



**American Funds:  
Strong building  
blocks for  
DC menus**

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**Defined contribution (DC) menus have become too big and complex.**

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**Simplifying the menu can boost participant outcomes while creating efficiencies for both plan sponsors and financial professionals.**

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**Capital Group offers DC investment options that together can form a versatile core lineup covering the major asset classes.**

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**These funds have provided broad diversification, historically strong results and moderate volatility – at low cost.**





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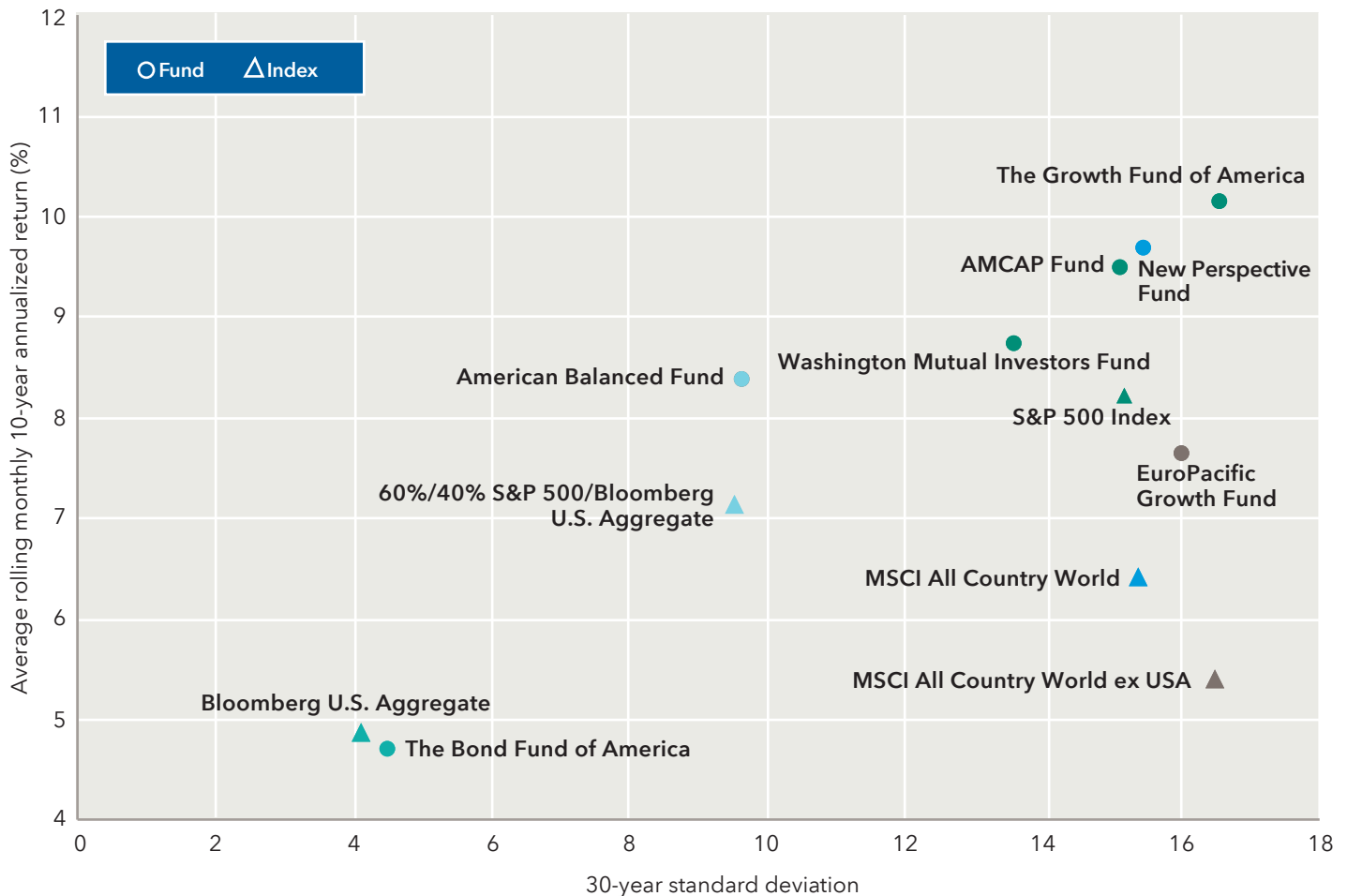
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# Investment options that can help enhance and simplify the core menu

<b>QDIA: Foundational*</b> 	<b>U.S. equity: Streamline</b> 	<b>International equity: Broaden</b> 	<b>U.S. fixed income: Anchor</b> 
Seek qualified default investment alternatives (QDIAs) that pair prudent asset allocation with strong security selection	Seek strategies that can span style and market cap in pursuit of better outcomes	Seek strategies that provide flexible exposure to developed and emerging markets, with moderate volatility versus peers	Seek a core or core-plus bond strategy pursuing a balance of diversification, income and preservation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Funds Target Date Retirement Series®</li> <li>American Balanced Fund®</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AMCAP Fund®</li> <li>The Growth Fund of America®</li> <li>Washington Mutual Investors Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EuroPacific Growth Fund®</li> <li>New Perspective Fund®</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bond Fund of America®</li> <li>American Funds Strategic Bond Fund</li> </ul>

## Strong results while pursuing lower volatility

Results for 30 years ended December 31, 2023



Source: Capital Group. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods. The market indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. There have been times when the funds have lagged the index. Annualized standard deviation (based on monthly returns) is a common measure of absolute volatility that tells how returns over time have varied from the mean. A lower number signifies lower volatility. American Funds Strategic Bond Fund is not shown because it lacks a 30-year history.

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## Each of the DC Focus Funds brings a distinct strength to the core menu

	Morningstar category	Investment approach	Investment options in a DC menu
<b>QDIA*</b>			
<b>American Funds Target Date Retirement Series</b>	Target Date	Each fund is managed for approximately 30 years after it reaches its target date. Depending on the proximity to their target dates, the funds seek to achieve the following objectives to varying degrees: growth, income and conservation of capital.	An age-based solution for the do-it-for-me participant
<b>American Balanced Fund</b>	Moderate Allocation	Growth-oriented and dividend-paying equities paired with investment-grade bonds	A risk-based solution for the do-it-for-me participant
<b>U.S. equity</b>			
<b>AMCAP Fund</b>	Large Growth	U.S. companies across market-cap spectrum with solid growth history and potential	Domestic growth with large- and mid-cap exposure
<b>The Growth Fund of America</b>	Large Growth	Flexible approach to growth, including cyclical companies, turnaround situations and limited international holdings	All-weather capital appreciation strategy
<b>Washington Mutual Investors Fund</b>	Large Blend	Uses an eligibility criteria to seek companies with strong balance sheets and consistent dividends	Dividend-income oriented strategy
<b>International equity</b>			
<b>EuroPacific Growth Fund</b>	Foreign Large Growth	Taps into growth opportunities in non-U.S. developed and emerging markets	Core international strategy
<b>New Perspective Fund</b>	Global Large-Stock Growth	A global strategy focused on multinational firms with strong growth prospects	A go-anywhere global strategy
<b>Fixed income</b>			
<b>The Bond Fund of America</b>	Intermediate Core Bond	Active management seeking multiple sources of excess return	Anchor of fixed income allocation
<b>American Funds Strategic Bond Fund</b>	Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	Active management focusing on interest rate positioning with an opportunistic approach to credit sectors	Anchor of fixed income allocation with higher return potential

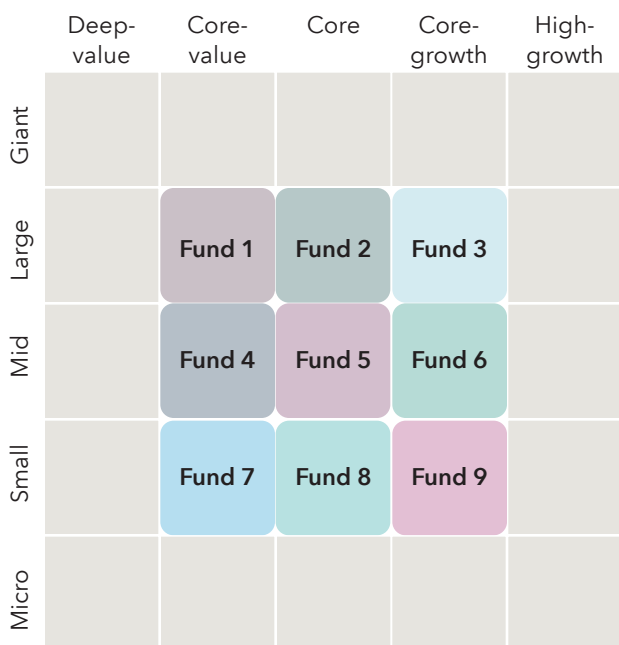
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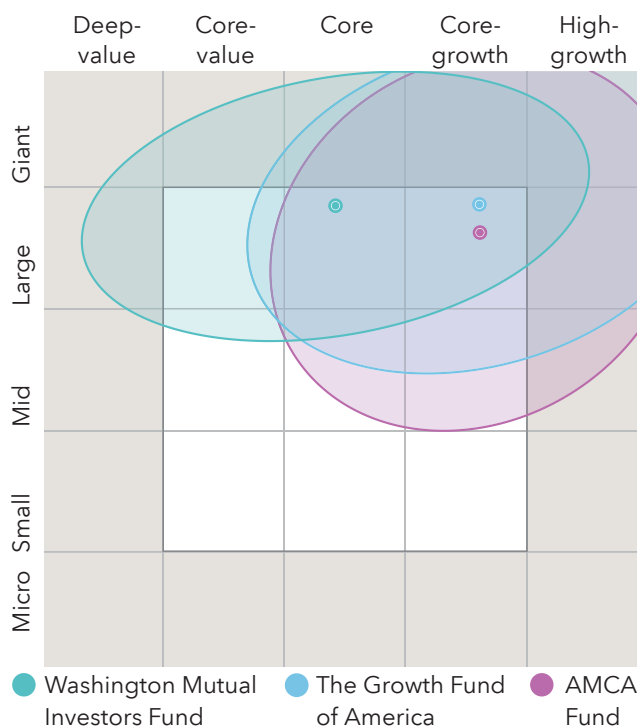
## Simplify choice and expand opportunities for success

DC menus average nine U.S. equity funds<sup>†</sup> – too many, in our view. Rather than seeking to “check” each U.S. equity style box, menus should offer a few U.S. equity funds that can span market cap and style in pursuit of the best opportunities. Our three U.S. equity DC Focus Funds do just that. Each has a distinct investment approach and a different risk-return profile.

### Avoid checking every style box



### Offer funds with style flexibility

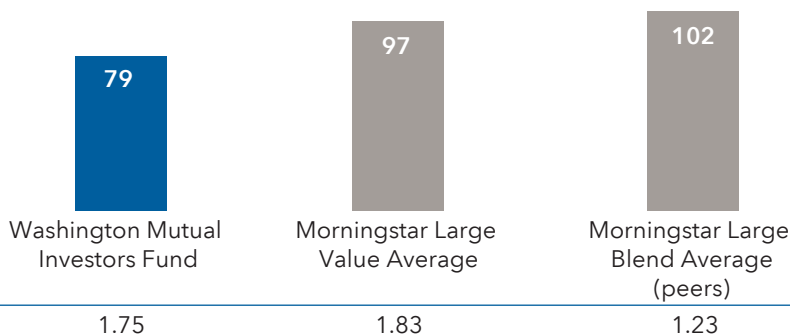


Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar. The above chart, by Capital Group, is hypothetical and for illustration purposes only. The chart at right, from Morningstar, shows Morningstar Ownership Zones™ for each fund as of December 31, 2023. The shaded area represents 75% of the fund's assets.

## Washington Mutual Investors Fund (WMIF)

### Income focus has provided downside resilience

#### Average rolling monthly 10-year downside capture ratio for 30 years ended December 31, 2023 (%)

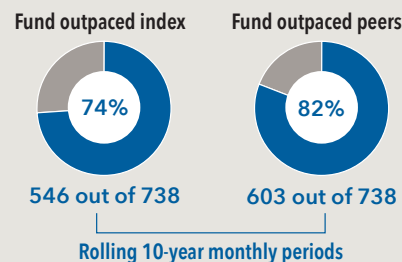


Sources: Morningstar, Capital Group. WMIF yield is 30-day SEC yield as of March 31, 2024. The Morningstar Large Value Average and Morningstar Large Blend Average (peers) are as of January 31, 2024. Down capture ratio is the ratio of a fund's return during periods when the index was down, divided by the return of the index during those periods. During periods when the index was down, a down-capture ratio greater than 100 indicates the fund produced a lower return than the index. In October 2018, WMIF was placed in the Large Blend category. Previously, the fund had been classified as Large Value.

<sup>†</sup>Source: The BrightScope/ICI Defined Contribution Plan Profile: A Close Look at 401(k) Plans, 2020; BrightScope and Investment Company Institute, September 2023.

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### Percentage of rolling periods in which:



### Average excess return

	vs. index	vs. peers
In leading periods	2.09%	2.28%
In lagging periods	-0.75%	-3.81%

Source: Capital Group. Based on average annualized returns. Rolling 10-year periods on a monthly basis from first month-end after fund inception date through December 31, 2023. The prospectus benchmark is the S&P 500 Index.



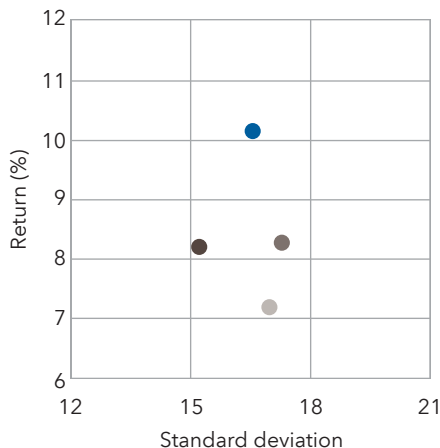
## The Growth Fund of America

### U.S. growth with style flexibility

The fund's flexible approach has helped it build an impressive track record.

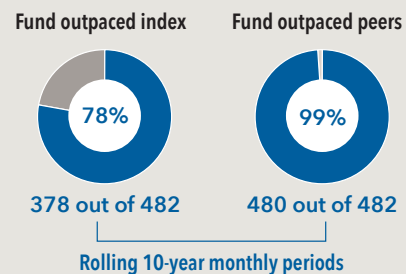
#### Results for 30 years ended 12/31/23

	Avg. rolling return	30-year standard deviation
● <b>The Growth Fund of America</b>	10.15%	16.57
● S&P 500	8.19	15.19
● Russell 1000 Growth Index	8.26	17.29
● Morningstar Large Growth Average (peers)	7.16	16.99



Source: Capital Group, based on data from Morningstar. Returns are the annualized average return of rolling monthly 10-year returns over the 30-year period ended December 31, 2023. In both charts above, the prospectus benchmark is the S&P 500 Index.

#### Percentage of rolling periods in which:



#### Average excess return

	vs. index	vs. peers
In leading periods	2.91%	2.92%
In lagging periods	-0.61%	-0.02%

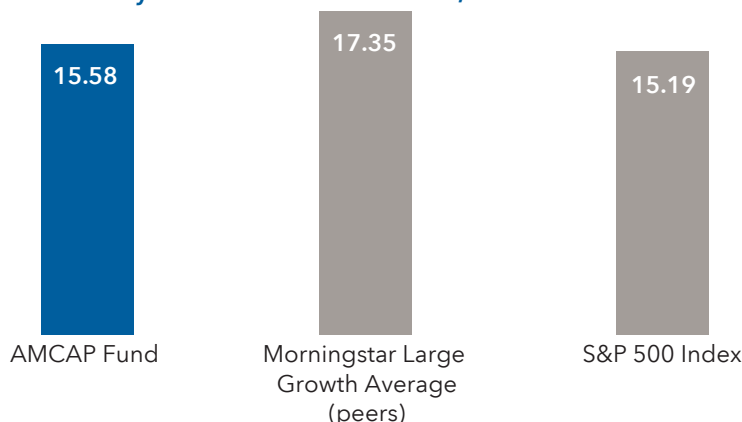
Source: Capital Group, based on data from Morningstar. Based on average annualized returns. Rolling 10-year periods on a monthly basis from first month-end after fund inception date through December 31, 2023.

## AMCAP Fund

### U.S. growth with market cap flexibility

The fund has provided mid-cap exposure with less volatility than peers (as measured by standard deviation).

#### Standard deviation for 10 years ended December 31, 2023

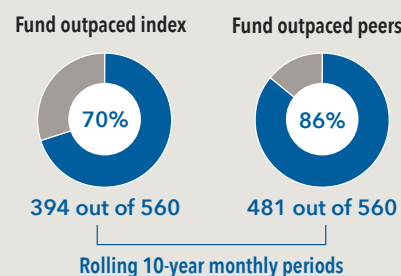


Avg. market capitalization (\$ in billions)	114.35	449.56	251.56
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Source: Capital Group, based on data from Morningstar. Average market capitalization, calculated by Morningstar as of December 31, 2023, represents the geometric mean of the market capitalization for all the stocks in a portfolio. The prospectus benchmark is the S&P 500 Index.

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#### Percentage of rolling periods in which:



#### Average excess return

	vs. index	vs. peers
In leading periods	3.14%	2.65%
In lagging periods	-1.25%	-0.67%

Source: Capital Group, based on data from Morningstar. Based on average annualized returns. Rolling 10-year periods on a monthly basis from first month-end after fund inception date through December 31, 2023.



## Seek broad exposures with lower risk

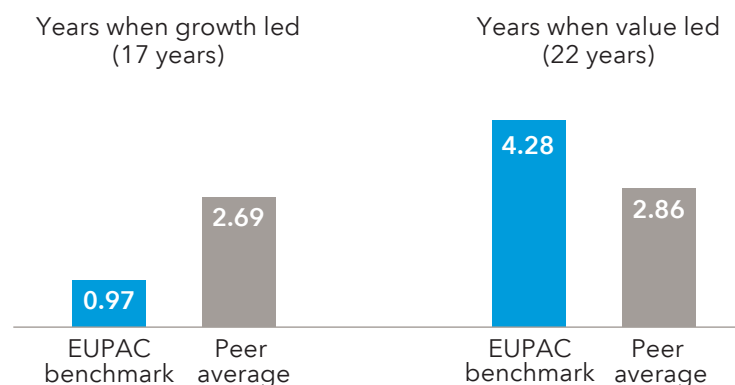
EuroPacific Growth Fund invests in non-U.S. developed and emerging markets. New Perspective Fund is a global strategy. Both strategies have delivered impressive results in multiple market environments.

### EuroPacific Growth Fund (EUPAC)

A diversified approach to international growth

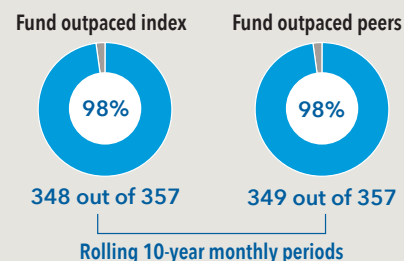
The fund has had strong results in both growth- and value-led markets.

**Average calendar-year excess return of EUPAC vs. its benchmark and peer averages (% , 1985-2023)**



Source: Capital Group, based on data from Morningstar. The Morningstar peer category from EUPAC inception until September 2014 was Foreign Large Blend, and Foreign Large Growth thereafter. To ensure no survivorship bias, the returns were calculated on a daily basis to capture all funds in the average. Years when value led were those in which the MSCI EAFE Value Index's cumulative return exceeded the MSCI EAFE Growth Index's cumulative return. Years when growth led were those in which the MSCI EAFE Growth Index's cumulative return exceeded the MSCI EAFE Value Index. Excess return is relative to the EUPAC Historical Benchmarks Index (MSCI All Country World Index ex USA, April 2007-present; MSCI EAFE Index, fund inception-March 2007). For rolling periods, index is also the EUPAC Historical Benchmarks Index. Peers category averages are calculated for the Morningstar Foreign Large Blend from inception-September 2014 and for the Morningstar Foreign Large Growth from September 2014-present.

Percentage of rolling periods in which:



Average excess return

	vs. index	vs. peers
In leading periods	3.28%	3.24%
In lagging periods	-0.59%	-0.08%

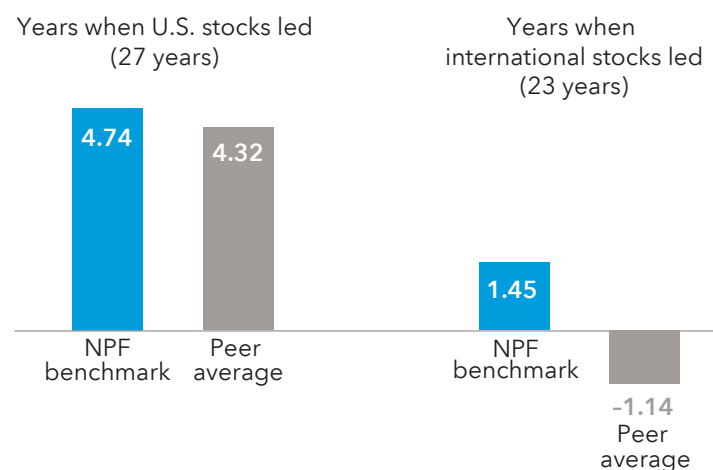
Source: Capital Group. Based on average annualized returns. Rolling 10-year periods on a monthly basis from first month-end after fund inception date through December 31, 2023.

### New Perspective Fund (NPF)

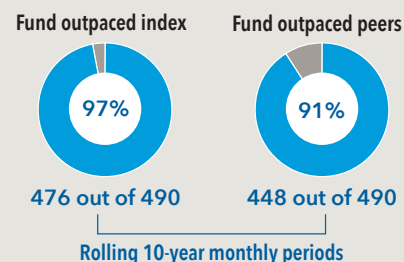
A core global strategy

The fund has had strong results in both U.S.-led and non-U.S.-led markets.

**Average calendar-year excess return of NPF and peer average vs. benchmark (% , 1974-2023)**



Percentage of rolling periods in which:



Average excess return

	vs. index	vs. peers
In leading periods	3.21%	1.96%
In lagging periods	-0.31%	-0.66%

Source: Capital Group. Based on average annualized returns. Rolling 10-year periods on a monthly basis from first month-end after fund inception date through December 31, 2023.

Source: Capital Group, based on data from Morningstar. Years when U.S. stocks led were those in which the S&P 500's cumulative return exceeded the MSCI EAFE Index's cumulative return. Years when international stocks led were those in which the MSCI EAFE Index's cumulative return exceeded the S&P 500's cumulative return. Rolling returns and excess return are measured against the MSCI World Index. The fund's inception date is March 13, 1973. The index reflects results of the MSCI World Index from March 13, 1973, through September 30, 2011, and the MSCI All Country World Index, the fund's current primary benchmark, thereafter. The fund's Morningstar peer category is Global Large-Stock Growth.

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# U.S. fixed income: Anchor



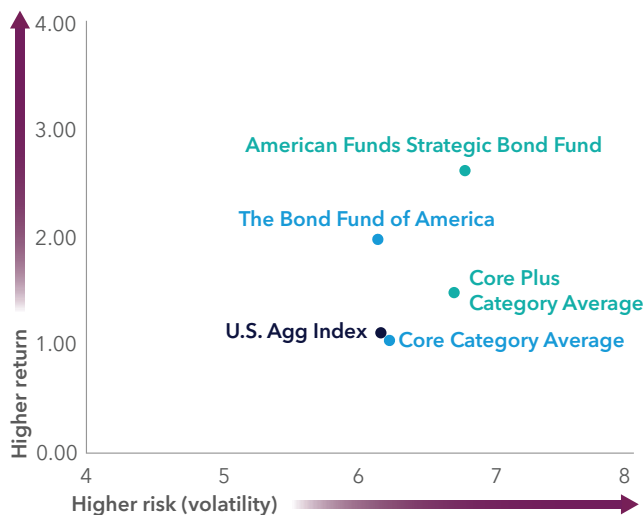
## A True Core approach to DC fixed income

The Bond Fund of America (core) and American Funds Strategic Bond Fund (core-plus) seek to prudently manage risk while providing a mix of capital preservation, diversification, income and inflation protection.

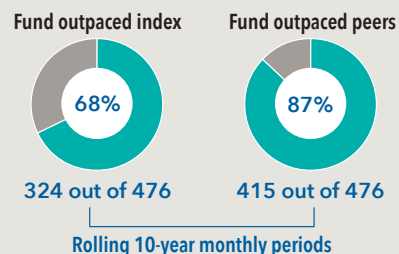
### The Bond Fund of America and American Funds Strategic Bond Fund

A history of strong results with moderate volatility versus peers.

#### Five-year annualized return (%) and standard deviation



#### Percentage of rolling periods in which The Bond Fund of America:



#### Average excess return

	vs. index	vs. peers
In leading periods	0.66%	1.04%
In lagging periods	-0.64%	-0.37%

Source: Capital Group. Based on average annualized returns. Rolling 10-year periods on a monthly basis from first month-end after fund inception date through December 31, 2023. Peer category is Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond.

Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar. Data as of December 31, 2023. U.S. Agg Index represents the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. The Bond Fund of America's Morningstar peer category is Intermediate Core Bond. American Funds Strategic Bond Fund's Morningstar peer category is Intermediate Core-Plus Bond.

### Results (%) as of March 31, 2024 (Class R-6)

Fund name	Inception date	Average annual returns				Expense ratio (%)	30-day SEC yield as of 03/31/24
		Lifetime	10 years	5 years	1 year		
AMCAP Fund	5/1/67	11.90	11.22	12.06	32.22	0.34	0.47
EuroPacific Growth Fund	4/16/84	10.31	5.58	6.91	13.48	0.47	1.52
The Growth Fund of America	12/1/73	14.01	13.43	15.02	39.33	0.30	0.60
New Perspective Fund	3/13/73	12.53	10.96	12.78	22.92	0.42	1.19
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	7/31/52	12.21	11.70	13.38	26.94	0.27	1.75
American Balanced Fund	7/26/75	10.69	8.37	8.91	18.11	0.25	2.66
The Bond Fund of America	5/28/74	7.08	2.02	1.22	1.40	0.24	4.87
American Funds Strategic Bond Fund	3/18/16	2.13	-	1.51	-3.63	0.32	5.71
American Funds 2010 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	5.03	5.19	5.44	8.93	0.29	3.17
American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	5.33	5.51	5.81	9.78	0.30	3.11
American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	5.64	5.95	6.19	10.75	0.31	2.96
American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	6.31	6.64	7.02	12.08	0.32	2.83
American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	7.00	7.58	8.05	14.83	0.33	2.42
American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	7.60	8.61	9.45	17.93	0.35	2.04
American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	7.95	9.17	10.37	21.05	0.37	1.70
American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	8.05	9.35	10.58	21.99	0.37	1.60
American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/07	8.09	9.41	10.64	22.57	0.38	1.54
American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund®	2/1/10	10.61	9.39	10.61	23.12	0.38	1.48
American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund®	3/27/15	9.54	-	10.60	23.31	0.39	1.47
American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund	3/27/20	16.06	-	-	23.25	0.39	1.47

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