

American Funds Insurance Series®

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Growth Fund

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Growth Fund

Investment objective The fund's investment objective is to provide 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 an interest in Class

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.

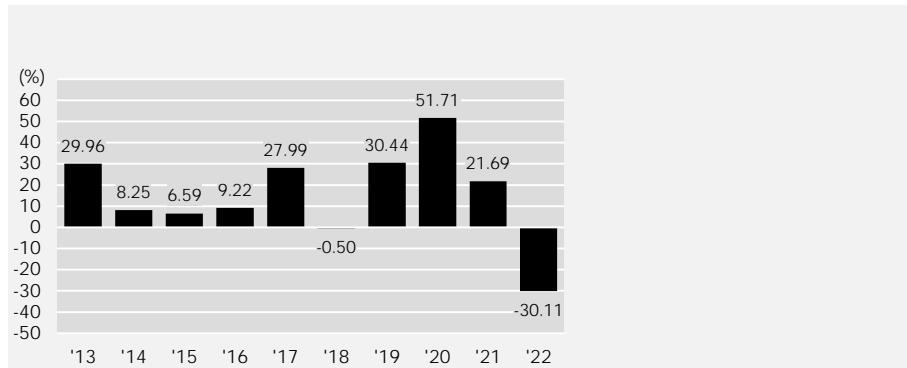
Market conditions – The prices of, and the income generated by, the common stocks and other securities held by the fund may decline – sometimes rapidly or unpredictably – due to various factors, including events or conditions affecting the general economy or particular industries or companies; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; governmental, governmental agency or central bank responses to economic conditions; 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) 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.

Investing in growth-oriented stocks – Growth-oriented common stocks and other equity-type securities (such as preferred stocks,

Investment results The following bar chart shows how the investment results of the Class 4 shares of the fund 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. Figures shown reflect fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund, but do not reflect insurance contract fees and expenses. If insurance contract fees and expenses were included, results would have been lower. Updated information on the fund's investment results can be obtained by visiting capitalgroup.com/afis.



Investment objectives, strategies and risks

Growth Fund The fund's investment objective is to provide growth of capital. While it has no present intention to do so, the fund's board may change the fund's investment objective without shareholder approval upon 60 days' written notice to shareholders.

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 may invest up to 25% of its assets in common stocks and other securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States, including, to a more limited extent, in emerging markets. Although the fund focuses on investments in medium to larger capitalization companies, the fund's investments are not limited to a particular capitalization size. The fund may also invest in other equity type securities, such as preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks and convertible bonds.

The fund is designed for investors seeking capital appreciation through investments in stocks. Investors in the fund should have a long-term perspective and be able to tolerate potentially sharp declines in value.

The fund may also hold cash or cash equivalents, including commercial paper and short-term securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities. The percentage of the fund invested in such holdings varies and depends on various factors, including

Management and organization

Investment adviser Capital Research and Management Company, an experienced investment management organization founded in 1931, serves as the investment adviser to the Series and other funds, including the American Funds. Capital Research and Management Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Capital Group Companies, Inc. and is located at 333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90071. Capital Research and Management Company manages the investment portfolios and business affairs of the Series. The

The primary individual portfolio managers for each of the funds are:

Portfolio manager for the

Portfolio manager for the Series/Title (if applicable)	Primary title with investment adviser (or affiliate) and investment experience	Portfolio manager's role in management of, and experience in, the fund(s)
Tom Chow	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 34 years in total; 8 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: American High-Income Trust – 8 years
Michael Cohen	Partner – Capital World Investors Investment professional for 32 years in total; 23 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Capital World Growth and Income Fund – 5 years International Growth and Income Fund – 1 year
Andrew A. Cormack	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 19 years in total; 5 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: American Funds Global Balanced Fund – 2 years Capital World Bond Fund – 4 years
David A. Daigle	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 29 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: Asset Allocation Fund – 14 years American High-Income Trust – 14 years (plus 9 years of prior experience as an investment analyst for the fund)
Oliver V. Edmonds	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 20 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: American Funds Mortgage Fund - 3 years
Charles E. Ellwein	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 27 years in total; 17 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Growth-Income Fund – 8 years (plus 8 years of prior experience as an investment analyst for the fund) Capital Income Builder – 2 years
Paul Flynn	Partner – Capital World Investors Investment professional for 27 years in total; 25 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Global Growth Fund – 6 years International Growth and Income Fund – 1 year
J. Blair Frank	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 30 years in total; 29 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Growth-Income Fund – 17 years
Bradford F. Freer	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 31 years in total; 29 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Global Small Capitalization Fund – 5 years New World Fund – 6 years (plus 13 years of prior experience as an investment analyst for the fund) American Funds Global Balanced Fund – 1 year
Nicholas J. Grace	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 33 years in total; 29 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for:

Portfolio manager for the Series/Title (if applicable)	Primary title with investment adviser (or affiliate) and investment experience	Portfolio manager's role in management of, and experience in, the fund(s)
Harold H. La	Partner - Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 25 years in total; 24 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for:

Portfolio manager for the Series/Title (if applicable)	Primary title with investment adviser (or affiliate) and investment experience	Portfolio manager's role in management of, and experience in, the fund(s)
Kirstie Spence	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 28 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: New World Fund – 3 years (plus 9 years of prior experience as an investment analyst for the fund)
Eric H. Stern	Partner – Capital International Investors Investment professional for 34 years in total; 32 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Washington Mutual Investors Fund – 2 years
Andrew B. Suzman	Partner – Capital World Investors Investment professional for 30 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: International Growth and Income Fund – 1 year
Tomonori Tani	Partner – Capital World Investors Investment professional for 25 years in total; 19 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for:

Purchases and redemptions of shares Shares of the Series are currently offered only to insurance company separate accounts as well as so-called "feeder funds" under master-feeder arrangements sponsored by insurance companies as underlying investments for such insurance companies' variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. All such shares may be purchased or redeemed by the insurance company separate accounts (or feeder funds) at net asset value without any sales or redemption charges. These purchases and redemptions are made at the price next determined after such purchases and redemptions of units of the separate accounts (or fe

Other compensation to dealers American Funds Distributors, at its expense, provides additional compensation to insurance companies. These payments may be made, at the discretion of American Funds Distributors, to insurance companies (or their affiliates) that have sold shares of the funds of the American Funds Insurance Series and American Funds as the exclusive underlying investments to their variable contracts. A number of factors will be considered in determining payments, including the sales, assets, and the quality of the company's relationship with American Funds Distributors. The payment will be determined using a formula applied consistently to insurance companies based on the relevant facts and circumstances. The level of payments made to a qualifying firm in any given year will vary and (excluding payments for meetings as described below) will represent the sum of (a) up to .14% of the current year's American Funds Insurance Series new deposits in the contracts, (b) up to .07% of the current and previous year's American Funds Insurance Series new deposits in the contracts, and (c) up to .0084% of American Funds Insurance Series assets attributable to the contracts, with an adjustment made for the quality of the company's relationship with American Funds Distributors. Aggregate payments made by American Funds Distributors to insurance companies may also change from year to year. Only assets and deposits in variable annuity contracts that offer exclusively shares of the American Funds Insurance Series and American Funds are included in the formula. Further, assets for which the insurance company, or an affiliated broker-dealer, acts as an ERISA investment fiduciary are generally excluded from the formula.

Fund expenses In periods of market volatility, assets of the funds may decline significantly, causing total annual fund operating expenses (as a percentage of the value of your investment) to become higher than the numbers shown in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses tables in this prospectus.

The "Other expenses" items in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses tables in this prospectus are based on expenses as of each fund's most recently completed fiscal year. These items include third-party expenses, such as custodial, legal, audit, accounting, regulatory reporting and pricing vendor services, and an administrative services fee payable to the Series' investment adviser for administrative services provided by the Series' investment adviser and its affiliates. In addition, the "Other expenses" items for Class 4 shares include fees for distribution in their variable contracts.

Investment results

Financial highlights

		(Loss) income from investment operations ¹	Dividends and distributions	
	Net asset value, beginning of year	Net investment income (loss)	Net (losses) gains on securities (both realized and	
Year ended		(.8525)	(.0592)	8.04

Year ended	Net asset value, beginning of year	(Loss) income from investment operations ¹			Dividends and distributions			Net asset value, end of year	Total return	Net assets, end of year (in millions)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets ³
		Net investment income	Net (losses) gains on securities (both realized and unrealized)	Total from investment operations	Dividends (from net investment income)	Distributions (from capital gains)	Total dividends and distributions				

Year ended	Net asset value, beginning of year	(Loss) income from investment operations ¹			Dividends and distributions			Net asset value, end of year	Total return ²	Net assets,
		Net investment	Net (losses) gains on securities (both realized and unrealized)	Total from investment operations	Dividends (from net investment income)	Distributions (from capital gains)	Total dividends and distributions			

Year ended	Net asset value, beginning of year	(Loss) income from investment operations ¹	Dividends and distributions	Net

Year ended	Net asset value, beginning of year	Net investment income	(Loss) income from investment operations ¹ Net (losses) gains on securities	Dividends and distributions

Income (loss) from
investment operations¹

Dividends and distributions

Portfolio turnover rate for all share classes excluding mortgage dollar roll transactions ⁷	Year ended December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Capital Income Builder	48%	60%	110%	44%	42%
Asset Allocation Fund	42	45	49	47	34
American Funds Global Balanced Fund	111	36	68	60	30
American Funds Mortgage Fund	56	38	123	84	60
Capital World Bond Fund	114	64	88	110	78
The Bond Fund of America	77	87	72	146	98
U.S. Government Securities Fund	77	126	112	103	76
Portfolio turnover rate for all share classes including mortgage dollar roll transactions ⁷	Year ended December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Global Growth	29%	18%	17%	14%	25%

Other fund information Shares of the Series are currently offered to insurance company separate accounts funding both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Interests of various contract owners participating in the Series may be in conflict. The board of trustees of the