

# New World Fund®

Summary prospectus  
January 1, 2024



**CAPITAL** | **AMERICAN**  
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Class	A	C	T	F-1	F-2	F-3	529-A	529-C	529-E	529-T	529-F-1
	NEWFX	NEWCX	TNWFEX	NWFFEX	NFFFX	FNWFEX	CNWAX	CNWCX	CNWEEX	TWNFX	CNWFEX
Class	529-F-2	529-F-3	R-1	R-2	R-2E	R-3	R-4	R-5E	R-5	R-6	
	FNFWX	FWWNX	RNWAX	RNWBX	RNEBX	RNWCX	RNWEX	RNWHX	RNWFEX	RNWXG	

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](https://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](mailto:prospectus@americanfunds.com). The current prospectus and statement of additional information, dated January 1, 2024, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

**Investment objective** The fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.

**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. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional, in the "Sales charge reductions and waivers" sections on page 32 of the prospectus and on page 84 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:		C and 529-C	529-E	T and 529-T	All F and 529-F share classes	All R share classes
	A	529-A					
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	5.75%	3.50%	none	none	2.50%	none	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	1.00 <sup>1</sup>	1.00 <sup>1</sup>	1.00%	none	none	none	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Redemption or exchange fees	none	none	none	none	none	none	none

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

Share class:	A	C	T	F-1	F-2	F-3	529-A
Management fees	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	0.24	0.99	0.25	0.25	none	none	0.22
Other expenses	0.24	0.24	0.24 <sup>2</sup>	0.20	0.17	0.06	0.29
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.99	1.74	1.00	0.96	0.68	0.57	1.02

Share class:	529-C	529-E	529-T	529-F-1	529-F-2	529-F-3	R-1
Management fees	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	1.00	0.50	0.25	0.25	none	none	0.99
Other expenses	0.29	0.20	0.28 <sup>2</sup>	0.26	0.20 <sup>2</sup>	0.12	0.16
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.80	1.21	1.04	1.02	0.71	0.63	1.66

Share class:	R-2	R-2E	R-3	R-4	R-5E	R-5	R-6
Management fees	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	0.75	0.60	0.50	0.25	none	none	none
Other expenses	0.41	0.26	0.21	0.16	0.21	0.11	0.06
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.67	1.37	1.22	0.92	0.72	0.62	0.57

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Restated to reflect current fees.

**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. 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	T	F-1	F-2	F-3	529-A	529-C	529-E	529-T	529-F-1	529-F-2	529-F-3	R-1
1 year	\$670	\$277	\$349	\$98	\$69	\$58	\$450	\$283	\$123	\$353	\$104	\$73	\$64	\$169
3 years	872	548	560	306	218	183	663	566	384	573	325	227	202	523
5 years	1,091	944	789	531	379	318	894	975	665	810	563	395	351	902
10 years	1,718	1,853	1,444	1,178	847	714	1,554	1,634	1,466	1,489	1,248	883	786	1,965
Share class:	R-2	R-2E	R-3	R-4	R-5E	R-5	R-6	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	\$170	\$139	\$124	\$94	\$74	\$63	\$58				1 year	\$177	\$183	
3 years	526	434	387	293	230	199	183				3 years	548	566	
5 years	907	750	670	509	401	346	318				5 years	944	975	
10 years	1,976	1,646	1,477	1,131	894	774	714				10 years	1,853	1,634	

**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 32% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal investment strategies** The fund invests primarily in common stocks of companies with significant exposure to countries with developing economies and/or markets. The securities markets of these countries may be referred to as emerging markets. The fund may invest in equity securities of any company, regardless of where it is based (including developed countries), if the fund's investment adviser determines that a significant portion of the company's assets or revenues (generally 20% or more) is attributable to developing countries.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 35% of its assets in equity and debt securities of issuers primarily based in qualified countries that have developing economies and/or markets. The fund may also, to a limited extent, invest in securities of issuers based in nonqualified developing countries.

In determining whether a country is qualified, the fund's investment adviser considers such factors as the country's per capita gross domestic product, the percentage of the country's economy that is industrialized, market capital as a percentage of gross domestic product, the overall regulatory environment, the presence of government regulation limiting or banning foreign ownership, and restrictions on repatriation of initial capital, dividends, interest and/or capital gains. The fund's investment adviser maintains a list of qualified countries and securities in which the fund may invest.

The fund may also invest in debt securities of issuers, including issuers of lower rated bonds (rated Ba1 or below and BB+ or below by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations designated by the fund's investment adviser or unrated but determined to be of equivalent quality by the fund's investment adviser), with exposure to these countries. Bonds rated Ba1 or BB+ or below are sometimes referred to as "junk bonds."

In addition, the fund may invest in nonconvertible debt securities of issuers, including issuers of lower rated bonds and government bonds, that are primarily based in qualified countries or that have a significant portion of their assets or revenues attributable to developing countries.

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. Investors in the fund should have a long-term perspective and be able to tolerate potentially sharp declines in value.

*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; 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. These risks may be even greater in the case of smaller capitalization stocks.

*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 (including social instability, regional conflicts, terrorism and war) 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, such as nationalization, currency blockage or the imposition of price controls, sanctions, or punitive taxes, each of 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, accounting, auditing, financial reporting and recordkeeping requirements, 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, including foreign withholding taxes on interest and dividends. 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. The risks of investing outside the United States may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

*Investing in developing countries* – Investing in countries with developing economies and/or markets may involve risks in addition to and greater than those generally associated with investing in developed countries. For instance, developing countries tend to have less developed political, economic and legal systems than those in developed countries. Accordingly, the governments of these countries may be less stable and more likely to intervene in the market economy, for example, by imposing capital controls, nationalizing a company or industry, placing restrictions on foreign ownership and on withdrawing sale proceeds of securities from the country, and/or imposing punitive taxes that could adversely affect the prices of securities. Information regarding issuers in developing countries may be limited, incomplete or inaccurate, and such issuers may not be subject to regulatory, accounting, auditing, and financial reporting and recordkeeping standards comparable to those to which issuers in developed countries are subject. The fund's rights with respect to its investments in developing countries, if any, will generally be governed by local law, which may make it difficult or impossible for the fund to pursue legal remedies or to obtain and enforce judgments in local courts. In addition, the economies of these countries may be dependent on relatively few industries, may have limited access to capital and may be more susceptible to changes in local and global trade conditions and downturns in the world economy. Securities markets in these countries can also be relatively small and have substantially lower trading volumes. As a result, securities issued in these countries may be more volatile and less liquid, more vulnerable to market manipulation, and more difficult to value, than securities issued in countries with more developed economies and/or markets. Less certainty with respect to security valuations may lead to additional challenges and risks in calculating the fund's net asset value. Additionally, developing countries are more likely to experience problems with the clearing and settling of trades and the holding of securities by banks, agents and depositories that are less established than those in developed countries.

*Investing in debt instruments* – The prices of, and the income generated by, bonds and other debt securities held by the fund may be affected by factors such as the interest rates, maturities and credit quality of these securities.

Rising interest rates will generally cause the prices of bonds and other debt securities to fall. Also, when interest rates rise, issuers of debt securities which may be prepaid at any time, such as mortgage- or other asset-backed securities, are less likely to refinance existing debt securities, causing the average life of such securities to extend. A general change in interest rates may cause investors to sell debt securities on a large scale, which could also adversely affect the price and liquidity of debt securities and could also result in increased redemptions from the fund. Falling interest rates may cause an issuer to redeem, call or refinance a debt security before its stated maturity, which may result in the fund having to reinvest the proceeds in lower yielding securities. Longer maturity

debt securities generally have greater sensitivity to changes in interest rates and may be subject to greater price fluctuations than shorter maturity debt securities.

Bonds and other debt securities are also subject to credit risk, which is the possibility that the credit strength of an issuer or guarantor will weaken or be perceived to be weaker, and/or an issuer of a debt security will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest and the security will go into default. Changes in actual or perceived creditworthiness may occur quickly. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could cause the value of the fund's shares to decrease. Lower quality debt securities generally have higher rates of interest and may be subject to greater price fluctuations than higher quality debt securities. Credit risk is gauged, in part, by the credit ratings of the debt securities in which the fund invests. However, ratings are only the opinions of the rating agencies issuing them and are not guarantees as to credit quality or an evaluation of market risk. The fund's investment adviser relies on its own credit analysts to research issuers and issues in assessing credit and default risks.

*Investing in lower rated debt instruments* – Lower rated bonds and other lower rated debt securities generally have higher rates of interest and involve greater risk of default or price declines due to changes in the issuer's creditworthiness than those of higher quality debt securities. The market prices of these securities may fluctuate more than the prices of higher quality debt securities and may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty. These risks may be increased with respect to investments in junk bonds.

*Liquidity risk* – Certain fund holdings may be or may become difficult or impossible to sell, particularly during times of market turmoil. Liquidity may be impacted by the lack of an active market for a holding, legal or contractual restrictions on resale, or the reduced number and capacity of market participants to make a market in such holding. Market prices for less liquid or illiquid holdings may be volatile or difficult to determine, and reduced liquidity may have an adverse impact on the market price of such holdings. Additionally, the sale of less liquid or illiquid holdings may involve substantial delays (including delays in settlement) and additional costs and the fund may be unable to sell such holdings when necessary to meet its liquidity needs or to try to limit losses, or may be forced to sell at a loss.

*Investing in small companies* – Investing in smaller companies may pose additional risks. For example, it is often more difficult to value or dispose of small company stocks and more difficult to obtain information about smaller companies than about larger companies. Furthermore, smaller companies often have limited product lines, operating histories, markets and/or financial resources, may be dependent on one or a few key persons for management, and can be more susceptible to losses. Moreover, the prices of their stocks may be more volatile than stocks of larger, more established companies, particularly during times of market turmoil.

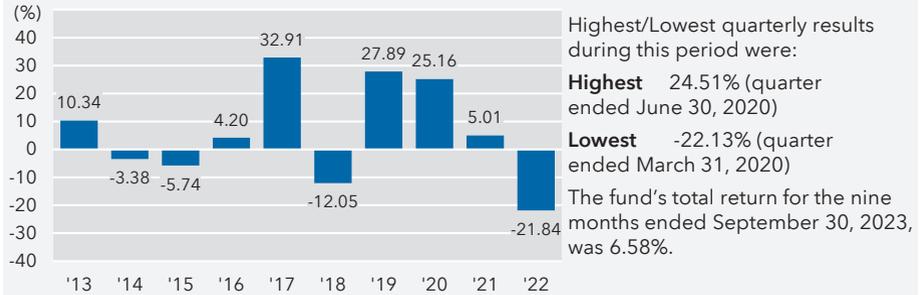
*Management* – The investment adviser to the fund actively manages the fund's investments. Consequently, the fund is subject to the risk that the methods and analyses, including models, tools and data, employed by the investment adviser in this process may be flawed or incorrect and may not produce the 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. 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. Prior to October 30, 2020, certain fees, such as 12b-1 fees, were not charged on Class 529-F-1 shares. If these expenses had been deducted, results would have been lower. Updated information on the fund’s investment results can be obtained by visiting [capitalgroup.com](http://capitalgroup.com).

### Calendar year total returns for Class F-2 shares

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



**Average annual total returns** For the periods ended December 31, 2022:

Share class	Inception date	1 year	5 years	10 years	Lifetime
F-2 – Before taxes	8/1/2008	-21.84%	2.93%	4.87%	4.18%
– After taxes on distributions		-21.94	2.29	4.27	N/A
– After taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares		-12.65	2.39	3.91	N/A

Share classes (before taxes)	Inception date	1 year	5 years	10 years	Lifetime
A (with maximum sales charge)	6/17/1999	-26.55%	1.43%	3.94%	6.86%
C	3/15/2001	-23.44	1.86	3.90	7.70
F-1	3/16/2001	-22.06	2.64	4.58	8.07
F-3	1/27/2017	-21.75	3.04	N/A	6.59
529-A (with maximum sales charge)	2/19/2002	-24.82	1.87	4.14	8.14
529-C	2/25/2002	-23.47	1.82	4.09	8.11
529-E	3/22/2002	-22.24	2.40	4.29	7.74
529-F-1	9/17/2002	-21.92	2.83	4.73	9.21
529-F-2	10/30/2020	-21.84	N/A	N/A	-1.03
529-F-3	10/30/2020	-21.80	N/A	N/A	-0.96
R-1	6/11/2002	-22.60	1.88	3.78	7.36
R-2	6/7/2002	-22.61	1.91	3.81	7.39
R-2E	8/29/2014	-22.38	2.21	N/A	3.40
R-3	6/6/2002	-22.27	2.36	4.28	7.88
R-4	10/7/2002	-22.03	2.68	4.61	9.48
R-5E	11/20/2015	-21.88	2.89	N/A	6.33
R-5	5/15/2002	-21.79	2.99	4.92	8.38
R-6	5/1/2009	-21.75	3.04	4.98	7.80

Indexes	1 year	5 years	10 years	Lifetime (from Class F-2 inception)
MSCI® All Country World Index (reflects no deductions for sales charges, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes)	-18.36%	5.23%	7.98%	6.15%

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 experience in this fund	Primary title with investment adviser
<b>Bradford F. Freer</b> Co-President	7 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
<b>Matt Hochstetler</b> Senior Vice President	7 years	Partner - Capital World Investors
<b>Dawid Justus</b> Co-President	4 years	Partner - Capital World Investors
<b>Carl M. Kawaja</b> Senior Vice President and Director	31 years	Partner – Capital World Investors
<b>Winnie Kwan</b> Senior Vice President	15 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
<b>Robert W. Lovelace</b> Senior Vice President	25 years	Partner – Capital International Investors
<b>Piyada Phanaphat</b> Senior Vice President	4 years	Partner – Capital World Investors
<b>Akira Shiraishi</b> Senior Vice President	6 years	Partner – Capital International Investors
<b>Kirstie Spence</b> Senior Vice President	4 years	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors
<b>Tomonori Tani</b> Senior Vice President	10 years	Partner – Capital World Investors
<b>Lisa Thompson</b> Co-President	5 years	Partner – Capital International Investors
<b>Christopher Thomsen</b> Senior Vice President	15 years	Partner – Capital Research Global 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.

**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](https://capitalgroup.com/prospectus).

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