

# Participate with growth, defend with dividends

## How Capital Group's active approach can strengthen your U.S. equity allocation

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### Markets are changing. Are you ready?

#### Risks are rising, but opportunities remain

Many valuation measures look extended. Indexes are concentrated. Passive exposure is high. Yet markets are broadening, earnings growth is strong and the AI cycle is evolving.



#### We've delivered better outcomes

Our U.S. equity funds have delivered index-beating results. We believe greater diversification, flexible positioning, deep research and a long-term orientation promote better outcomes.

#### S&P 500 concentration reaches new high (Percentage of market capitalization in top 10 companies)



Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar, MSCI, S&P Dow Jones Indices. Figures represent the sum of the top 10 largest holdings of the index on a monthly basis.

#### Advisors expect to pivot into active U.S. equity strategies (Net share of advisors anticipating change in asset class usage over next six months)

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| U.S. public equities (active)      | 27% |
| Non-U.S. public equities (active)  | 16  |
| U.S. public equities (passive)     | 9   |
| Emerging markets equity            | 2   |
| Private equity                     | 0   |
| Non-U.S. public equities (passive) | -4  |

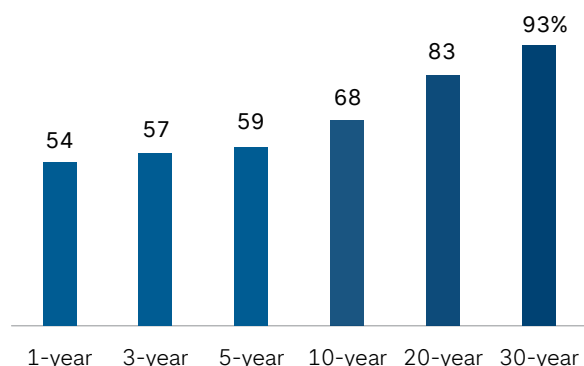
Sources: Escalent, Cogent Syndicated, Advisor Brandscape® 2025.

### Better outcomes and less concentration

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#### Our U.S. equity funds have outpaced their indexes

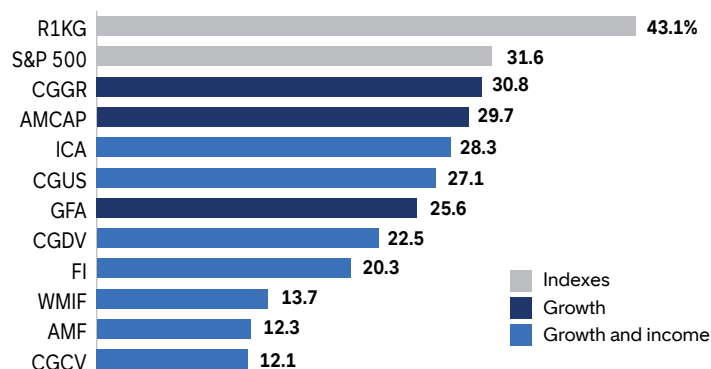
(Percentage rolling monthly success rates vs. benchmarks)



Source: Capital Group. Rolling monthly success rates are for the American Funds® and ETFs noted in the right-hand chart. Observation periods for equity funds are based on individual inception dates and are for the full lifetime of each fund. The primary benchmark for all 10 of these funds is the S&P 500. Magnificent 7: Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, NVIDIA and Tesla. Alphabet is represented by both Class A and Class C shares. Please refer to the last page for full fund and index names.

#### Portfolios with less concentration

(Percentage weight in Magnificent 7 stocks)



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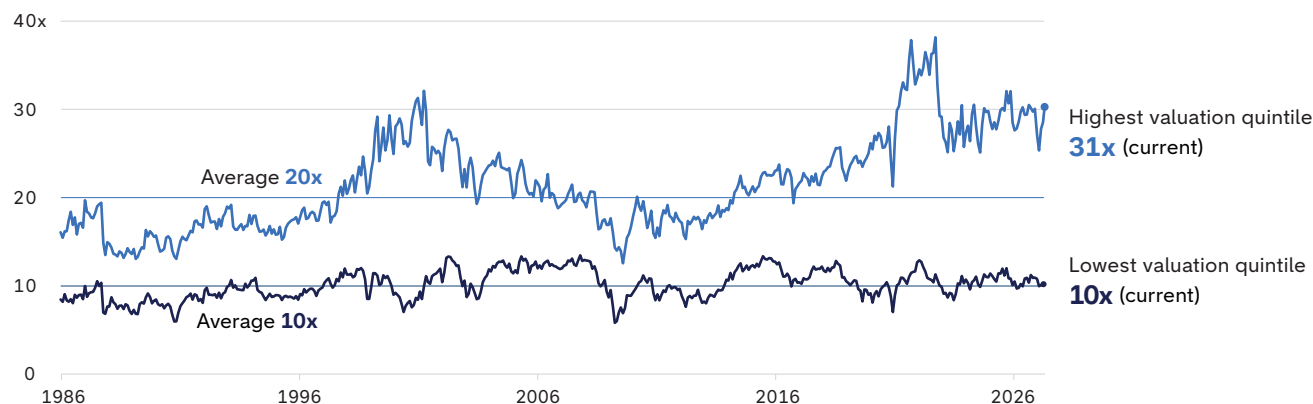
## Participate with dynamic growth

- Valuations are high but supported by earnings growth.
- AI investment is bolstered by strong free cash flows.
- Opportunities also exist in areas such as consumer goods, industrials and healthcare.

"I am focused on both the mix of AI-related stocks I own and how I am counterbalancing them with the rest of the portfolio."

**Alan Wilson**  
Portfolio manager

### Forward P/E multiple of S&P 500 top and bottom valuation quintiles (sector-neutral)



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research. Forward P/E represents the P/E multiple for the next fiscal year. Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio: Stock price divided by earnings per share. Valuation: An estimate of a company's worth based on metrics including earnings, revenue or assets.



## Defend with dividends

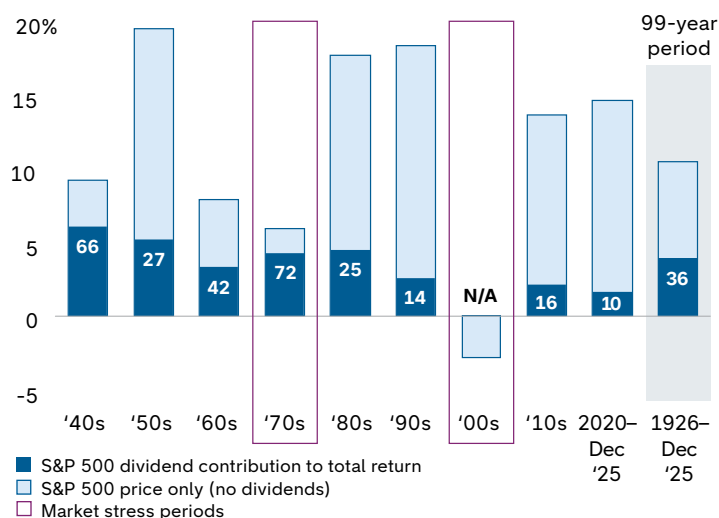
- There are times when clients need dividend returns.
- Value may not be a solution for mitigating drawdown risk; we believe quality dividend-paying companies are.
- For instance, when the S&P 500 fell 18.75% earlier last year,\* the MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index generated an excess return of 693 bps.

\*Based on total returns between 2/19/25 and 4/8/25.

"I am actively looking for companies that are out of favor today but could do well amid volatility. These types of sectors are trading near historically low valuations with decent earnings, long-term assets and upside potential."

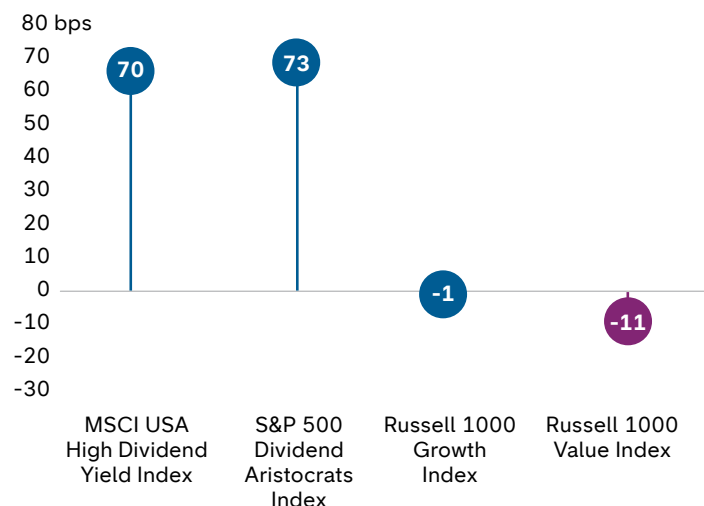
**Chris Buchbinder**  
Portfolio manager

### Dividends have bolstered total return in market downturns (S&P 500 annualized total return by decade as of 12/31/25)



Sources: Capital Group, S&P Dow Jones Indices. Total return for the S&P 500 Index was negative for the 2000s. Dividends provided a 1.8% annualized return over the decade. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

### Average monthly excess return when the S&P 500 declined (Arithmetic average of monthly excess returns for 20 years)

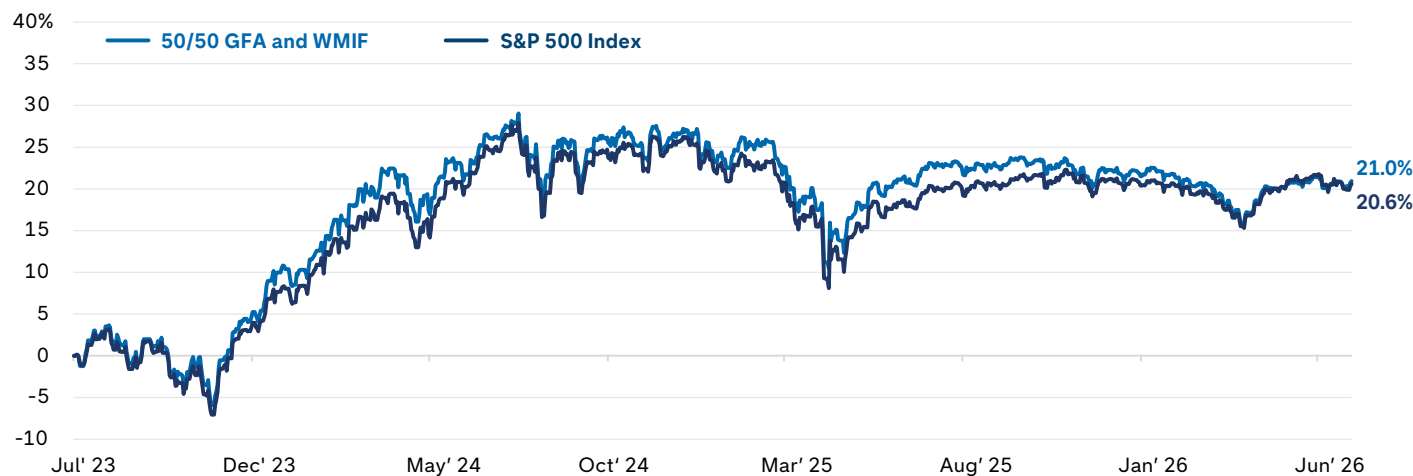


Source: Morningstar. The numbers represent the average of each index's monthly cumulative excess returns (in basis points) relative to the S&P 500 Index for only those months in which the S&P 500 return was negative.

# A balanced approach to U.S. equities can find success

Hypothetical portfolio: 50% The Growth Fund of America (GFA) and 50% Washington Mutual Investors Fund (WMIF) vs. S&P 500

## 3-year returns



Source: Morningstar. Based on returns at net asset value. 3-year returns are from the period ending 7/1/23 to 6/30/26. Hypothetical results are for illustrative purposes only and in no way represent the actual results of a specific investment. There are periods when the blend would have lagged the index.

**Putting it into practice:** GFA and WMIF have invested in a differentiated group of stocks relative to the index. WMIF's focus on companies expected to pay steady or rising dividends has led the fund to invest in quality companies that have shown strong earnings growth. GFA's selective approach, informed by fundamental research, has pursued opportunities more broadly in new growth areas like consumer discretionary and communication services.

## Exposure comparison (%)

| Sector                 | Allocations |      |         |
|------------------------|-------------|------|---------|
|                        | GFA         | WMIF | S&P 500 |
| Information technology | 41.0        | 22.6 | 38.0    |
| Financials             | 7.4         | 14.6 | 11.8    |
| Consumer discretionary | 12.8        | 6.8  | 9.3     |
| Communication services | 11.9        | 5.7  | 9.7     |
| Healthcare             | 9.4         | 12.3 | 8.9     |
| Industrials            | 9.2         | 13.1 | 8.9     |
| Consumer staples       | 1.9         | 9.0  | 4.6     |
| Energy                 | 1.3         | 3.6  | 3.0     |
| Utilities              | 0.5         | 3.5  | 2.2     |
| Real estate            | 0.9         | 3.4  | 1.8     |
| Materials              | 1.6         | 2.4  | 1.8     |

Source: Capital Group.

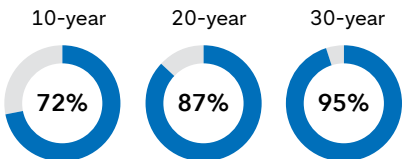
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## How Capital Group has delivered

Capital Group equity-focused mutual funds have outpaced their benchmarks over their respective lifetimes over most 10-, 20- and 30-year rolling periods, on average<sup>1</sup>:



"Our investment process, The Capital System, combines collaborative research with diverse perspectives and a long-term view. It is built for resilience — through cycles, across styles and with conviction."

**Martin Romo**  
Chair and chief investment officer



### Privately owned

We can maintain a long-term view and do what we think is best for investors.<sup>2</sup>

### Aligned with investors

Portfolio managers invest alongside their shareholders to focus on long-term outcomes.<sup>3</sup>

### An industry leader

An evolving product suite of mutual funds, ETFs and SMAs, along with new public-private strategies.

### A top asset manager

Our assets total more than \$3 trillion, making Capital Group the largest active U.S. fund manager.<sup>4</sup>

### Low expenses

Our equity-focused mutual fund and ETF expenses are among the lowest in their peer groups.<sup>5</sup>

Investment results

| Data as of 6/30/26<br>(Class R-6 for mutual funds) | Total returns (%) |                |         |          | Gross expense ratio (%) | Inception date |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|
|                                                    | Cumulative        | Average annual |         |          |                         |                |
|                                                    | 1-year            | 5-year         | 10-year | Lifetime |                         |                |
| Morningstar Large Growth category                  | 17.85             | 10.47          | 15.83   | —        | —                       |                |
| AMCAP Fund* – AMCAP                                | 15.49             | 9.32           | 13.41   | 12.02    | 0.33                    | 5/1/67         |
| The Growth Fund of America* – GFA                  | 19.24             | 11.84          | 16.53   | 14.26    | 0.29                    | 12/1/73        |
| CGGR – Capital Group Growth ETF (NAV)              | 16.16             | —              | —       | 16.69    | 0.39                    | 2/22/22        |
| CGGR – Capital Group Growth ETF (MP)               | 16.29             | —              | —       | 16.71    |                         |                |
| Morningstar Large Value category                   | 21.18             | 10.48          | 11.27   | —        | —                       |                |
| American Mutual Fund* – AMF                        | 16.88             | 11.20          | 11.70   | 11.89    | 0.27                    | 2/21/50        |
| Washington Mutual Investors Fund – WMIF            | 15.69             | 12.66          | 13.70   | 12.30    | 0.26                    | 7/31/52        |
| CGDV – Capital Group Dividend Value ETF (NAV)      | 26.52             | —              | —       | 19.05    | 0.33                    | 2/22/22        |
| CGDV – Capital Group Dividend Value ETF (MP)       | 26.44             | —              | —       | 19.03    |                         |                |
| CGCV – Capital Group Conservative Equity ETF (NAV) | 16.56             | —              | —       | 16.30    | 0.33                    | 6/25/24        |
| CGCV – Capital Group Conservative Equity ETF (MP)  | 16.54             | —              | —       | 16.33    |                         |                |
| Morningstar Large Blend category                   | 19.99             | 11.17          | 13.42   | —        | —                       |                |
| Fundamental Investors* – FI                        | 28.01             | 14.95          | 15.58   | 13.25    | 0.28                    | 8/1/78         |
| The Investment Company of America* – ICA           | 19.70             | 14.81          | 14.71   | 12.65    | 0.27                    | 1/1/34         |
| CGUS – Capital Group Core Equity ETF (NAV)         | 21.61             | —              | —       | 15.87    | 0.33                    | 2/22/22        |
| CGUS – Capital Group Core Equity ETF (MP)          | 21.55             | —              | —       | 15.86    |                         |                |
| S&P 500 Index                                      | 22.32             | 13.41          | 15.51   | —        | —                       |                |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index – R1KG                   | 17.71             | 13.71          | 18.58   | —        | —                       |                |
| Russell 1000 Value Index – R1KV                    | 27.09             | 11.17          | 11.52   | —        | —                       |                |

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. The expense ratios are as of each fund’s prospectus available at the time of publication. The indexes are unmanaged and therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot directly invest in an index. There have been periods when the funds have lagged the indexes. When applicable, results reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which they would have been lower. Please see [capitalgroup.com](https://capitalgroup.com) for more information. This content, developed by Capital Group, home of American Funds, should not be used as a primary basis for investment decisions and is not intended to serve as impartial investment or fiduciary advice.

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<sup>1</sup>Source: Capital Group. As of 12/31/25. Calculations cover the time frame from January 1934 through December 2025 and are based on rolling monthly periods over each of the existing American Funds mutual fund’s respective lifetimes for Class R-6 shares at net asset value.

<sup>2</sup>Portfolio manager compensation puts increasing emphasis on long-term results and is based on 1-, 3-, 5- and 8-year periods.

<sup>3</sup>Source: Morningstar. As of 2/18/26. Ninety-four percent of American Funds assets are invested in mutual funds in which at least one manager has invested more than \$1 million.

<sup>4</sup>Assets under management claim based on preliminary Capital Group data as of 6/30/26. Largest U.S. mutual fund manager information based on Morningstar data on open-ended mutual fund assets (excluding fund of funds) as of 6/30/26.

<sup>5</sup>Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar. As of 6/30/26. Based on the prospectus expense ratio for Class M ETFs and their peer category, and the Morningstar Fee-Level Group - Distribution peers median and prospectus expense ratio for American Funds Class R-6 mutual funds.

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**Russell 1000 Growth Index:** Tracks large-cap U.S. growth stocks by market capitalization.

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