

# The Growth Fund of America®

Fiscal year-end summary: 8/31/23  
Growth fund



Investing for growth, the fund offers a diversified approach to long-term capital appreciation to help investors pursue long-term goals.

Ticker symbols: A shares: AGTHX C shares: GFACX F-1 shares: GFAFX F-2 shares: GFFFX F-3 shares: GAFFX R-3 shares: RGACX

Figures shown are past results for Class A shares and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. Unless otherwise indicated, results shown are at net asset value and do not reflect a sales charge. If the 5.75% maximum Class A sales charge had been deducted, results would have been lower. For current information and month-end results, visit [capitalgroup.com](http://capitalgroup.com).

## A broad mandate

Unlike some growth funds with a narrow investment universe, the fund can invest wherever growth opportunities may be, including up to 25% of assets outside the U.S. These investments often include:

- Traditional growth stocks.
- Stocks of companies that are cyclical.
- Stocks of companies that are depressed or in turnaround situations.

## Company-by-company approach

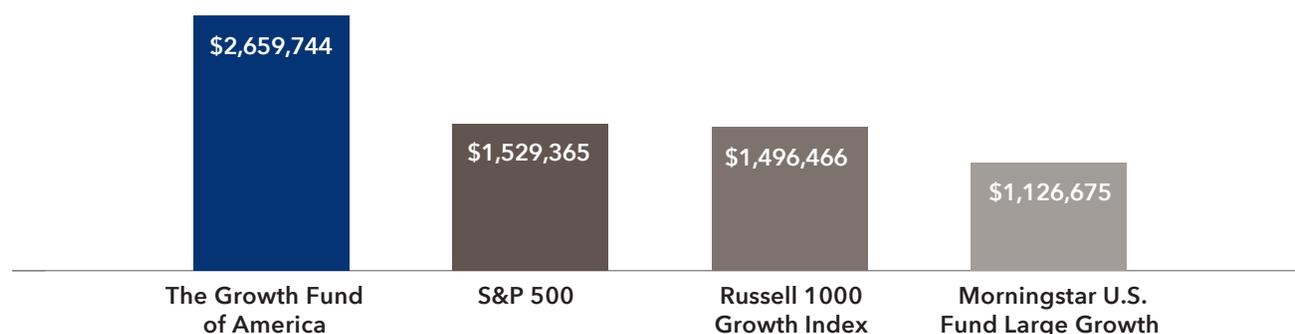
The fund is focused on companies – not on specific market capitalizations, industries or sectors. The managers rely on in-depth global research to find companies that we believe have sound fundamentals and sustainable competitive advantages. As of its fiscal year-end on 8/31/23, the fund's portfolio included investments in approximately 337 companies.

## Long-term focus

The investment professionals for the fund search for companies that they believe offer opportunities for capital appreciation over the long haul. As the chart below shows, this long-term focus has helped the fund outpace the S&P 500, Russell 1000 Growth Index and more traditional large-capitalization growth investments from December 31, 1978, to August 31, 2023.

## A long-term legacy of success

By August 31, 2023, an initial \$10,000 hypothetical investment made on December 31, 1978, when the Russell 1000 Growth Index began, would have grown to:



**Russell 1000 Growth Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index that represents the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market and includes stocks from the Russell 1000 Index that have higher price-to-book ratios and higher expected growth values. **S&P 500 Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index based on the results of approximately 500 widely held common stocks. The market indexes are unmanaged, and their results include reinvested dividends and/or distributions but do not reflect the effect of sales charges, commissions, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the indexes. The Morningstar U.S. Fund Large Growth category represents the averages of stocks in the top 70% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market that are defined as large cap. Growth is based on fast growth (high growth rates for earnings, sales, book value and cash flow) and high valuations (high price ratios and low dividend yields). Most of these portfolios focus on companies in rapidly expanding industries. © 2023 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is the trademark of Russell Investment Group. The S&P 500 Index ("Index") is a product of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC and/or its affiliates and has been licensed for use by Capital Group. Copyright © 2023 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global, and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. Redistribution or reproduction in whole or in part is prohibited without written permission of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.

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## Experienced portfolio management

The fund's 13 portfolio managers each manage a portion of fund assets independently and have a median 29 years of investment industry experience as of the prospectus dated 11/1/23. A group of investment analysts also manages a portion of the fund.



Julian Abdey  
28 years



Chris Buchbinder  
28 years



Mark Casey  
23 years



Blair Frank  
30 years



Roz Hongsaranagon  
21 years



Carl Kawaja  
36 years



Aidan O'Connell  
25 years



Don O'Neal  
38 years



Anne-Marie Peterson  
29 years



Andraz Razen  
25 years



Martin Romo  
31 years



Eric H. Stern  
34 years



Alan Wilson  
38 years

### Largest equity holdings<sup>1</sup>

Microsoft	5.6%
Alphabet	4.0
Meta Platforms	4.0
Amazon	3.1
Broadcom	3.0

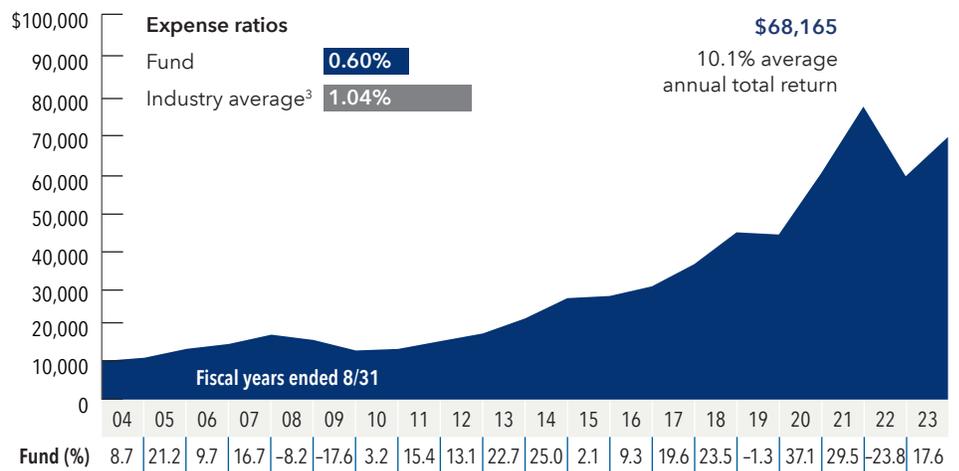
Largest equity holdings are based on the fund's net assets as of 8/31/23. The information shown may include affiliates of the same issuer when applicable.

### Industry holdings

Software	9.7%
Semiconductors & semiconductor equipment	9.5
Interactive media & services	8.2
Hotels, restaurants & leisure	6.2
Financial services	4.1
Other industries	57.1
Cash & equivalents <sup>2</sup>	5.2

Industry holdings are as of 8/31/23. Portfolios are managed, so holdings will change. Certain fixed income and/or cash and equivalents holdings may be held through mutual funds managed by the investment adviser or its affiliates that are not offered to the public.

### Results of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment (9/1/03-8/31/23)



Average annual total returns for periods ended 9/30/23 after payment of the 5.75% maximum up-front sales charge for Class A shares:

1 year: 15.64%

5 years: 6.99%

10 years: 10.70%

Expense ratio: 0.60%

<sup>1</sup> The information shown may include affiliates of the same issuer when applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Includes short-term securities, accrued income and other assets less liabilities. 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.

<sup>3</sup> Source for industry average: Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds Average, which represents funds that, by portfolio practice, invest at least 75% of their assets in companies with market capitalizations (on a three-year weighted basis) above Lipper's U.S. Diversified Equity large-cap floor. Large-cap growth funds typically have an above-average price-to-earnings ratio, price-to-book ratio and three-year sales-per-share growth value compared to the S&P 500. The industry average expense ratio is based on statistics for front-end load funds (excluding funds of funds) for the most recent fiscal year-end available through 8/31/23.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods. The expense ratio is as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. When applicable, results reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which they would have been lower. Refer to capitalgroup.com for more information.

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Investing outside the United States involves risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries. If used after 12/31/23, this sheet must be accompanied by a current American Funds quarterly statistical update.

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