

American Balanced Fund®

Class R-5 | RLBFX for the six months ended June 30, 2026



This semi-annual shareholder report contains important information about American Balanced Fund (the "fund") for the period from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. You can find additional information about the fund at capitalgroup.com/mutual-fund-literature-R5. You can also request this information by contacting us at (800) 421-4225.

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

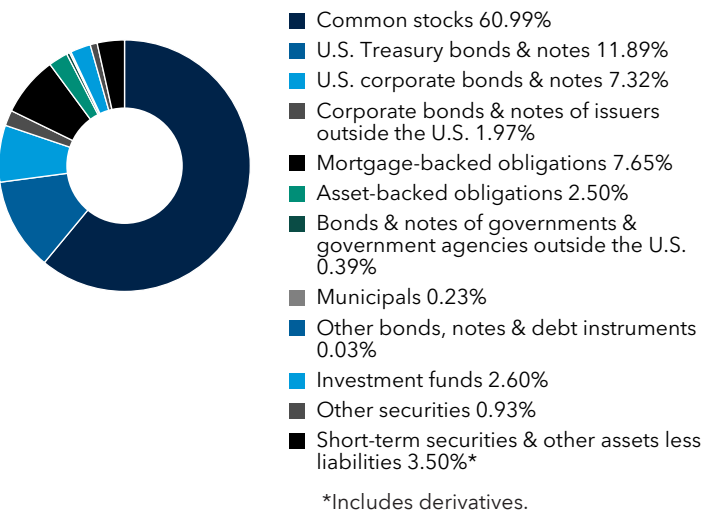
Share class	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Class R-5	\$16	0.30%*

*Annualized.

Key fund statistics

Fund net assets (in millions)	\$288,087
Total number of portfolio holdings	4,075
Portfolio turnover rate including mortgage dollar roll transactions	62%
Portfolio turnover rate excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions	47%

Portfolio holdings by asset type (percent of net assets)



Availability of additional information

Additional information about the fund, including its prospectus, financial information, holdings, and proxy voting information is available at capitalgroup.com/mutual-fund-literature-R5.

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 househanded, 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.