

American Funds Growth Fund of Amer A

Benchmark 1: Russell 1000 Growth TR USD
Benchmark 2: S&P 500 TR USD

Morningstar Analyst Rating 06-14-18

Bronze

Morningstar Pillars

Process	⊕ Positive
Performance	⊕ Positive
People	⊕ Positive
Parent	⊕ Positive
Price	⊕ Positive

Morningstar Analyst Rating

Morningstar evaluates mutual funds based on five key pillars, which its analysts believe lead to funds that are more likely to outperform over the long term on a risk-adjusted basis.

Analyst Rating Spectrum

Gold Silver Bronze Neutral Negative

Pillar Spectrum

⊕ Positive ⊖ Negative ● Neutral

Performance 06-30-18

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total
2014	0.93	4.95	0.44	2.73	9.30
2015	3.37	1.38	-6.71	7.76	5.36
2016	-2.54	2.88	6.47	1.59	8.46
2017	8.11	3.92	5.02	6.91	26.14
2018	2.95	5.90	—	—	—

Trailing	Total	+/- Bmark	+/- Bmark	%Rank	Growth of \$10,000
	Return%	1	2	Cat	
3 Mo	5.90	0.14	2.47	35	10,590
6 Mo	9.02	1.77	6.37	35	10,902
1 Yr	22.41	-0.10	8.03	38	12,241
3 Yr Avg	14.46	-0.52	2.53	26	14,994
5 Yr Avg	15.47	-0.89	2.05	39	20,525
10 Yr Avg	10.02	-1.81	-0.15	57	25,988
15 Yr Avg	10.44	0.14	1.14	24	44,364

Tax Analysis	Tax Adj Rtn%	%Rank Cat	Tax-Cost Rat	%Rank Cat
3 Yr (estimated)	10.36	52	1.66	56
5 Yr (estimated)	12.09	56	1.76	56
10 Yr (estimated)	8.26	67	1.02	54

Potential Capital Gain Exposure: 52% of assets

Morningstar's Take by Alec Lucas, Ph.D. 06-14-18

American Funds Growth Fund of America combines skilled management with a scalable approach suited to tapping that skill. Its huge asset base remains a challenge, though, and keeps the fund's Morningstar Analyst Rating at Bronze.

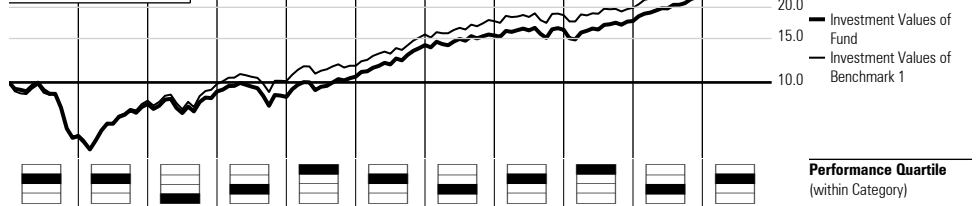
The fund is grappling with its own success. Its \$190 asset base, the large-growth Morningstar Category's biggest, is about 1.5 times the size it was five years ago—an increase that has come through competitive investment results, not inflows. Indeed, apart from one month the fund has had steady outflows that whole time.

American's multimanager system is built for scale. This fund's assets are split between two distinct six-person management teams and their respective benches of roughly 50 analysts each. The assets are then further divided between the managers who run separate sleeves of the overall portfolio, which range in size from roughly \$9 billion to \$15 billion.

The managers' mix of investment styles adds further diversification. Relative newcomer Mark Casey's expertise in internet stocks inclines his portfolio sleeve toward growth names like top-holding Amazon.com

Historical Profile

Return Average
Risk Below Avg
Rating ★★★
 Neutral



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	06-18	History
NAV	20.48	27.33	30.44	28.73	34.35	43.00	42.68	41.29	42.04	49.54	54.01	NAV
Total Return %	-39.07	34.48	12.28	-4.89	20.54	33.79	9.30	5.36	8.46	26.14	9.02	Total Return %
+/- Bmark 1	-0.63	-2.73	-4.43	-7.53	5.28	0.31	-3.75	-0.30	1.38	-4.07	1.77	+/- Bmark 1
+/- Bmark 2	-2.07	8.02	-2.78	-7.00	4.54	1.40	-4.39	3.98	-3.50	4.31	6.37	+/- Bmark 2
Income Return %	0.69	1.03	0.90	0.72	0.99	0.40	0.39	0.64	0.61	0.59	0.00	Income Return %
Capital Return %	-39.76	33.45	11.38	-5.61	19.56	33.39	8.91	4.72	7.85	25.54	9.02	Capital Return %
Total Rtn % Rank Cat	39	49	77	73	7	49	60	37	12	60	35	Total Rtn % Rank Cat
Income \$	0.23	0.21	0.25	0.22	0.28	0.14	0.17	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.00	Income \$
Capital Gains \$	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.75	4.06	3.39	2.53	3.23	0.00	Capital Gains \$
Expense Ratio %	0.65	0.76	0.69	0.68	0.71	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.66	0.64	0.62	Expense Ratio %
Income Ratio %	1.09	1.00	0.76	0.67	0.66	0.60	0.39	0.51	0.57	0.64	0.31	Income Ratio %
Turnover Rate %	32	38	33	34	18	27	26	29	31	25	—	Turnover Rate %
Net Assets \$mil	52,596	66,117	66,101	53,225	55,970	70,776	72,818	74,013	74,183	85,405	90,175	Net Assets \$mil

Rating and Risk

Time Period	Load-Adj Return %	Morningstar Rtn vs Cat	Morningstar Risk vs Cat	Morningstar Risk-Adj Rating
1 Yr	15.37			
3 Yr	12.22	+Avg	Avg	★★★★
5 Yr	14.11	Avg	-Avg	★★★★
10 Yr	9.37	Avg	-Avg	★★★
Incept	13.60			

Other Measures	Standard Index	Best Fit Index
Alpha	1.9	0.3
Beta	1.04	0.97
R-Squared	88	92
Standard Deviation	11.25	
Mean	14.46	
Sharpe Ratio	1.20	

Portfolio Analysis 03-31-18

Total Stocks: 257

Share change since 12-31-17	Sector	YTD Ret %	% Assets
Amazon.com Inc	Cnsmr Cyc	—	5.98
Netflix Inc	Cnsmr Cyc	—	3.66
Alphabet Inc C	Technology	—	3.10
Microsoft Corp	Technology	—	3.06
UnitedHealth Group Inc	Hlth Care	—	2.45
Facebook Inc A	Technology	—	2.05
The Home Depot Inc	Cnsmr Cyc	—	1.83
Broadcom Inc	Technology	—	1.70
Alphabet Inc A	Technology	—	1.66
EOG Resources Inc	Energy	—	1.63
Nike Inc B	Cnsmr Cyc	—	1.29
AbbVie Inc	Hlth Care	—	1.22
Mastercard Inc A	Finan Svcs	—	1.18
Booking Holdings Inc	Cnsmr Cyc	—	1.17
Illumina Inc	Hlth Care	—	1.11
Wells Fargo & Co	Finan Svcs	—	1.07
Abbott Laboratories	Hlth Care	—	1.04
Concho Resources Inc	Energy	—	1.03
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Hlth Care	—	1.03
Berkshire Hathaway Inc A	Finan Svcs	—	0.95

Current Investment Style

Value Blend Growth	Market Cap	%	Sector Weightings	% of Stocks	Rel Bmark 1
	Giant	59.2	Cyclical	36.56	1.23
	Large	28.5	BasicMat	2.82	1.73
	Mid	11.7	CnsmrCyc	20.68	1.17
	Small	0.5	FinanSvcs	12.65	1.46
	Micro	0.0	Real Est	0.41	0.24
Avg \$mil: 90,875			Sensitive	44.95	0.88
			CommSvcs	2.63	2.50
			Energy	7.39	7.32
			Industrl	8.21	0.64
			Technlgy	26.72	0.74
			Defensive	18.50	-0.02
			CnsmrDef	4.39	0.72
			Hlthcare	14.11	1.07
			Utilities	0.00	—

Composition - Net		
Cash	6.4	
Stocks	91.4	
Bonds	1.8	
Other	0.4	
Foreign	15.9	(% of Stock)

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Minimum Purchase: \$250 Add: \$50 IRA: \$25
 Min Auto Inv Plan: \$50 Add: \$50
 Sales Fees: 5.75%L
 Management Fee: 0.50% mx/0.23% mn., 0.01%A
 Actual Fees: Mgt:0.27% Dist:0.24%
 Expense Projections: 3Yr:\$768 5Yr:\$911 10Yr:\$1327
 Income Distribution: Annually

Profitability %
 Return on Equity 19.84
 Return on Assets 7.20
 Net Margin 13.84