The Growth Fund of America®

Summary prospectus
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Class	A	C	F-1	F-2	F-3	529-A	529-C	529-E	529-F-2
	AGTHX	GFACX	GFAFX	GFFFX	GAFFX	CGFAX	CGFCX	CGFEX	FAFGX
Class	**529-F-3**	**R-1**	**R-2**	**R-2E**	**R-3**	**R-4**	**R-5E**	**R-5**	**R-6**
	FFAFX	RGAAX	RGABX	RGEBX	RGACX	RGAEX	RGAHX	RGAFX	RGAGX

Investment objective The fund's investment objective is to provide you with growth of capital.

Fees and expenses of the fund This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.** For example, in addition to the fees and expenses described below, you may also be required to pay brokerage commissions on purchases and sales of Class F-2, F-3, 529-F-2 or 529-F-3 shares of the fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least $25,000 in American Funds and Capital Group KKR Public-Private+ Funds (collectively "Capital Group Funds") ($250,000 for Class 529-A shares). More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional, in the "Sales charge reductions and waivers" sections on page 36 of the prospectus and on page 74 of the fund's statement of additional information, and in the sales charge waiver appendix to the prospectus.

Shareholder fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

Share class:	A	529-A	C and 529-C	529-E	All F and 529-F share classes	All R share classes
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	5.75%	3.50%	none	none	none	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	1.00*	1.00*	1.00%	none	none	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	none	none	none	none	none	none
Redemption or exchange fees	none	none	none	none	none	none

Before you invest, you may want to review the fund's prospectus and statement of additional information, which contain more information about the fund and its risks. You can find the fund's prospectus, statement of additional information, reports to shareholders and other information about the fund online at capitalgroup.com/prospectus. You can also get this information at no cost by calling (800) 421-4225 or by sending an email request to prospectus@americanfunds.com. The current prospectus and statement of additional information, dated November 1, 2026, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the net asset value of your investment)

Share class:	A	C	F-1	F-2	F-3	529-A
Management fees	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	0.24	0.99	0.25	none	none	0.23
Other expenses	0.09	0.09	0.15	0.15	0.04	0.14
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.58	1.33	0.65	0.40	0.29	0.62

Share class:	529-C	529-E	529-F-2	529-F-3	R-1	R-2
Management fees	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	1.00	0.50	none	none	0.99	0.75
Other expenses	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.09	0.13	0.38
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.39	0.87	0.38	0.34	1.37	1.38

Share class:	R-2E	R-3	R-4	R-5E	R-5	R-6
Management fees	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	0.60	0.50	0.25	none	none	none
Other expenses	0.23	0.18	0.13	0.18	0.09	0.04
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.08	0.93	0.63	0.43	0.34	0.29

* A contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% applies on certain redemptions made within 18 months following purchases of $1 million or more made without an initial sales charge. Contingent deferred sales charge is calculated based on the lesser of the offering price and market value of shares being sold.

Example This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem or hold all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. The example reflects the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement described above (if any) through the expiration of such waiver and/or reimbursement and total annual fund operating expenses thereafter. You may be required to pay brokerage commissions on your purchases and sales of Class F-2, F-3, 529-F-2 or 529-F-3 shares of the fund, which are not reflected in the example. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

Share class:	A	C	F-1	F-2	F-3	529-A	529-C	529-E	529-F-2	529-F-3	R-1	R-2
1 year	$631	$235	$66	$41	$30	$411	$242	$89	$39	$35	$139	$140
3 years	750	421	208	128	93	542	440	278	122	109	434	437
5 years	880	729	362	224	163	684	761	482	213	191	750	755
10 years	1,259	1,395	810	505	368	1,097	1,173	1,073	480	431	1,646	1,657

Share class:	R-2E	R-3	R-4	R-5E	R-5	R-6
1 year	$110	$95	$64	$44	$35	$30
3 years	343	296	202	138	109	93
5 years	595	515	351	241	191	163
10 years	1,317	1,143	786	542	431	368

For the share classes listed to the right, you would pay the following if you did not redeem your shares:

Share class:	C	529-C
1 year	$135	$142
3 years	421	440
5 years	729	761
10 years	1,395	1,173

Portfolio turnover The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's investment results. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 39% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal investment strategies The fund invests primarily in common stocks and seeks to invest in companies that appear to offer superior opportunities for growth of capital. The fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in growth investments. For purposes of this policy, the investment adviser currently defines growth investments as investments in companies that appear to offer superior opportunities for growth of capital. In making this determination, the investment adviser considers companies to offer superior opportunities for growth of capital if they are included in the Russell 3000 Growth Index, MSCI ACWI IMI Growth Index, or S&P Super Composite Growth Index in the current or prior year, if they exhibit the potential for growth based on factors such as historical or projected revenue, free cash flow, or alternative cash flow or valuation metrics for certain industries, or if the investment adviser expects the company to contribute to the fund's long-term growth of capital based on factors such as whether the company is attractively valued or is positioned to benefit from innovation, economic growth, increasing consumer demand, or a turnaround in business conditions. The fund invests primarily in common stocks of large and mid-capitalization issuers. The fund may invest up to 25% of its assets outside the United States.

The investment adviser uses a system of multiple portfolio managers in managing the fund's assets. Under this approach, the portfolio of the fund is divided into segments managed by individual managers.

The fund relies on the professional judgment of its investment adviser to make decisions about the fund's portfolio investments. The basic investment philosophy of the investment adviser is to seek to invest in attractively valued companies that, in its opinion, represent good, long-term investment opportunities. Securities may be sold when the investment adviser believes that they no longer represent relatively attractive investment opportunities.

Principal risks **This section describes the principal risks associated with investing in the fund. You may lose money by investing in the fund. The likelihood of loss may be greater if you invest for a shorter period of time.**

Market conditions — The prices of, and the income generated by, the common stocks and other securities held by the fund may decline – sometimes rapidly or unpredictably – due to various factors, including events or conditions affecting the general economy or particular industries or companies; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; governmental, governmental agency or central bank responses to economic conditions; levels of public debt and deficits; changes in inflation rates; and currency exchange rate, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations.

Economies and financial markets throughout the world are highly interconnected. Economic, financial or political events, trading and tariff arrangements, wars, terrorism, cybersecurity events, natural disasters, public health emergencies (such as the spread of infectious disease), bank failures and other circumstances in one country or region, including actions taken by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities in response to any of the foregoing, could have impacts on global economies or markets. As a result, whether or not the fund invests in securities of issuers located in or with significant exposure to the countries affected, the value and liquidity of the fund's investments may be negatively affected by developments in other countries and regions.

Issuer risks — The prices of, and the income generated by, securities held by the fund may decline in response to various factors directly related to the issuers of such securities, including reduced demand for an issuer's goods or services, poor management performance, major litigation, investigations or other controversies related to the issuer, changes in the issuer's financial condition or credit rating, changes in government regulations affecting the issuer or its competitive environment and strategic initiatives such as mergers, acquisitions or dispositions and the market response to any such initiatives. An individual security may also be affected by factors relating to the industry or sector of the issuer or the securities markets as a whole, and conversely an industry or sector or the securities markets may be affected by a change in financial condition or other event affecting a single issuer.

Investing in growth-oriented stocks — Growth-oriented common stocks and other equity-type securities (such as preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks and convertible bonds) may involve larger price swings and greater potential for loss than other types of investments.

Investing outside the United States — Securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States or with significant operations or revenues outside the United States and securities tied economically to countries outside the United States may lose value because of adverse political, social, economic or market developments in the countries or regions in which the issuers are domiciled, operate or generate revenue or to which the securities are tied economically. These securities may also lose value due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates against the U.S. dollar and/or currencies of other countries. Issuers of these securities may be more susceptible to actions of foreign governments, which could adversely impact the value of these securities. Securities markets in certain countries may be more volatile and/or less liquid than those in the United States. Investments outside the United States may also be subject to different regulatory, legal, auditing, financial reporting, accounting and recordkeeping standards and practices,

and may be more difficult to value, than those in the United States. In addition, the value of investments outside the United States may be reduced by foreign taxes. Further, there may be increased risks of delayed settlement of securities purchased or sold by the fund, which could impact the liquidity of the fund's portfolio.

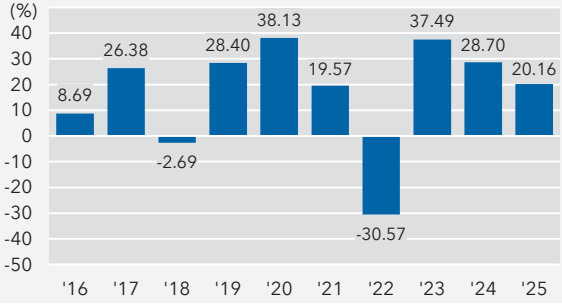
Management — The investment adviser to the fund actively manages the fund's investments. Consequently, the fund is subject to the risk that the methods and analyses, including models, tools and data, employed by the investment adviser in this process may be flawed or incorrect and may not produce the desired results. This could cause the fund to lose value or its investment results to lag relevant benchmarks or other funds with similar objectives.

Your investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, entity or person. You should consider how this fund fits into your overall investment program.

Investment results The following bar chart shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with a broad measure of securities market results and, if applicable, other measures of market results that reflect the fund's investment universe. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. Past investment results (before and after taxes) are not predictive of future investment results. Updated information on the fund's investment results can be obtained by visiting capitalgroup.com.

Calendar year total returns for Class F-2 shares

(Class F-2 shares are not subject to sales charges.)



Highest/Lowest quarterly results during this period were:

Highest 26.08% (quarter ended June 30, 2020)

Lowest –21.94% (quarter ended June 30, 2022)

The fund's total return for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, was 9.92%.

Average annual total returns For the periods ended December 31, 2025:

Share class	Inception date	1 year	5 years	10 years	Lifetime
F-2 — Before taxes	8/1/2008	20.16%	12.04%	15.39%	12.46%
— After taxes on distributions		17.27	10.02	13.37	N/A
— After taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares		13.90	9.21	12.31	N/A

Share classes (before taxes)	Inception date	1 year	5 years	10 years	Lifetime
A (with maximum sales charge)	12/1/1973	13.04%	10.49%	14.47%	13.70%
C	3/15/2001	18.03	10.97	14.45	9.77
F-1	3/15/2001	19.86	11.75	15.09	10.03
F-3	1/27/2017	20.29	12.16	N/A	15.72
529-A (with maximum sales charge)	2/15/2002	15.70	10.97	14.68	10.50
529-C	2/15/2002	17.97	10.91	14.66	10.47
529-E	3/1/2002	19.60	11.49	14.82	10.32
529-F-2	10/30/2020	20.17	12.04	N/A	15.44
529-F-3	10/30/2020	20.23	12.09	N/A	15.50
R-1	6/6/2002	19.00	10.95	14.26	10.34
R-2	5/21/2002	18.99	10.94	14.26	10.12
R-2E	8/29/2014	19.34	11.26	14.60	13.31
R-3	5/21/2002	19.52	11.44	14.77	10.60
R-4	5/28/2002	19.87	11.77	15.11	10.96
R-5E	11/20/2015	20.13	11.99	15.34	14.95
R-5	5/15/2002	20.23	12.10	15.45	11.19
R-6	5/1/2009	20.28	12.16	15.51	15.40

Index	1 year	5 years	10 years	Lifetime (from Class F-2 inception)
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deductions for sales charges, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes)	17.88%	14.42%	14.82%	12.34%

After-tax returns are shown only for Class F-2 shares; after-tax returns for other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during each year of the periods shown and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation and likely will differ from the results shown above. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-favored arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, individual retirement account (IRA) or 529 college savings plan.

Management

Investment adviser Capital Research and Management Company

Portfolio managers The individuals primarily responsible for the portfolio management of the fund are:

Portfolio manager/ Fund title (if applicable)	Portfolio manager in this fund since:	Primary title with investment adviser
Julian N. Abdey	2020	Partner – Capital World Investors
Christopher D. Buchbinder Co-President	2014	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Mark L. Casey	2013	Partner – Capital International Investors
Julien Gaertner	2021	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Roz Hongsaranagon	2020	Partner – Capital World Investors
Carl M. Kawaja	2010	Partner – Capital World Investors
Aidan O'Connell	2020	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Anne-Marie Peterson Co-President and Trustee	2013	Partner – Capital International Investors
Andraz Razen	2018	Partner – Capital World Investors
Martin Romo	2010	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Eric H. Stern	2018	Partner – Capital International Investors
Alan J. Wilson Co-President	2012	Partner – Capital World Investors

Purchase and sale of fund shares The minimum amount to establish an account for all share classes is normally $250 and the minimum to add to an account is $50. For a payroll deduction retirement plan account, payroll deduction savings plan account or employer-sponsored 529 account, the minimum is $25 to establish or add to an account. For accounts with Class F-3 shares held and serviced by the fund's transfer agent, the minimum investment amount is $1 million.

If you are a retail investor, you may sell (redeem) shares on any business day through your dealer or financial professional or by writing to American Funds Service Company® at P.O. Box 6007, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6007; telephoning American Funds Service Company at (800) 421-4225; faxing American Funds Service Company at (888) 421-4351; or accessing our website at capitalgroup.com. Please contact your plan administrator or recordkeeper to sell (redeem) shares from your retirement plan.

Tax information Dividends and capital gain distributions you receive from the fund are subject to federal income taxes and may also be subject to state and local taxes, unless you are tax-exempt or your account is tax-favored (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the fund and the fund's distributor or its affiliates may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your individual financial professional to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your individual financial professional or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

You can access the fund's statutory prospectus or SAI at capitalgroup.com/prospectus.

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