

# American Balanced Fund®

Balanced

Class R-5E shares

RLEFX

Q3 fund fact sheet

Data as of September 30, 2024, unless otherwise noted



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## Key information

### Objective:

The investment objectives of the fund are: (1) conservation of capital, (2) current income and (3) long-term growth of capital and income.

### Distinguishing characteristics:

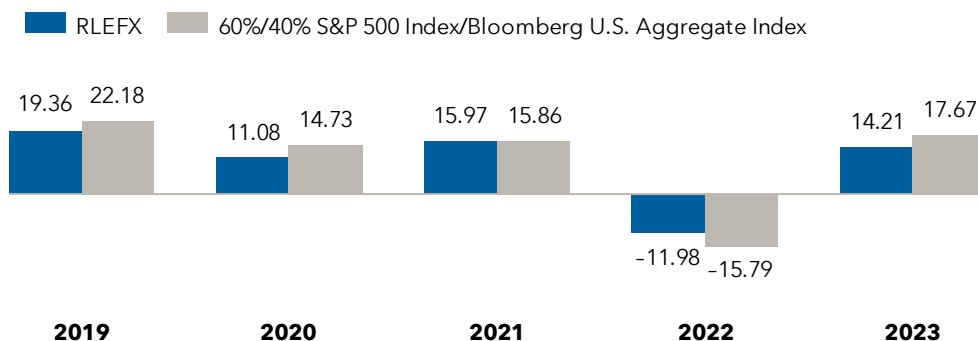
With a diversified portfolio of quality stocks and bonds, this balanced fund generally invests between 50% and 75% of its assets in equities, with flexible exposure to growth-oriented and dividend-paying stocks. The fixed income portion of the portfolio, which generally invests in investment-grade bonds, provides diversification from equities. This approach has the potential to provide consistent results, and to limit volatility.

### Non-U.S. holdings:

The fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States.

**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. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. Prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. For current information and month-end results, visit [americanfundsretirement.com](http://americanfundsretirement.com).**

## Calendar-year total returns (%)



## Investment results

Data for periods ended 09/30/2024 (%)	Cumulative total returns <sup>5,6</sup>			Average annual total returns <sup>5,7</sup>			
	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Lifetime
<b>RLEFX at net asset value (NAV)</b>	5.41	14.69	26.08	7.09	9.48	8.60	10.57
60%/40% S&P 500 Index/Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index	5.61	14.80	25.98	6.63	9.78	8.89	9.97
Morningstar Moderate Allocation Category Average	5.34	12.27	21.99	4.89	8.01	6.89	9.10

Fund's annualized 30-day SEC yield: 2.31 (at NAV as of 09/30/2024)

## Key facts

Inception date	07/26/1975
CUSIP	024071 78 9
Assets (millions)	\$237,661.40
12-month distribution rate <sup>1</sup>	2.31%
Morningstar category	Moderate Allocation

## Key statistics

Companies/Issuers	1053
Average yield to maturity	4.48%
Effective duration (years)	5.98

## Expenses (%)

Expense ratio (gross) <sup>2</sup>	0.40
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## Risk measures

	10 years
Standard deviation	9.70
Beta	0.95
R-squared	96%

## Asset mix (%)

U.S. Equities	56.2
Non-U.S. Equities	7.7
U.S. Bonds	28.4
Non-U.S. Bonds	3.2
Cash & Equivalents <sup>3,4</sup>	4.5
Total	100%

**Investments are not FDIC-insured, nor are they deposits of or guaranteed by a bank or any other entity, so they may lose value.**

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 material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus or summary prospectus for the fund(s) being offered.

The return of principal for bond portfolios and for portfolios with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Investments are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

Geographic breakdown (%)	
United States	84.6
Europe	4.6
Asia & Pacific Basin	3.0
Other (Including Canada & Latin America)	3.3
Cash & equivalents <sup>4</sup>	4.5
Total	100%
Top equity holdings (%)	
Broadcom	4.7
Microsoft	3.4
Alphabet	2.5
UnitedHealth Group	2.1
Meta Platforms	2.1
Philip Morris International	1.9
TSMC	1.8
Apple	1.4
Eli Lilly	1.3
Amazon.com	1.2

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Totals may not reconcile due to rounding.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses.

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• Class R-5E shares were first offered on 11/20/2015.

Results for certain funds with an inception date after the share class inception also include hypothetical returns because those funds' shares sold after the funds' date of first offering. View dates of first sale and specific expense adjustment information at [capitalgroup.com](http://capitalgroup.com).

1. The distribution rate reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders and may differ from the fund's SEC yield which reflects the rate at which the fund is earning income on its current portfolio of securities. The distribution rate reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect during the period. Without waivers and/or reimbursements, it would be reduced.
2. Expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus/characteristics statement available at the time of publication.
3. Accrued income and the timing of its settlement, as well as classification of convertible bonds as debt or equity, can cause slight variations in the balances displayed in different portfolio composition breakdowns.
4. Includes cash, short-term securities, other assets less liabilities, accruals, derivatives and forwards. It may also include investments in money market or similar funds managed by the investment adviser or its affiliates that are not offered to the public.
5. When applicable, returns for less than one year are not annualized, but calculated as cumulative total returns.
6. YTD (year-to-date return): For the period from January 1 of the current year to the date shown or from inception date if first offered after January 1 of the current year.
7. Index and/or average lifetime is based on inception date of the fund.

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**Bond Statistic Effective Duration in Years:** Effective duration is a duration calculation for bonds that takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. **Standard Deviation:** 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. **Distribution Rate 12-Month:** The income per share paid by the fund over the past 12 months to an investor from dividends (including any special dividends). The distribution rate is expressed as a percentage of the current price. **Yield Annualized 30-Day SEC:** The 30-day SEC yield reflects the rate at which the fund is earning income on its current portfolio of securities calculated according to the standardized SEC formula; when applicable, it reflects the maximum sales charge. If shown, a net yield reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect during the period. Without waivers and/or reimbursements, the yield would be reduced. Gross yield does not adjust for any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect. **Bond Statistic Average Yield to Maturity:** A bond's total return if held to maturity and no default occurs or options are exercised. Assumes coupons are paid on time and accounts for their present value. Assumes principal is returned at maturity. **Morningstar Category:** In an effort to classify funds by what they own, as well as by their prospectus objectives and styles, Morningstar developed Morningstar Categories. While the prospectus objective identifies a fund's investment goals based on the wording in the fund prospectus, the Morningstar Category identifies funds based on their actual investment styles as measured by their underlying portfolio holdings (portfolio and other statistics over the past three years). **R-Squared:** R-squared is a measure of the correlation between a particular return and that of a benchmark index. A measure of 100 indicates that all of the return can be explained by movements in the benchmark. Generally the higher the R-squared measure, the more reliable the beta measurement will be. **Beta:** Beta relatively measures sensitivity to market movements over a specified period of time. The beta of the market (represented by the benchmark index) is equal to 1; a beta higher than 1 implies that a return was more volatile than the market. A beta lower than 1 suggests that a return was less volatile than the market. Generally the higher the R-squared measure, the more reliable the beta measurement will be. **60%|40% S&P 500 Index|Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index:** 60%|40% S&P 500 Index|Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index blends the S&P 500 with the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index by weighting their cumulative total returns at 60% and 40%, respectively. The blend is rebalanced monthly. S&P 500 Index is a market- capitalization-weighted index based on the results of approximately 500 widely held common stocks. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index represents the U.S. investment-grade fixed-rate bond market. The indexes are unmanaged, and results include reinvested distributions but do not reflect the effect of sales charges, commissions, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes.