

Anchor the DC menu with true core

Simplified retirement plan menus with broader investment strategies can help 1) improve participant outcomes, 2) streamline the governance process for plan sponsors and 3) enable deeper due diligence.

The Bond Fund of America may fit this approach:

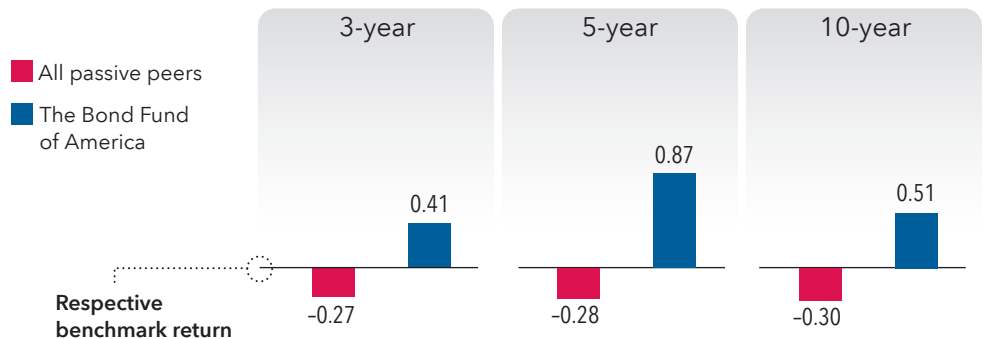
- The fund is an all-in-one solution designed to deliver on the four roles that participants need from fixed income – diversification from equities, income, capital preservation and inflation protection.
- The fund has demonstrated value-based discipline and has achieved strong results amid volatility and over the longer term.
- The fund has received a **Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of Gold.***

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The Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond category includes funds that invest primarily in investment-grade (BBB/Baa and above) U.S. fixed income issues and typically hold less than 5% in below-investment-grade exposures. Bond ratings, which typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to D (lowest), are assigned by credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and/or Fitch, as an indication of an issuer's creditworthiness.

The Bond Fund of America has outpaced passive peers

Average annualized excess returns for the fund and passive peers (%)†



Passive funds are not striving to outpace their benchmarks; rather, they seek to replicate the benchmark's return pattern. When contemplating passive funds versus active fixed income funds, it's also important to consider, among other things, each fund's investment objectives and policies, risks, tax implications from portfolio turnover and expenses.

†Respective excess returns shown over funds' respective prospectus benchmark for passive fund groups net of fees from the Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond category. Group of all passive fund peers includes passive fund Intermediate Core Bond category funds. There have been times when the fund has lagged the index and peers.

Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar.

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If used after March 31, 2024, this literature must be accompanied by the most recent American Funds quarterly statistical update.

Fixed income at Capital Group

\$498B in fixed income assets

- \$2.5 trillion assets under management in total
- Experience in managing fixed income since 1973
- Privately held company

Team of 242 professionals

Includes:

- 34 portfolio managers
- 57 dedicated research analysts
- 42 trading professionals
- Portfolio managers average 26 years of industry experience

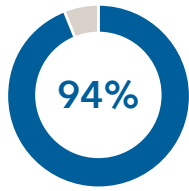
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The Bond Fund of America

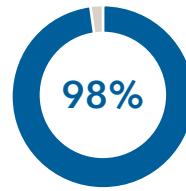
is the largest actively managed bond fund in the Intermediate Core Bond category and received a **Morningstar Medalist Rating of Gold.***



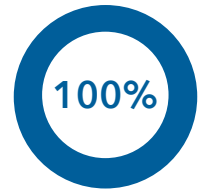
The fund has outpaced the index



3-year rolling periods
(beat the index
137 out of 145 periods)



5-year rolling periods
(beat the index
119 out of 121 periods)



10-year rolling periods
(beat the index
61 out of 61 periods)

Sources: Capital Group, Bloomberg Index Services Limited, Morningstar. Index is Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. Based on monthly Class R-6 share data for the period 1/1/09 through 12/31/23. On January 1, 2009, The Bond Fund of America's strategy was repositioned from core plus to core fixed income, with its prospectus and guidelines adjusted accordingly.

The fund's returns rank strongly against peers

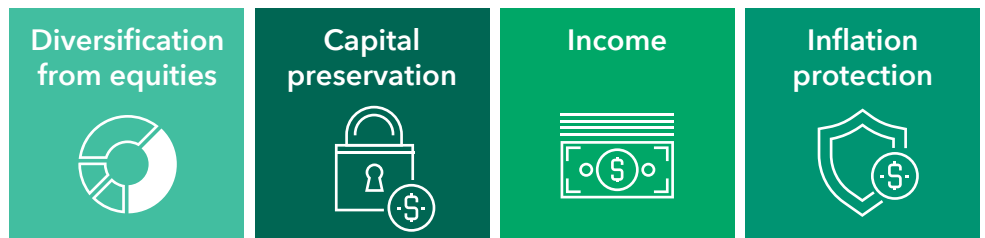
Morningstar percentile return ranks (Intermediate Core Bond category)

| As of December 31, 2023 | 1 year | 5 years | 10 years |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Percentile rank | 81 | 5 | 5 |
| Number of funds | 471 | 385 | 277 |

Source: Morningstar. Ranks are based on average annual returns within the applicable Morningstar category. Results do not reflect sales charges, account fees or taxes. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

Participants may benefit from a True Core fund in their DC plan

We believe fixed income serves four key roles in a DC plan.



- Although all roles are important, diversification from equities and capital preservation are especially vital in volatile equity markets.
- To generate higher income, many core bond fund managers have assumed higher credit risk.
- As the Federal Reserve began nearing the end of its interest rate hikes in 2023, managers were active on rates positioning and extended duration relative to the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index while also emphasizing shorter maturities along the Treasury curve to prepare for potential interest rate cuts.

About The Bond Fund of America

Ticker symbol (R-6 shares): RFBGX

Began operations: May 28, 1974

Benchmark: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

Peer group: Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond

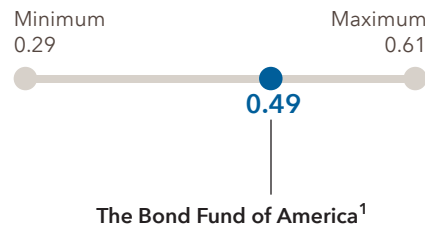
Objective: Provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital

The Bond Fund of America: True core for DC

The Bond Fund of America has delivered on the four roles:

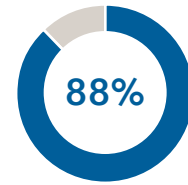
Diversification from equities:

Relative low five-year correlation to the S&P 500 Index



Capital preservation:

Positive returns in 88% of rolling three-year periods since 1/1/09²



The Bond Fund of America

Income:

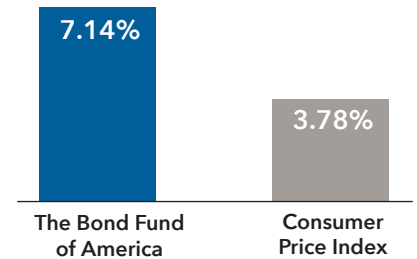
Favorable yield potential

The Bond Fund of America

4.8%
Yield to maturity

Inflation protection:

Average annualized return since the fund's inception compared to inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)³



As of December 31, 2023.

¹Shown within the range for funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond category.

²Based on monthly data for the period 1/1/09 to 12/31/23. On January 1, 2009, the fund's strategy was repositioned from core plus to core fixed income, with its prospectus and guidelines adjusted accordingly.

³Based on average annualized monthly change for the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) starting June 1974, the first full month after the fund's May 28, 1974, inception.

DC Focus Funds that can help enhance and simplify the core menu

| QDIA: Foundational ⁴ | U.S. equity: Streamline | International equity: Broaden | U.S. fixed income: Anchor |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Funds Target Date Retirement Series® American Balanced Fund® | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMCAP Fund® The Growth Fund of America® Washington Mutual Investors Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EuroPacific Growth Fund® New Perspective Fund® | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bond Fund of America American Funds Strategic Bond Fund |

To learn more about our proposed menu framework, our Defined Contribution Focus Funds and our recordkeeping solutions, please visit capitalgroup.com/advisor/retirement-plans/investments.html.

⁴Plan sponsors should consult a financial professional before selecting an investment option other than a target date series as a qualified default investment alternative (QDIA).

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Yield to maturity is the rate of return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the maturity date.

The peer group expense ratio median was calculated based on funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond category.

Low fees

The fund's expense ratio was significantly lower than the median for its peer group, as of the most recent prospectus available at the time of publication.

| | Expense ratio |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| The Bond Fund of America | 0.22% |
| Morningstar fee-level peer median | 0.42% |

Important information – Investment results (%)

| As of December 31, 2023 | Average annual total returns | | | | | Lifetime (since 5/28/74) | 30-day SEC yield as of 2/29/24 | Expense ratio (%) |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | | | | |
| The Bond Fund of America (Class R-6) | 5.09 | -2.90 | 1.97 | 2.32 | 7.14 | 4.85 | 0.22 | |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index | 5.53 | -3.31 | 1.10 | 1.81 | 6.71 | – | – | |

Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses and summary prospectuses, which can be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing.

This literature must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus or summary prospectus for The Bond Fund of America.

Investing outside the United States involves 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. 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. Lower rated bonds are subject to greater fluctuations in value and risk of loss of income and principal than higher rated bonds.

We offer a range of share classes designed to meet the needs of retirement plan sponsors and participants. The different share classes incorporate varying levels of advisor compensation and service provider payments. Because Class R-6 shares do not include any recordkeeping payments, expenses are lower and results are higher. Other share classes that include recordkeeping costs have higher expenses and lower results than Class R-6. Class R-6 shares were first offered on May 1, 2009. Class R-6 share results prior to the date of first sale are hypothetical based on the results of the original share class of the fund without a sales charge, adjusted for typical estimated expenses. Refer to the fund's prospectus for more information on specific expenses.

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