholders with multiple accounts at the same address (householding). If you would prefer that your documents not be householded, please contact Capital Group at (800) 421-4225, or contact your financial intermediary. Your instructions will typically be effective within 30 days of receipt by Capital Group or your financial intermediary.

<sup>\*</sup> Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. When applicable, results reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which they would have been lower.

<sup>†</sup> Results assume all distributions are reinvested. Any market index shown is unmanaged, and therefore, has no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Source(s): Bloomberg Index Services Ltd.