### **Fixed income at Capital Group**



### The four roles of fixed income

# Manage a wide range of fixed income assets

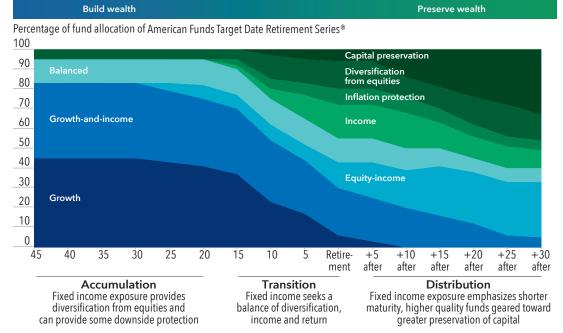
- \$555 billion in fixed income assets under management<sup>1</sup>
- Managing fixed income strategies since 1973

# The role of fixed income in portfolio construction

# Fixed income glide path pursues multiple objectives

Although the target date portfolios are managed for investors on a projected retirement date time frame, the allocation strategy does not guarantee that investors' retirement goals will be met. Investment professionals manage the portfolio, moving it from a more growthoriented strategy to a more incomeoriented focus as the target date gets closer. The target date is the year that corresponds roughly to the year in which an investor is assumed to retire and begin taking withdrawals. Investment professionals continue to manage each portfolio for approximately 30 years after it reaches its target date.

How bonds can anchor a portfolio:



Target allocations are as of September 30, 2024, and are subject to the oversight committee's discretion. Over the course of the year, the Series will be implementing changes such as increasing exposure to New World Fund, decreasing American Funds Global Balanced Fund and adding an allocation to American Funds Emerging Markets Bond Fund. For allocations to the underlying funds as of September 30, 2024, visit **capitalgroup.com**. New target allocations will be reached by December 31, 2024. The investment adviser anticipates assets will be invested within a range that deviates no more than 10% above or below the allocations shown in the prospectus. Underlying funds may be added or removed during the year.

#### Our focus on long-term client outcomes and downside protection has led to strong relative results

### A disciplined process guided by conviction

- Empowering research analysts to manage money enhances accountability and helps identify better opportunities
- A team approach results in high-conviction ideas gaining prominence in our portfolios
- 248 fixed income professionals collaborate regularly with their equity colleagues, leveraging our size and scale<sup>2</sup>

#### Commitment to investor success

- Portfolio managers invest in their own funds 100% manager ownership in each fixed income mutual fund (excluding statespecific municipal funds)
- Manager compensation places an emphasis on long-term results, not assets under management
- We offer funds with low expense ratios<sup>3</sup>

#### Superior outcomes

as of 12/31/2023

- Delivered strong returns and risk-adjusted returns vs. peers<sup>4</sup>
- Helped investors achieve diversification through attention to the correlation between bonds and equities relative to peers<sup>5</sup>
- Manage core bond mutual funds that have shown relative resilience in periods of equity market volatility<sup>6</sup>

Correlation based on monthly total returns. Correlation is a statistical measure of how a security and an index move in relation to each other. A correlation ranges from -1 to 1. A positive correlation close to 1 implies that as one moved, either up or down, the other moved in "lockstep," in the same direction. A negative correlation close to -1 indicates the two have moved in the opposite direction.

<sup>6</sup>Data from Morningstar. Periods of equity volatility were defined as the most recent market corrections between April 2010 and December 2023 when price declines were 10% or more (without dividends reinvested) in the unmanaged S&P 500 with at least 75% recovery. The Bond Fund of America, Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America and American Funds Strategic Bond Fund outpaced the S&P 500 during these periods of volatility. The returns of the funds and index are based on total returns for F-2 share class. There have been periods when the funds lagged the index.

Investments are not FDIC-insured, nor are they deposits of or guaranteed by a bank or any other entity, so they may lose value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assets under management by Capital Fixed Income Investors as of 9/30/24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>As of 9/30/24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Source: Lipper. Based on the Class F-2 share data as of 12/31/23. Eighteen out of 18 American Funds fixed income funds had expense ratios below the average for their respective Lipper categories, based on institutional load funds, excluding funds of funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Data as of 12/31/23. Based on three-, five- and 10-year total returns and Morningstar risk-adjusted returns of Class F-2 shares for taxable and tax-exempt bond funds. Peer group is defined as the Morningstar category for each fund. The majority of the funds outpaced their peer group medians.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Based on Class F-2 share results as of 12/31/23. Thirteen of 18 fixed income American Funds that have been in existence for the three-year period showed a three-year correlation lower than their respective Morningstar peer group averages. S&P 500 Index was used as an equity market proxy.

5-year equity

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### Fixed income mutual funds

As of September 30, 2024

Inception date	Ticker				Gross expense ratio (%)				correlation to the S&P 500 Index
	Α	F-2	F-3	R-6	Α	F-2	F-3	R-6	F-2
12/14/12	BFIAX	BFIGX	FILBX	RILFX	0.69	0.39	0.29	0.29	0.58
es									
2/19/88	AIBAX	IBAFX	IFBFX	RBOGX	0.63	0.38	0.26	0.26	0.44
10/2/06	ASBAX	SBFFX	FSBTX	RMMGX	0.68	0.40	0.29	0.29	0.32
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2/19/88	AHITX	AHIFX	HIGFX	RITGX	0.73	0.44	0.33	0.33	0.82
8/4/87	CWBFX	BFWFX	WFBFX	RCWGX	0.99	0.60	0.48	0.48	0.67
12/14/12	BFCAX	BFCGX	CFBFX	RCBFX	0.72	0.44	0.32	0.32	0.69
4/22/16	EBNAX	EBNFX	EBNGX	REGGX	0.97	0.66	0.55	0.55	0.75
3/22/19	MIAQX	MIAYX	MIAZX	RMDUX	0.77	0.48	0.37	0.37	0.81
5/28/74	ABNDX	ABNFX	BFFAX	RBFGX	0.62	0.35	0.24	0.24	0.56
10/17/85	AMUSX	GVTFX	USGFX	RGVGX	0.65	0.36	0.26	0.26	0.34
11/1/10	MFAAX	MFAFX	AFFMX	RMAGX	0.72	0.40	0.28	0.28	0.44
3/18/16	ANBAX	ANBFX	ANBGX	RANGX	0.72	0.42	0.32	0.32	0.43
nds									
es									
10/6/93	LTEBX	LTEFX	FLTEX	N/A	0.60	0.37	0.26	N/A	0.56
d® 8/7/09	ASTEX	ASTFX	SFTEX	N/A	0.44	0.32	0.25	N/A	0.53
10/3/79	AFTEX	TEAFX	TFEBX	N/A	0.54	0.35	0.25	N/A	0.56
11/1/10	NYAAX	NYAFX	TFNYX	N/A	0.66	0.48	0.37	N/A	0.56
10/28/86	TAFTX	TEFEX	EXCAX	N/A	0.57	0.38	0.29	N/A	0.59
9/26/94	<b>AMHIX</b>	AHMFX	HIMFX	N/A	0.66	0.43	0.32	N/A	0.59
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