
Capital Income Builder®

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Investment objectives The fund has two primary investment objectives. It seeks (1) to provide a level of current income that exceeds the average yield on U.S. stocks generally and (2) to provide a growing stream of income over the years. The fund's secondary 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 4 shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as insurance contract fees and expenses, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below. If insurance contract fees and expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher.

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Class 4
Management fee ¹	0.36%
Distribution (12b-1) fees	0.25
Other expenses	0.30
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.91
Fee waiver ²	0.14
Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver	0.77

¹ Restated to reflect current fees.

² The investment adviser is currently waiving a portion of its management fee equal to .14% of the fund's net assets. This waiver will be in effect through at least May 1, 2024. The waiver may only be modified or terminated with the approval of the fund's board.

Example This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in Class 4 shares of 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 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. The example does not reflect insurance contract expenses. If insurance contract expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher. The example reflects the fee waiver described above through the expiration date of such waiver and total annual fund operating expenses thereafter. No sales charge (load) or other fees are charged by the fund upon redemption, so you would incur these hypothetical costs whether or not you were to redeem your shares at the end of the given period. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Class 4	\$79	\$276	\$490	\$1,107

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. 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 126% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal investment strategies The fund normally invests at least 90% of its assets in income-producing securities (with at least 50% of its assets in common stocks and other equity securities). The fund invests primarily in a broad range of income-producing securities, including common stocks and bonds. In seeking to provide a level of current income that exceeds the average yield on U.S. stocks, the fund generally looks to the average yield on stocks of companies listed on the S&P 500 Index. The fund may also invest significantly in common stocks, bonds and other securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States.

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 securities 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, bonds 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

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 and other applicable measures of market results. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The MSCI All Country World Index reflects the equity market sectors in which the fund invests. Results reflect dividends gross of withholding taxes through December 31, 2000, and dividends net of withholding taxes thereafter. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index represents the U.S. investment-grade fixed-rate bond market. 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

Management

Investment adviser Capital Research and Management Company

Portfolio managers The individuals primarily responsible for the portfolio management of the fund are:

Portfolio manager/ Series title (if applicable)	Portfolio manager experience in this fund	Primary title with investment adviser
Aline Avzaradel	3 years	Partner – Capital International Investors
Alfonso Barroso	3 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Grant L. Cambridge	3 years	Partner – Capital International Investors
Charles E. Ellwein	2 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
David A. Hoag	3 years	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors
Winnie Kwan	3 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
James B. Lovelace	3 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Fergus N. MacDonald	3 years	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors
Caroline Randall	3 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Bradley J. Vogt	3 years	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors
Steven T. Watson	5 years	Partner – Capital International Investors
Philip Winston	9 years	Partner – Capital International Investors

Purchase and sale of fund shares Shares of the fund are not sold directly to the general public. The fund is offered only as an underlying investment option for variable insurance contracts, and insurance company separate accounts and qualified feeder funds – and not the holders of variable insurance contracts – are the shareholders of the fund. Although the fund does not require a minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases from insurance companies, your insurance company may impose investment minimums for your purchase of the fund.

You may sell (redeem) shares on any business day. You must sell (redeem) shares through your insurance company.

Tax information See your variable insurance contract prospectus for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of your variable insurance contract and related distributions.

Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries The fund is not sold directly to the general public but instead is offered

Investment objectives, strategies and risks

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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 emerging markets 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 more developed markets are subject. The fund's rights with respect to its investments in emerging markets, 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, and may be 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, emerging markets 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.

Exposure to country, region, industry or sector – Subject to the fund's investment limitations, the fund may have significant exposure to a particular country, region, industry or sector. Such exposure may cause the fund to be more impacted by risks relating to and developments affecting the country, region, industry or sector, and thus its net asset value may be more volatile, than a fund without such levels of exposure. For example, if the fund has significant exposure in a particular country, then social, economic, regulatory or other issues that negatively affect that country may have a greater impact on the fund than on a fund that is more geographically diversified.

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.

Lending of portfolio securities – Securities lending involves risks, including the risk that the loaned securities may not be returned in a timely manner or at all, which would interfere with the fund's ability to vote proxies or settle transactions, and/or the risk of a counterparty default. Additionally, the fund may lose money from the reinvestment of collateral received on loaned securities in investments that decline in value, default or do not perform as expected.

Cybersecurity breaches – The fund may be subject to operational and information security risks through breaches in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity breaches can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events, including "ransomware" attacks, the injection of computer viruses or malicious software code, the use of vulnerabilities in code to gain unauthorized access to digital information systems, networks or devices, or external attacks such as denial-of-service attacks on the investment adviser's or an affiliate's website that could render the fund's network services unavailable to intended end-users. These breaches may, among other things, lead to the unauthorized release of confidential information, misuse of the fund's assets or sensitive information, the disruption of the fund's operational capacity, the inability of fund shareholders to transact business, or the destruction of the fund's physical infrastructure, equipment or operating systems. These events could cause the fund to violate applicable privacy and other laws and could subject the fund to reputational damage, additional costs associated with corrective measures and/or financial loss. The fund may also be subject to additional risks if its third-party service providers, suocoral c99()14.1357ovve'sectlt frousy e6.5(e)13(9(es10.9(u)9(oc)9se)13(r)14.1(wa)17.3(fo)8.5(er23.4(d/)g12.4(to

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 total management fee paid by each fund to its investment adviser for the most recent fiscal year, including any amounts waived, in each case expressed as a percentage of average net assets of that fund, appears in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses table for each fund. Please see the statement of additional information for further details. A discussion regarding the basis for the approval of the Series' Investment Advisory and Service Agreement by the Series' board of trustees is contained in the Series' semi-annual report to shareholders for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2022.

Capital Research and Management Company manages equity assets through three equity investment divisions and fixed income assets through its fixed income investment division, Capital Fixed Income Investors. The three equity investment divisions – Capital International Investors, Capital Research Global Investors and Capital World Investors – make investment decisions independently of one another.

The equity investment divisions may, in the future, be incorporated as wholly owned subsidiaries of Capital Research and Management Company. In that event, Capital Research and Management Company would continue to be the investment adviser, and day-to-day investment management of equity assets would continue to be carried out through one or more of these subsidiaries. Although not currently contemplated, Capital Research and Management Company could incorporate its fixed income investment division in the future and engage it to provide day-to-day investment management of fixed income assets. Capital Research and Management Company and each of the funds it advises have received an exemptive order from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that allows Capital Research and Management Company to use, upon approval of the funds' boards, its management subsidiaries and affiliates to provide day-to-day investment management services to the funds, including making changes to the management subsidiaries and affiliates providing such services. The Series' shareholders approved this arrangement; however, there is no assurance that Capital Research and

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)

Portfolio manager for the fund (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)
Michael 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: Global Small Capitalization Fund – 15 years (plus 4 years of prior experience as an investment analyst for the fund)
Thomas T. Lager	Partner – Capital International Investors Investment professional for 28 years in total; 27 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Washington Mutual Investors Fund – 2 years Asset Allocation Fund – 16 years
John Lee	Partner – Capital World Investors Investment professional for 27 years in total; 26 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Capital World Growth and Income Fund – 2 years Washington Mutual Investors Fund – 2 years Asset Allocation Fund – 5 years
Steven D. Lotwin	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 22 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: Ultra-Short Bond Fund – 5 years
James B. Lovelace	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 41 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Capital Income Builder – 3 years
Robert W. Lovelace	Partner – Capital International Investors Investment professional for 38 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: New World Fund – 3 years
Fergus N. MacDonald	Partner – Capital Fixed Income Investors Investment professional for 31 years in total; 20 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as a fixed income portfolio manager for: Capital Income Builder – 3 years American Funds Mortgage Fund – 12 years The Bond Fund of America – 2 years
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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: New World Fund – 5 years
Lisa Thompson	Partner – Capital International Investors Investment professional for 35 years in total; 29 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: New World Fund – 3 years International Growth and Income Fund – 1 year
Christopher Thomsen	Partner – Capital Research Global Investors Investment professional for 26 years, all with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: International Fund – 17 years New World Fund – 3 years
Justin Toner	Partner – Capital World Investors Investment professional for 29 years in total; 22 years with Capital Research and Management Company or affiliate	Serves as an equity portfolio manager for: Asset Allocation Fund – 7 years Justin Toner Justin Toner Intl pro

Purchases and redemptions of shares Shares of the Series are currently offered only to insurance company separate accounts as well as

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

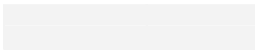
Year ended	Net asset value, beginning of year	(Loss) income from investment operations ¹			Dividends and distributions			Net asset value, end of year	Total return	Net assets, end of year (in millions)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets ³	Ratio of net income to average net assets
		Net investment 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					
International Fund												
Class 1:												
12/31/2022	\$22.70	\$.34	\$(4.79)	\$(4.45)	\$(.34)	\$(2.60)	\$(2.94)	\$15.31	(20.57)%	\$3,157	.54 %	1.95 %
12/31/2021	23.64	.38	(.67)	(.29)	(.65)	–	(.65)	22.70	(1.23)	4,747	.55	1.57
12/31/2020	20.86	.14	2.82	2.96	(.18)	–	(.18)	23.64	14.28	5,652	.55	.71
12/31/2019	17.66	.30	3.74	4.04	(.34)	(.50)	(.84)	20.86	23.21	5,353	.54	1.54
12/31/2018	21.71	.34	(2.97)	(2.63)	(.40)	(1.02)	(1.42)	17.66	(12.94)	4,811	.53	1.62
Class 1A:												
12/31/2022	22.61	.30	(4.78)	(4.48)	(.30)	(2.60)	(2.90)	15.23	(20.80)	10	.79	1.73
12/31/2021	23.55	.33	(.67)	(.34)	(.60)	–	(.60)	22.61	(1.47)	12	.80	1.39
12/31/2020	20.80	.08	2.81	2.89	(.14)	–	(.14)	23.55	13.96	10	.80	.43
12/31/2019	17.62	.25	3.72	3.97	(.29)	(.50)	(.79)	20.80	22.90	7	.79	1.27
12/31/2018	21.67	.27	(2.93)	(2.66)	(.37)	(1.02)	(1.39)	17.62	(13.11)	5	.78	1.32
Class 2:												
12/31/2022	22.60	.29	(4.76)	(4.47)	(.30)	(2.60)	(2.90)	15.23	(20.79)	3,164	.79	1.71
12/31/2021	23.54	.33	(.68)	(.35)	(.59)	–	(.59)	22.60	(1.49)	4,190	.80	1.35
12/31/2020	20.78	.09	2.80	2.89	(.13)	–	(.13)	23.54	13.97	4,481	.80	.46
12/31/2019	17.60	.25	3.72	3.97	(.29)	(.50)	(.79)	20.78	22.88	4,311	.79	1.29
12/31/2018	21.63	.29	(2.95)	(2.66)	(.35)	(1.02)	(1.37)	17.60	(13.13)	3,875	.78	1.40
Class 3:												
12/31/2022	22.76	.31	(4.81)	(4.50)	(.31)	(2.60)	(2.91)	15.35	(20.76)	16	.72	1.78
12/31/2021	23.69	.34	(.67)	(.33)	(.60)	–	(.60)	22.76	(1.39)	21	.73	1.41
12/31/2020	20.92	.10	2.81	2.91	(.14)	–	(.14)	23.69	14.00	25	.73	.53
12/31/2019	17.70	.27	3.75	4.02	(.30)	(.50)	(.80)	20.92	23.05	25	.72	1.37
12/31/2018	21.75	.31	(2.98)	(2.67)	(.36)	(1.02)	(1.38)	17.70	(13.10)	24	.71	1.48
Class 4:												
12/31/2022	22.31	.25	(4.71)	(4.46)	(.26)	(2.60)	(2.86)	14.99	(21.02)	373	1.04	1.47
12/31/2021	23.25	.27	(.67)	(.40)	(.54)	–	(.54)	22.31	(1.71)	459	1.05	1.13
12/31/2020	20.54	.04	2.76	2.80	(.09)	–	(.09)	23.25	13.66	423	1.05	.21
12/31/2019	17.40	.20	3.69	3.89	(.25)	(.50)	(.75)	20.54	22.67	379	1.04	1.03
12/31/2018	21.42	.23	(2.93)	(2.70)	(.30)	(1.02)	(1.32)	17.40	(13.41)	295	1.03	1.13

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, end of year (in millions)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets before waivers ³	Ratio of expenses to average net assets after waivers ^{2,3}	Ratio of net income to average net assets ²
		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						
New World Fund													
Class 1:													
12/31/2022	\$31.83												

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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 Net (losses) Net investment income	Dividends and distributions	
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Income (loss) from
investment operations¹

Dividends and distributions

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