**The ICA Guide** 2025 edition: Class A shares









# Over nine decades of experience

One of your first investment decisions is knowing whom to trust with your hard-earned money. At Capital Group, we think our history and results speak for themselves, as shown by the record of our first fund, The Investment Company of America<sup>®</sup>.

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#### Our founder focused on investment principles and integrity

Jonathan Bell Lovelace spent most of the 1920s at a Detroit banking/ brokerage firm developing his investment research techniques and earning impressive results. By 1929, before the stock market crash, he could see no logical relationship between stock market prices and their underlying values, so he sold his interest in the firm, took his investments out of the market and moved to California.

When Lovelace founded Capital Group in 1931, he established three core principles that we hold to this day:

- Do the thorough research necessary to determine the actual worth of an organization.
- Buy securities at reasonable prices relative to their prospects.
- Always be guided by a total commitment to honesty and integrity.

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#### The legacy of our first fund

Our oldest fund, The Investment Company of America (ICA), has stood the test of time. Since 1934, the fund has persevered through market highs and lows, world conflicts and ever-changing technology. We've always remained focused on our objective - to provide long-term growth of capital and income by investing in solid companies with potential for future dividends. Today, ICA has earned the trust of more than 3 million shareholders.

The fund has a legacy of keeping investors' long-term returns well ahead of the cost of living. Over the 91 years ended December 31, 2024, a hypothetical \$1,000 investment in ICA (at MOP) would have grown to \$33.4 million and earned an average annual total return of 12.1% more than three times the rate of inflation (3.5%).

#### Stocks have outpaced other investments

Stocks have provided an effective hedge against inflation over the 49-year period ended December 31, 2024.\* Some investments that have been considered less risky – such as bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and savings accounts - may be more appropriate for short-term savings strategies. Over time, trying to avoid risk could mean settling for a lower return on your investment, as shown in this chart.



It's key to stay ahead of inflation and the rising cost of living

Sources: Postage stamp (United States Postal Service); loaf of bread (Bureau of Labor Statistics); automobile (Kelly Blue Book mediaroom.kbb.com); single-family home (National Association of Realtors); rate of inflation (Consumer Price Index).

#### Stocks have had the highest long-term return

Average annual total return (12/31/75\*-12/31/24)



Sources: Stocks (S&P 500 Index); bonds (Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index); cash (T-Bill Auction Ave 3 Mon Index) and rate of inflation (Consumer Price Index).

\*Since the 12/31/75 inception date of Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, the youngest index. All results calculated with dividends reinvested. Unlike fund shares, investments in Treasury bills, CDs and savings accounts are guaranteed.

### Informed investing versus simply saving

Look at the hypothetical investments of two fictional couples, the Boones and the Klausens, over a 20-year period of their retirement to see the difference ICA has made.

#### Margaret and Harry Boone

Twenty years ago – at the end of 2004 – the Boones and the Klausens retired. Each couple had \$500,000 to invest.

The Boones put their money in a 20-year U.S. government bond that paid a guaranteed 4.85% a year. They were satisfied with their "safe" annual income of \$24,250.

Twenty years ago, you may have been able to get by on that. But it takes \$40,218 today to buy what \$24,250 bought in 2005. When the Boones' bond matured at the end of 2024, they went to buy another and found the rate on 20-year Treasuries to be not much better: 4.86%. That would provide them with only \$24,300 a year.

Of course, the Boones are guaranteed their original \$500,000 nest egg – although that won't buy as much as it used to, either.



#### Annual income from a 20-year Treasury bond

The Boones' long-term U.S. government bond paid the same amount, year after year ...

\$500,000

**Original investment** 

\$485,000

Total income payments

\$500,000

Value of investment as of December 31, 2024



## Investing where your money can grow may lessen the impact of inflation.

#### Vivian and Joe Klausen

The Klausens invested their \$500,000 in ICA (at NAV). They sought to increase their withdrawals each year to help outpace inflation and cover additional expenses they might have as they grew older.

As a result, they decided to take monthly withdrawals totaling \$20,000 – or 4% of their \$500,000 investment – the first year. After that, the total amount they withdrew each year increased by 3%.

Although they started out living on less than the Boones, the Klausen's annual withdrawals grew from \$20,000 to \$35,070 over the 20 years. Also their original investment more than doubled. Over the long term, they enjoyed greater rewards than the Boones because, by investing in a portfolio of stocks, they chose to accept greater volatility, recognizing they could lose money.

Despite recent volatility, the last 20 years were generally good for stocks and for ICA. After two decades of withdrawals ending on December 31, 2024, the Klausens would have more in their account than the Boones, and their monthly withdrawals would have been greater.

Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.



#### Annual withdrawal amounts from ICA

... while the Klausens were able to increase their withdrawals every year.



The hypothetical examples on pages 4 and 5 reflect actual historical results. Your investment experience, of course, will depend on the amount you invest and when you invest. Treasury bonds are guaranteed by the U.S. government; fund shares are not.

\$500,000

Original investment

\$537,407

Total withdrawals

\$1,332,901

Value of investment

as of December 31, 2024

### What ICA investors own

A hypothetical \$10,000 investment in ICA on December 31, 2024, bought part ownership in approximately 186 companies. Of those, here are the 75 largest, representing 82% of total assets.



#### The fund's 75 largest equity holdings and what a \$10,000 investment bought

Company	Net cash				
Microsoft	\$690	AbbVie	\$92	Tesla	\$38
Broadcom	\$627	Accenture	\$84	Medtronic	\$37
Alphabet	\$534	American International Group	\$66	Arthur J. Gallagher	\$37
Meta Platforms	\$465	Gilead Sciences	\$66	Northrop Grumman	\$36
Amazon	\$400	Air Products and Chemicals	\$65	TFI International	\$36
Apple	\$316	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	\$65	American Express	\$35
Royal Caribbean Cruises	\$253	Chubb	\$64	Ingersoll-Rand	\$35
British American Tobacco	\$229	TSMC	\$60	McDonald's	\$35
UnitedHealth Group	\$219	Las Vegas Sands	\$59	PepsiCo	\$35
General Electric	\$204	PNC Financial Services Group	\$58	Expand Energy	\$34
Salesforce	\$173	First Citizens BancShares	\$57	Truist Financial	\$33
Philip Morris International	\$164	ServiceNow	\$55	DoorDash	\$32
NVIDIA Corp	\$160	KKR & Co Inc	\$51	NextEra Energy	\$32
Eli Lilly	\$151	Thermo Fisher Scientific	\$50	Baker Hughes	\$31
RTX Corp	\$150	United Rentals	\$50	Adobe	\$28
Carrier Global	\$145	Wells Fargo	\$49	FedEx	\$28
Uber	\$144	Danaher	\$47	Micron Technology	\$28
Abbott Laboratories	\$129	Capital One Financial	\$46	VICI Properties	\$28
Boeing	\$126	Texas Instruments	\$45	Imperial Brands	\$27
GE HealthCare Technologies	\$123	Exxon Mobil	\$43	CenterPoint Energy	\$27
Mastercard	\$122	S&P Global	\$42	EOG Resources	\$27
Linde	\$115	Illinois Tool Works	\$41	TJX Companies	\$27
Home Depot	\$113	Rolls-Royce	\$41	FIS	\$26
JPMorgan Chase	\$102	PayPal	\$40	Other equities	\$778
Netflix	\$99	BlackRock	\$39		
Morgan Stanley	\$93	General Dynamics	\$39		

\$9,680	+	\$0*	=	\$9,680
Total stocks		Bonds & notes		Total investment securities

\$310 +Net cash & equivalents \$10,000\* Total

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\*ICA does hold a non-zero amount of bonds & notes. Totals may not reconcile due to rounding.

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.

The information shown may include affiliates of the same issuer when applicable.

Cash and equivalents 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.

### Investing in stocks requires skill

#### ICA's investment professionals draw on long experience and in-depth research to make decisions about the fund's holdings. A professionally managed well-diversified portfolio can make a difference over time.

Imagine that, 91 years ago, you could have invested \$1,000 in each of any five companies in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.<sup>1</sup> When one company in the index was replaced by another, proceeds from the sale of the original company were invested in the new one. Based on that strategy, today you would have a portfolio of five of the well-known companies listed below. Which five companies would you want to own today?

#### If you could have invested \$1,000 each in any five of these companies (or their predecessors) 91 years ago, which five would you choose?



**NVIDIA Corporation** replaced Intel in 2024

- **Procter & Gamble**
- replaced ExxonMobil in 2020
- The Sherwin-Williams Company replaced Dow Inc.<sup>2</sup> in 2024
  - **Travelers Companies** replaced Citigroup<sup>2</sup> in 2009, which replaced Westinghouse Electric
- UnitedHealth Group replaced Kraft Foods in 2012, which replaced American International Group in 2008, which replaced International Paper in 2004, which replaced Loew's in 1956
- Verizon Communications replaced AT&T<sup>2</sup> Corp in 2004, which replaced International Business Machines in 1939
  - replaced Hewlett-Packard in 2013, which replaced Texaco in 1997
- replaced Woolworth in 1997
- replaced USX in 1991

<sup>1</sup>Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded industrial and service-oriented blue chip stocks. List is as of December 31, 2024.

<sup>2</sup>These companies had different names when they replaced a DJIA-listed company: Alcoa (Aluminum Company of America, 1959); Altria Group (Philip Morris Companies, 1985); AT&T (SBC Communications, 1999; American Telephone & Telegraph, 1939); Citigroup (Travelers Group, 1997); Dow (DuPont, 1935); Esmark (Swift & Company, 1959); IBM (International Business Machines, 1979); JPMorgan Chase (J.P. Morgan & Company, 1991); Primerica (American Can, 1934); Raytheon (United Technologies, 2020; United Aircraft, 1939); 3M (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing, 1976); Walmart (WalMart Stores, 1997).

Turn the page to see how your choices would have compared to ICA.

### Compare the historic results



Based on a hypothetical \$1,000 investment over the 91-year period ended December 31, 2024, none of the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) companies would have outpaced an investment in ICA, even though some of them may have done better than ICA in some periods during their lifetimes.\* Of course, in selecting these five stocks, you were precluded from changing your investments over the years. This example helps illustrate the importance of diversification and active management and shows how ICA can be appropriate for a large-cap core investment allocation.

Note that you invested \$1,000 in each of five different stocks. Had you invested an equivalent \$5,000 in ICA, it would have significantly outpaced any five stocks you chose over the same period.

The process of replacing stocks in the DJIA would have often meant selling low (when a stock was being removed from the DJIA) and buying high (when its replacement was being added to the DJIA). Ending value (excluding dividends)

Company	Ending value
ICA (at MOP)	\$2,631,211
Procter & Gamble	\$1,664,337
Home Depot	\$650,108
McDonald's	\$524,808
Microsoft	\$494,409
Visa	\$476,648
Coca-Cola	\$365,217
Goldman Sachs Group	\$330,809
Apple	\$317,769
Salesforce.com	\$243,846
Merck	\$241,738
Walmart	\$118,502
American Express	\$93,631
The Sherwin-Williams Company	\$83,980
Amazon.com, Inc.	\$83,555
Honeywell	\$74,220
Disney	\$69,955
NVIDIA Corporation	\$69,438
Amgen	\$59,086
Nike	\$53,645
JPMorgan Chase	\$53,277
Boeing	\$52,746
3M	\$46,048
Travelers Companies	\$45,871
Chevron	\$39,558
Caterpillar	\$31,403
IBM	\$16,755
Johnson & Johnson	\$13,777
UnitedHealth Group	\$8,255
Verizon Communications	\$2,981
Cisco Systems	\$2,979

\*It was assumed that the entire \$1,000 was invested in each stock and that fractional shares were purchased to use up the amount. No brokerage charges were included in the cost. Adjustments were made for all stock splits, stock dividends and spin-offs. In 2009, General Motors filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. It was delisted from the New York Stock Exchange and was replaced by Cisco Systems in the DJIA. Since no proceeds were realized from GM due to the bankruptcy proceedings, shares of Cisco were purchased with a new \$1,000 in order to continue this illustration of investments in the 30 stocks comprising the DJIA.

ICA investors have benefited from the professional management of a diversified portfolio.

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### How ICA is managed

Our investment philosophy is based on doing what we believe is right for investors. The Capital System is rooted in three core pillars that are deeply ingrained in our investment culture.

ICA's holdings, which include approximately 186 stocks,\* represent the individual investment ideas of eight portfolio managers and 45 investment analysts.



#### **Collaborative research**

Collaboration across portfolio managers, analysts, economists and quantitative research teams **generates deeper insights**.

#### **Diverse perspectives**

Leveraging the best ideas of multiple investment professionals helps us pursue **more consistent results across market cycles with less volatility**.

#### Long-term view

Managers are discouraged from engaging in short-term thinking. Investing with a long-term view helps **align our goals with those of investors**.

#### **Portfolio managers**

Each portfolio manager is assigned a portion of the overall assets to manage independently, enabling them to focus on their highest conviction ideas.



Portfolio manager information is as of the fund's prospectus dated March 1, 2025. Portfolio segments do not reflect actual allocations. \*As of December 31, 2024. 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.

### There have always been reasons not to invest

Many investors may be tempted to base investment decisions on emotion, but ICA has given its shareholders good reason to look beyond the headlines. Here's what would have happened (in terms of dollar amounts and annual total returns) if you had invested \$10,000 in ICA (at MOP) on these historic days.



#### • Pearl Harbor was bombed.

(December 7, 1941)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$34,710 | 13.3%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$129,840,421 | 12.1%

#### • The Soviets launched Sputnik, vaulting into space ahead of the U.S. (October 4, 1957)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$38,083 | 14.3%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$15,089,744 | 11.5%

#### • The Berlin Wall was erected.

(August 13, 1961)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$23,180 | 8.8%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$7,989,218 | 11.1%



- President Kennedy was assassinated. (November 22, 1963)
  - 10 years later, you would have had \$22,945 | 8.7%
  - By the end of 2024, you would have had \$7,439,790 | 11.4%

#### • President Nixon resigned.

(August 9, 1974)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$40,379 | 15.0%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$3,410,189 | 12.3%

## • The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped a record 22% in one day. (October 19, 1987)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$44,268 | 16.0%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$472,003 | 10.9%



• Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait, setting off the first Gulf War.

(August 2, 1990)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$41,882 | 15.4%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$301,198 | 10.4%

#### • Terrorists attacked the World Trade Center.

(September 11, 2001)

- 10 years later, you would have had \$12,715 | 2.4%
- By the end of 2024, you would have had \$72,544 | 8.9%



**Results reflect payment of the maximum 5.75% sales charge for Class A shares on a hypothetical \$1,000 investment. Thus, the net amount invested was \$943.** The maximum initial sales charge was 8.5% prior to July 1, 1988. As outlined in the prospectus, the sales charge is reduced for larger investments. There is no sales charge on dividends or capital gain distributions that are reinvested in additional shares. The results shown are before taxes on fund distributions and sale of fund shares. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods. Results for other share classes may differ.

Here are ICA's average annual total returns on a \$1,000 investment with all distributions reinvested for periods ended December 31, 2024: Share class 1 year 5 years 10 years

Class A shares 17.77% 12.85% 11.16%

Expense ratio was **0.56%** as of the fund's prospectus available at time of publication.

<sup>1</sup>Includes dividends of \$5,348,000 and capital gain distributions totaling \$14,491,921, reinvested in the years 1936-2024. <sup>2</sup>Includes reinvested capital gain distributions of \$1,389,761, but not income dividends totaling \$554,036 taken in cash. The stock market is represented by the **S&P 500 Index**, a market capitalization-weighted index based on the results of approximately 500 widely held common stocks. This index is unmanaged, and its 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. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index.

#### Not drawn to scale

This chart is based on a logarithmic scale, so it uses smaller and smaller increments for larger numbers. If the scale were arithmetic – with, say, one inch representing every \$1,000 the dark blue area (indicating results if dividends had been excluded) would be 219 feet tall, which is about as tall as most 22-story buildings. The lighter blue section, which shows how the investment would have done if dividends had been reinvested in more shares, would be 2,784 feet tall – more than 18 times the height of the Statue of Liberty. This illustration shows the difference reinvesting your dividends can make.





## Time, not timing, is what matters

Louie the Loser never times anything right. Every year, for the past 20 years, he's invested \$10,000 in ICA (at MOP) on the worst possible day to invest – the day the stock market peaked.<sup>1</sup> So why is he smiling? Because Louie's investment would have done well regardless of when he invested.

Worst-day investments (market highs)			Best-day investme	Best-day investments (market lows)			
Date of market high	Cumulative investment <sup>2</sup>	Value on 12/31	Date of market low	Cumulative investment <sup>2</sup>	Value on 12/31		
3/4/05	\$10,000	\$9,877	4/20/05	\$10,000	\$10,515		
12/27/06	\$20,000	\$20,842	1/20/06	\$20,000	\$22,948		
10/9/07	\$30,000	\$30,975	3/5/07	\$30,000	\$34,527		
5/2/08	\$40,000	\$26,654	11/20/08	\$40,000	\$33,622		
12/30/09	\$50,000	\$43,314	3/9/09	\$50,000	\$57,896		
12/29/10	\$60,000	\$57,510	7/2/10	\$60,000	\$75,813		
4/29/11	\$70,000	\$65,240	10/3/11	\$70,000	\$85,315		
10/5/12	\$80,000	\$84,914	6/4/12	\$80,000	\$109,471		
12/31/13	\$90,000	\$122,144	1/8/13	\$90,000	\$157,550		
12/26/14	\$100,000	\$146,386	2/3/14	\$100,000	\$187,952		
5/19/15	\$110,000	\$153,418	8/25/15	\$110,000	\$195,642		
12/20/16	\$120,000	\$185,440	2/11/16	\$120,000	\$236,382		
12/28/17	\$130,000	\$231,724	1/19/17	\$130,000	\$294,461		
10/3/18	\$140,000	\$224,929	12/24/18	\$140,000	\$285,464		
12/27/19	\$150,000	\$289,864	1/3/19	\$150,000	\$367,945		
12/31/20	\$160,000	\$341,639	3/23/20	\$160,000	\$436,944		
12/29/21	\$170,000	\$436,389	1/29/21	\$170,000	\$557,979		
1/4/22	\$180,000	\$376,991	9/30/22	\$180,000	\$482,381		
12/28/23	\$190,000	\$494,220	3/13/23	\$190,000	\$632,375		
12/4/24	\$200,000	\$626,978	1/17/24	\$200,000	\$802,378		
Average annual	total return (3/4/05-1	2/31/24): 10.54%	Average annual	total return (4/20/05-	12/31/24): 12.259		

A program of regular investing neither ensures a profit nor protects against loss, and investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

<sup>1</sup> As measured by the unmanaged Dow Jones Industrial Average, a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded industrial and service-oriented blue chip stocks.

<sup>2</sup>Cumulative volume discount applied when appropriate.

The average annual total returns shown take into account subsequent investments.

### What if the stock market doesn't go up?

ICA's professional management has frequently enabled the fund to do better than the market. The charts below show how ICA compared to the S&P 500 Index during two past periods when the stock market was relatively flat.

stock market was flat

The S&P 500 began 1968 with an index value of 96.47. More than a decade later, at the end of 1978, it stood at 96.11 – right back where it had started. But an investor still could have benefited. A hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the S&P 500, with reinvested dividends, would have grown to \$15,174. That \$10,000 invested in ICA would have grown to \$18,333.

Before the 2007-2009 decline, the market had been relatively flat for the previous eight-year period. At the beginning of 2000, the S&P 500 index value was 1,469.25, and 2007 ended with a value of 1,468.36. However, a hypothetical investment in ICA, with dividends reinvested, would have seen an average annual total return of 4.8% during that period, while the S&P 500, with reinvested dividends, averaged only 1.7%.



Growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in periods when the



The S&P 500 Index is unmanaged and, therefore, has no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

### The benefit of time

Investors who have stayed in the fund through occasional (and inevitable) periods of declining stock prices historically have been rewarded for their long-term outlook.



It's important to stay invested through highs and lows.

# Dividends have made the difference

Reinvested regular dividends can contribute significantly to a fund's returns; in fact, they account for 31% of ICA's total return over its lifetime.

Why are dividends so important?

- Dividends are a good indicator of a company's strength. The balance sheet and management's confidence in the company are factors in how investors value its stock.
- Dividends can provide a cushion during stock market declines. Investments that pay income have tended to be more stable, so dividends play a critical role in helping ICA balance risk and return.
- ICA has increased its dividends in 77 of the past 88 calendar years.\* The long-term view integral to ICA's investment philosophy also extends to dividends. The managers do not simply look for current dividends, but also at the ability of a company to grow its dividends over time.

The chart at right illustrates, by decade, the actual value added by the reinvestment of dividends in ICA.

\*ICA has paid dividends every year since 1936.

Based on a \$1,000 investment in 1934, ICA (at MOP) would have generated \$554,036 in cash dividends. However, reinvesting all distributions would have added \$30.2 million to the account value.

#### Value of \$1,000 invested on 1/1/34

As of 12/31	Value (dividends reinvested)	-	Value (excluding dividends)	+	Dividend amount taken in cash	=	Value added by reinvesting dividends
1940	\$2,438	-	\$2,146	+	\$285	=	\$7
1950	\$7,661	-	\$4,519	+	\$1,592	=	\$1,550
1960	\$33,598	-	\$14,560	+	\$4,217	=	\$14,821
1970	\$90,797	-	\$30,742	+	\$10,211	=	\$49,844
1980	\$238,005	-	\$55,224	+	\$24,179	=	\$158,602
1990	\$1,040,843	-	\$159,883	+	\$65,885	=	\$815,075
2000	\$4,743,241	-	\$587,546	+	\$131,608	=	\$4,024,087
2010	\$6,482,680	-	\$649,678	+	\$257,101	=	\$5,575,901
2024	\$33,410,806	-	\$2,631,211	+	\$554,036	=	\$30,225,559

Account values and dividends taken in cash are rounded to the nearest dollar.

### Growth over a wide variety of periods

ICA has persevered through market highs and lows, world conflicts and the ever-changing scope of technology.

What does "long term" mean to you? Ten years? Twenty? Fifty? ICA's more than 90-year history can be used to illustrate the fund's results over a variety of meaningful periods through December 31, 2024, starting with a hypothetical \$1,000 investment (at MOP).

Over any calendar period this long	Here's the best you would have done	Here's the worst you would have done	And here's the median
	\$2,733	\$675	\$1,737
5 years	+22.3% a year	-7.6% a year	+11.7% a year
	(1995-1999)	(1937-1941)	(1997-2001)
	\$5,169	\$1,106	\$2,930
10 years	+17.9% a year	+1.0% a year	+11.3% a year
	(1982-1991)	(1999–2008)	(1994-2003)
	\$11,602	\$2,141	\$5,192
15 years	+17.8% a year	+5.2% a year	+11.6% a year
	(1975-1989)	(2001-2015)	(1991-2005)
	\$22,427	\$3,322	\$9,434
20 years	+16.8% a year	+6.2% a year	+11.9% a year
	(1979–1998)	(1999–2018)	(1938-1957)
	\$51,263	\$6,153	\$15,400
25 years	+17.1% a year	+7.5% a year	+11.6% a year
	(1975–1999)	(1998-2022)	(1961-1985)
	\$60,232	\$13,919	\$28,926
30 years	+14.6% a year	+9.2% a year	+11.9% a year
	(1975-2004)	(1993-2022)	(1950-1979)
	\$154,588	\$43,750	\$93,448
40 years	+13.4% a year	+9.9% a year	+12.0% a year
	(1958–1997)	(1969-2008)	(1955-1994)
	\$673,050	\$131,454	\$303,858
50 years	+13.9% a year	+10.2% a year	+12.1% a year
	(1950–1999)	(1969-2018)	(1939–1988)

# Investing for retirement



Bob and Cathy Quan began preparing for retirement 15 years ago with their first investment of \$1,000 a month in ICA (at MOP). Their financial professional set up an Automatic Investment Plan to move money directly from their checking account into the fund.

Now looking ahead to 20 years in retirement, and aiming to preserve their principal, the Quans plan to make monthly withdrawals at an annual rate of 5% of their account value at each year-end, reinvesting their dividends and capital gain distributions.

It's impossible to predict how much money they will withdraw over the next 20 years, of course. But this chart shows how the plan would have worked if they had invested \$1,000 a month from 1990 through 2004, and then withdrew 5% a year over a 20-year period ended December 31, 2024. They would have taken a total of \$526,964 in withdrawals – and would still have \$990,535 left.

Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining.

For illustrations of higher or lower withdrawal rates, please ask your financial professional.

\*Cumulative volume discount applied when appropriate.

Year	Cumulative investment*	Value of account	Withdrawals
1990	\$12,000	\$12,619	-
1991	\$24,000	\$28,407	_
1992	\$36,000	\$42,378	_
1993	\$48,000	\$59,373	_
1994	\$60,000	\$70,922	_
1995	\$72,000	\$105,570	_
1996	\$84,000	\$138,696	_
1997	\$96,000	\$192,931	_
1998	\$108,000	\$250,143	_
1999	\$120,000	\$304,225	_
2000	\$132,000	\$327,865	_
2001	\$144,000	\$324,452	_
2002	\$156,000	\$288,476	_
2003	\$168,000	\$378,057	_
2004	\$180,000	\$426,608	_
2005		\$433,492	\$21,330
2006		\$479,273	\$21,675
2007		\$483,773	\$23,964
2008		\$296,631	\$24,189
2009		\$359,503	\$14,832
2010		\$378,598	\$17,975
2011		\$353,439	\$18,930
2012		\$390,115	\$17,672
2013		\$494,369	\$19,506
2014		\$528,196	\$24,718
2015		\$494,564	\$26,410
2016		\$540,153	\$24,728
2017		\$617,275	\$27,008
2018		\$548,620	\$30,864
2019		\$653,088	\$27,431
2020		\$709,711	\$32,654
2021		\$848,048	\$35,486
2022		\$674,869	\$42,402
2023		\$828,947	\$33,743
2024		\$990,535	\$41,447
		Total withdra	wals: \$526,964

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### Customizing withdrawals

Over time, your income needs will probably vary, so you should develop a plan that fits your circumstances. Here are a few ways to set up withdrawals, based on a hypothetical investment of \$100,000 (at MOP) over the 20-year period ended December 31, 2024.

	Dividends in o	cash \$411,933	Self-adjusting withdrawalsFixed-amount withdrawals(Assumes monthly withdrawals at an annual rate of 5% of the previous year's account value.)(Assumes monthly withdrawals at an annual rate of 5% of the 		awals at ne initial			
\$59,74	95		\$119,		223,642	\$100		5241,169
Dividends	in cash Enc	ding value	Total with	ndrawals En	ding value	Total wit	hdrawals En	iding value
Year	Dividends in cash	Ending value	Year	Withdrawals	Ending value	Year	Withdrawals	Ending value
2005	\$2,134	\$100,924	2005	\$5,000	\$97,873	2005	\$5,000	\$97,873
2006	\$2,382	\$114,493	2006	\$4,894	\$108,210	2006	\$5,000	\$108,095
2007	\$2,255	\$119,012	2007	\$5,410	\$109,226	2007	\$5,000	\$109,515
2008	\$2,456	\$75,706	2008	\$5,461	\$66,973	2008	\$5,000	\$67,527
2009	\$2,059	\$93,729	2009	\$3,349	\$81,168	2009	\$5,000	\$79,897
2010	\$2,023	\$101,711	2010	\$4,058	\$85,479	2010	\$5,000	\$83,026
2011	\$2,095	\$97,847	2011	\$4,274	\$79,799	2011	\$5,000	\$76,678
2012	\$2,601	\$110,450	2012	\$3,990	\$88,080	2012	\$5,000	\$83,416
2013	\$2,307	\$143,707	2013	\$4,404	\$111,618	2013	\$5,000	\$104,761
2014	\$2,839	\$158,158	2014	\$5,581	\$119,255	2014	\$5,000	\$112,179
2015	\$2,659	\$153,223	2015	\$5,963	\$111,662	2015	\$5,000	\$105,637
2016	\$3,145	\$172,279	2016	\$5,583	\$121,955	2016	\$5,000	\$115,677
2017	\$3,233	\$202,817	2017	\$6,098	\$139,367	2017	\$5,000	\$133,048
2018	\$3,720	\$186,118	2018	\$6,968	\$123,867	2018	\$5,000	\$119,771
2019	\$4,190	\$227,310	2019	\$6,193	\$147,453	2019	\$5,000	\$143,663
2020	\$3,567	\$255,938	2020	\$7,373	\$160,238	2020	\$5,000	\$158,666
2021	\$3,587	\$316,085	2021	\$8,012	\$191,471	2021	\$5,000	\$192,838
2022	\$3,809	\$263,287	2022	\$9,574	\$152,371	2022	\$5,000	\$158,012
2023	\$4,626	\$333,180	2023	\$7,619	\$187,159	2023	\$5,000	\$197,385
2024	\$4,107	\$411,933	2024	\$9,358	\$223,642	2024	\$5,000	\$241,169
Total d	lividends in cas	h: \$59,795	Tot	al withdrawals: \$	5119,161	Tot	al withdrawals: \$	5100,000

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### A 91-year history of investment success

Year	ICA's total return (at NAV)	Stock market	Consumer prices	Year	ICA's total return (at NAV)	Stock market	Consume prices
1934	+25.4%	-1.5%	+1.5%	1980	+21.2%	+32.5%	+12.5%
1935	+83.1%	+47.7%	+3.0%	1981	+0.9%	-4.9%	+8.9%
1936	+45.8%	+33.8%	+1.4%	1982	+33.8%	+21.5%	+3.8%
1937	-38.5%	-35.0%	+2.9%	1983	+20.2%	+22.6%	+3.8%
1938	+27.6%	+31.0%	-2.8%	1984	+6.7%	+6.3%	+3.9%
1939	+0.8%	-0.4%	0.0%	1985	+33.4%	+31.7%	+3.8%
1940	-2.4%	-9.8%	+0.7%	1986	+21.7%	+18.7%	+1.1%
1941	-7.4%	-11.6%	+9.9%	1987	+5.4%	+5.3%	+4.4%
1942	+16.8%	+20.4%	+9.0%	1988	+13.3%	+16.6%	+4.4%
1943	+32.8%	+25.8%	+3.0%	1989	+29.4%	+31.7%	+4.6%
1944	+23.3%	+19.7%	+2.3%	1990	+0.7%	-3.1%	+6.1%
1945	+36.8%	+36.4%	+2.2%	1991	+26.5%	+30.5%	+3.1%
1946	-2.4%	-8.1%	+18.1%	1992	+7.0%	+7.6%	+2.9%
1947	+0.9%	+5.7%	+8.8%	1993	+11.6%	+10.1%	+2.7%
1948	+0.4%	+5.4%	+3.0%	1994	+0.2%	+1.3%	+2.7%
1949	+9.4%	+18.8%	-2.1%	1995	+30.6%	+37.6%	+2.5%
1950	+19.8%	+31.7%	+5.9%	1996	+19.3%	+23.0%	+3.3%
1951	+17.8%	+24.0%	+6.0%	1997	+29.8%	+33.4%	+1.7%
1952	+12.2%	+18.3%	+0.8%	1998	+22.9%	+28.6%	+1.6%
1953	+0.4%	-1.0%	+0.7%	1999	+16.6%	+21.0%	+2.7%
1954	+56.1%	+52.6%	-0.7%	2000	+3.8%	-9.1%	+3.4%
1955	+25.4%	+31.5%	+0.4%	2001	-4.6%	-11.9%	+1.6%
1956	+10.8%	+6.5%	+3.0%	2002	-14.5%	-22.1%	+2.4%
1957	-11.9%	-10.8%	+2.9%	2003	+26.3%	+28.7%	+1.9%
1958	+44.8%	+43.3%	+1.8%	2004	+9.8%	+10.9%	+3.3%
1959	+14.2%	+12.0%	+1.7%	2005	+6.9%	+4.9%	+3.4%
1960	+4.5%	+0.5%	+1.4%	2006	+15.9%	+15.8%	+2.5%
1961	+23.1%	+26.9%	+0.7%	2007	+5.9%	+5.5%	+4.1%
1962	-13.2%	-8.7%	+1.3%	2008	-34.7%	-37.0%	+0.1%
1963	+22.9%	+22.8%	+1.6%	2009	+27.2%	+26.5%	+2.7%
1964	+16.3%	+16.5%	+1.0%	2010	+10.9%	+15.1%	+1.5%
1965	+26.9%	+12.5%	+1.9%	2011	-1.8%	+2.1%	+3.0%
1966	+1.0%	-10.1%	+3.5%	2012	+15.6%	+16.0%	+1.7%
1967	+28.9%	+24.0%	+3.0%	2013	+32.4%	+32.4%	+1.5%
1968	+17.0%	+11.1%	+4.7%	2014	+12.1%	+13.7%	+0.8%
1969	-10.7%	-8.4%	+6.2%	2015	-1.4%	+1.4%	+0.7%
1970	+2.6%	+3.9%	+5.6%	2016	+14.6%	+12.0%	+2.1%
1971	+17.0%	+14.3%	+3.3%	2017	+19.7%	+21.8%	+2.1%
1972	+15.9%	+19.0%	+3.4%	2018	-6.5%	-4.4%	+1.9%
1973	-16.8%	-14.7%	+8.7%	2019	+24.5%	+31.5%	+2.3%
1974	-17.9%	-26.5%	+12.3%	2020	+14.5%	+18.4%	+1.4%
1975	+35.4%	+37.2%	+6.9%	2021	+25.0%	+28.7%	+7.0%
1976	+29.6%	+23.9%	+4.9%	2022	-15.5%	-18.1%	+6.5%
1977	-2.6%	-7.2%	+6.7%	2023	+28.5%	+26.3%	+3.4%
1978	+14.7%	+6.6%	+9.0%	2024	+24.9%	+25.0%	+2.9%
1979	+19.2%	+18.6%	+13.3%				

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Sources: Stock market: S&P 500 Index, with reinvestment of dividends; consumer prices: Consumer Price Index as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Results for ICA are shown at net asset value, with all distribution reinvested.

91-year average annual total returns through 12/31/24								
+12.2% +11.1% +3.6%								
Number of best years								
34	34	23						

### What makes ICA a rare opportunity

This growth-and-income fund has outshone many individual stocks, and it would be difficult to find a company that could match its statistics:

helping investors pursue their dreams for

91 years

net assets of approximately

**\$154** billion, with over \$4 billion in reserves of cash & equivalents

invested in such diverse industries as software; aerospace & defense; semiconductors & semiconductor equipment; tobacco; and oil, gas & consumable fuels

a management team of **eight portfolio managers** with an average of nearly 31 years of investment industry experience

research offices located throughout the United States, Europe and Asia

paid a dividend every year since **1936** 

increased regular dividends in 77 of the past 88 calendar years (if dividends were taken in cash and capital gains were reinvested, not including special dividends)



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All figures are as of December 31, 2024, except for portfolio manager information, which is as of the fund's prospectus dated March 1, 2025.

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#### A history of strong investment results

Over the past 40 years, **74%** of funds outpaced more than half of their respective peers when comparing average 10-year rolling returns. And **71%** had higher risk-adjusted returns (as indicated by the Sharpe ratio<sup>4</sup>) over that same time frame.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Compensation paid to our investment professionals is heavily influenced by results over one-, three-, five- and eight-year periods, with increasing weight placed on each succeeding measurement period to encourage a long-term investment approach.

<sup>2</sup>Ninety-seven percent of American Funds<sup>®</sup> assets are invested in mutual funds in which at least one manager has invested more than \$1 million. Source: Morningstar. Data as of 2/15/25.

<sup>3</sup>On average, our mutual fund management fees were in the lowest quintile 49% of the time, based on the 20-year period ended December 31, 2024, versus comparable Lipper categories, excluding funds of funds.

<sup>4</sup>Sharpe ratio uses standard deviation (a measure of volatility) and return in excess of the risk-free rate to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the number, the better the portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

<sup>5</sup>Methodology: Based on a comparison of each fund with its respective Morningstar category peers. Data are based on the following mutual fund share classes: Class F-2, Class M, Class 529-A, Class 1, Class P-2 and Class 4. One share class was used per fund. The analysis uses Morningstar hypothetical methodology to calculate hypothetical fund results for periods before a share class's inception. For those periods, Morningstar uses results for the oldest share class (unless the newer share class is more expensive). Source: Capital Group, based on mutual fund data from Morningstar. For each fund, we calculated the average rolling Sharpe ratio and return over the 40-year period (or the fund's lifetime, if it lacks a 40-year history). That average rolling return and Sharpe ratio were compared against the equivalent averages for each fund's respective Morningstar peers on a percentile basis. Rolling returns are calculated monthly.

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