

Introducing
American Funds
Global Balanced FundSM



**For investors
who want to:**

- Invest globally in a balanced way
- Hire a global leader
- Gain broad diversification in a single fund

Opportunities abound around the globe

For investors looking to restore balance to their portfolios, there are exciting global opportunities in both stocks and bonds, as well as a convincing argument for bringing those opportunities together to balance growth potential with relative stability.

Globalization helps many U.S. and non-U.S. companies

It is estimated that nearly 90% of the GDP growth worldwide in the six-year period ending in 2015 will be generated outside the United States, with China and India contributing more than one-third.

Today, the U.S. remains the world's largest single economy with more than 40% of the world's investable universe.* And both here and abroad, multinationals now constitute a significant number of all publicly traded companies and represent a driving force in worldwide economic integration.

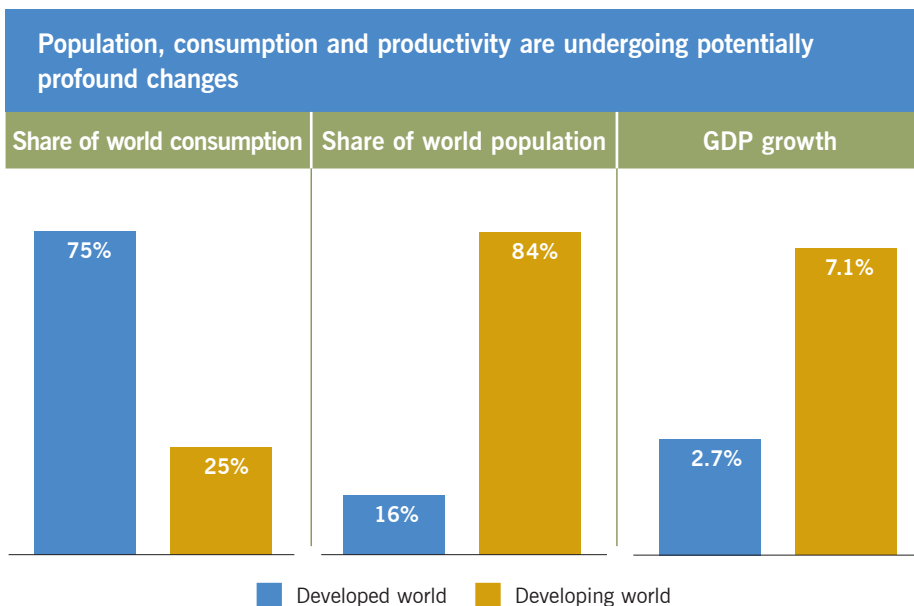
* Based on market capitalization data from MSCI as of 12/31/10.

A different world emerges as developing countries evolve

Developing countries now represent such a significant percentage of the world's population and the global economy that they are changing the way many companies do business — and the way investors should look at the world.

Despite having most of the world's population, consumption in the developing world is still only 25% of the world's total. The discrepancy illustrates demand for goods and services has significant potential to grow, and could represent a vast market for companies around the world.

For example, did you know that Buick now sells more cars in China than in the U.S.? Or that McDonald's plans to double the number of stores in China by 2013?



Sources: The World Bank World Development Indicators (WDI) database and International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Economic Outlook (WEO) database. The developed world represents 33 countries comprising IMF's group of advanced economies, and the developing world represents 150 countries in the group of emerging and developing. Figures for consumption and population are as of 2009, and those for GDP are based on partially estimated data for 2010.



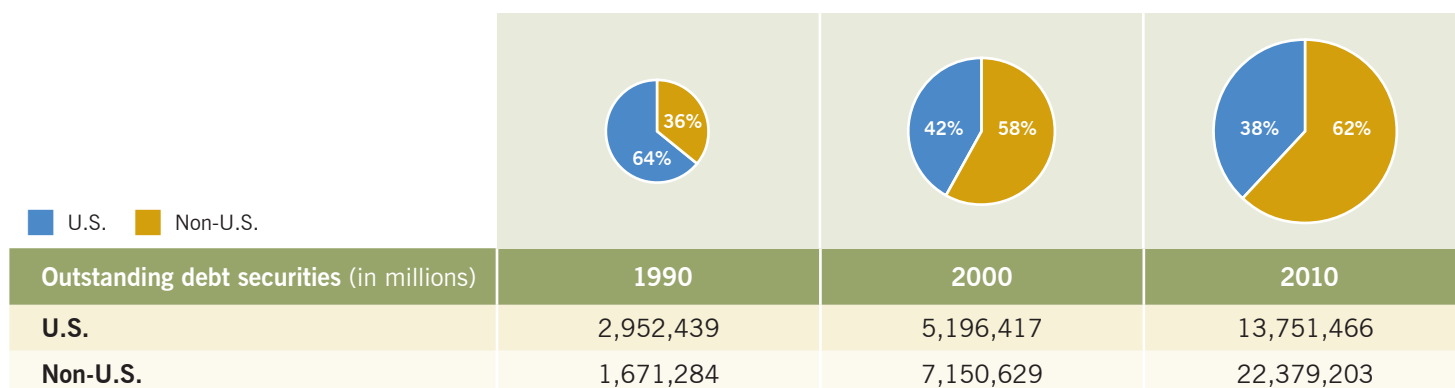
U.S. companies are finding increasing opportunities in the developing world

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

Investing outside the U.S. involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

Fixed-income opportunities have increased significantly over the past 20 years

Non-U.S. bonds comprise over half of the global marketplace and represent a wide range of fixed-income sectors. For investors, the growth of the international bond market brings a wealth of new alternatives for diversification that should not be ignored.



Source: Barclays Capital Inc. Represents securities included in the Barclays Capital U.S. and Global Aggregate indexes as of December 31.

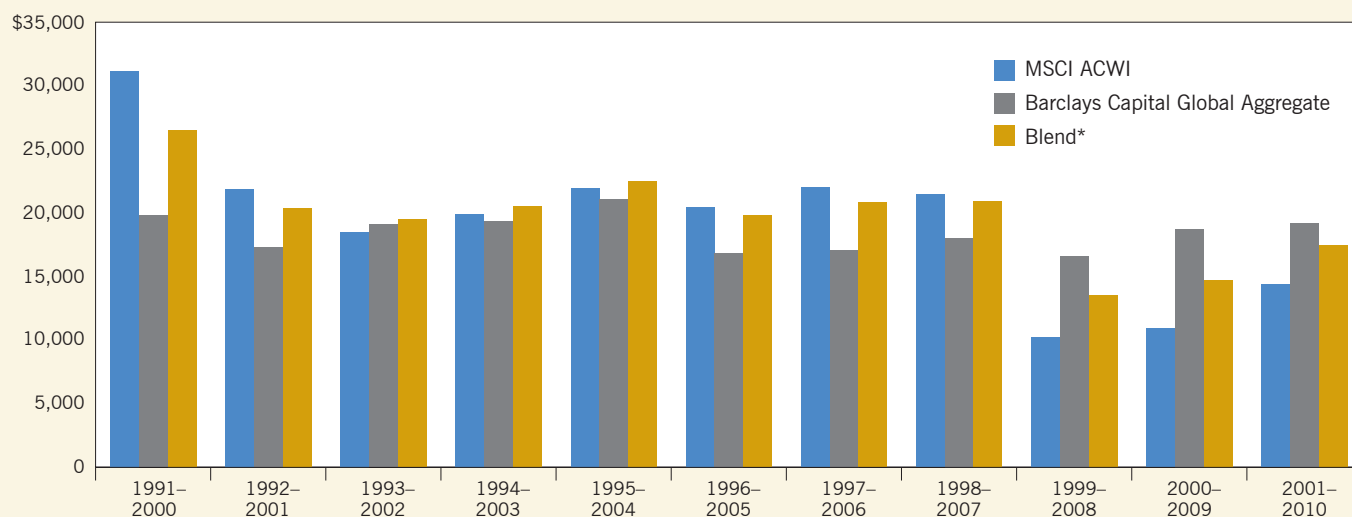
The benefit of bringing it all together

Historically, stock and bond markets have often offset each other's ups and downs. In light of this, investors may want to consider diversifying their portfolios to gain exposure to each.

While there may be compelling reasons to invest in any one of these asset classes on its own, when combined, this diversified portfolio has the potential to provide investors comparable results with reduced volatility over longer periods.

Market returns by asset class (1991–2010)

Rolling 10-calendar-year returns are for a hypothetical \$10,000 investment.



As of December 31, 2010	Global stocks	Global bonds	Blend*
20-year average annual return	7.79%	6.91%	7.97%
20-year standard deviation†	15.47	5.61	9.96

Sources: Stocks — MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index); bonds — Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Index. All indexes are unmanaged, and their results assume reinvested distributions but do not reflect sales charges, commissions, account fees, expenses or taxes.

* Weighted blend of 60% MSCI ACWI and 40% Barclays Capital Global Aggregate indexes. Assumes the blend is rebalanced annually.

† Volatility is calculated using annualized standard deviation (based on monthly returns), a measure of how returns over time have varied from the mean.

A global leader

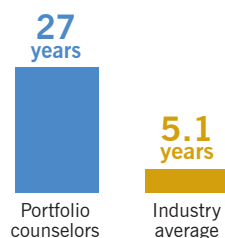
At American Funds, we have the research capability, experience and infrastructure to find good long-term investment opportunities throughout the world.

Our people

Why they matter.

- **An experience advantage.**

Average years of experience as of 1/1/11:

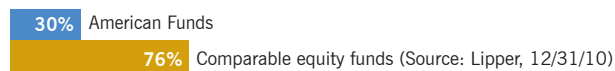


- **Top recruits.** We are also highly selective about who we hire, with a rigorous hiring process that often involves dozens of interviews. Last year, we received 8,000 resumes for a position in China. We interviewed a hundred applicants and made offers to just two.

Our process

Why it matters.

- **A conviction advantage.** More than 50 years ago, American Funds developed a unique approach to investment management called the multiple portfolio counselor system. Portfolio counselors and investment analysts can invest in their highest conviction ideas, which we believe creates the potential for superior results over time.
- **Investment horizon.** We hold stocks longer, as shown by our lower turnover rate.



Our perspective

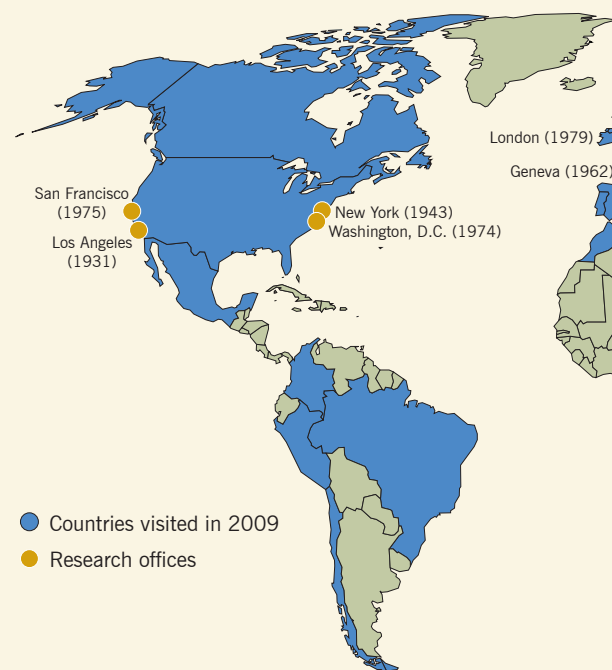
Why it matters.

- **A shareholder advantage.** We seek to buy securities at reasonable prices relative to their prospects and hold them for the long term. This long-term perspective is reinforced by the incentive system for counselors and analysts. Compensation for investment professionals is heavily influenced by their results over rolling four- and eight-year periods. This allows investment professionals to act on their highest convictions while aligning their incentives with long-term shareholder goals.



Extensive global research

During the past few decades, political and technological has grown, so have investment opportunities around the



Large multicultural teams

Capital Research and Management Company — equity	175
Fixed income	90

Capital Research and Management Company manages equity assets through two divisions. These divisions make investment decisions independently.

Capital Research and Management Company, the investment adviser to the American Funds:

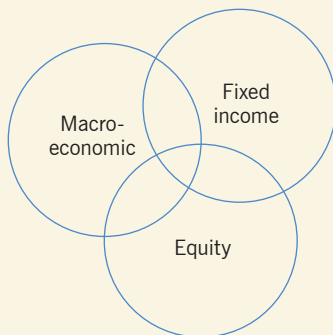
- ✓ Among the largest managers of U.S. domestic fund assets.
- ✓ Has managed investments outside the U.S. since the mid-1950s.

changes have opened borders and spurred economic growth outside the United States. As the global marketplace world.



of ent onals	Countries of origin	Languages spoken
35	28	
13	14	

Interaction among investment professionals within the same investment divisions



investment divisions.

Global insights

We dedicate substantial resources to conducting extensive, on-the-ground global research.

Diverse inputs

Bringing together individuals from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds provides multiple vantage points.

Integrated networks

Analysts with different regional, industry and asset-class coverage share research through industry cluster groups and joint research visits.

- ✓ Started its first global equity fund in 1973.
- ✓ Manages more assets in international stock funds than any other U.S.-based mutual fund adviser.
- ✓ Manages more assets in emerging markets debt than any other U.S.-based mutual fund adviser.
- ✓ Among the largest managers of fixed-income assets in the U.S.
- ✓ Has one of the largest and strongest global research organizations in the world, with more than 200 investment professionals in 38 countries.*
- ✓ Created a benchmark for international investing, the MSCI Indexes (for Morgan Stanley Capital International, now known as the EAFE Indexes).

* As of January 1, 2011

Introducing American Funds Global Balanced Fund

American Funds Global Balanced Fund is the latest addition to a carefully constructed lineup of 33 mutual funds designed to take advantage of American Funds' 80-year history of investing for the long term.

When we consider whether to introduce a new fund, our decisions are driven by three primary criteria:

- The idea must be investment-driven, not marketing-driven.
- The idea must present what we believe to be a long-term, sustainable opportunity.
- We must have the research capability, experience and infrastructure in place to add value.

American Funds Global Balanced Fund	
Objectives:	The fund seeks the balanced accomplishment of three objectives: long-term growth of capital, conservation of principal and current income.
Began operations	February 1, 2011
Investment approach	Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 45% of assets in equities and at least 25% in fixed-income securities and/or cash equivalents. The fund focuses its equity investments on medium to larger capitalization companies in developed and developing countries. The fund may also invest in many types of fixed-income securities globally including both investment-grade (BBB/Baa and above) and non-investment grade (BB/Ba and below) bonds.
Portfolio structure*	
Expense ratio†	1.22%

* For more information about the fund's underlying investments, please refer to the most current prospectus or statement of additional information.
 † Gross expense ratio is estimated for Class A shares.

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the American Funds. This and other important information is contained in the fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing.

Equity investments are subject to market fluctuations. Investing outside the United States involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries. The return of principal for funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings. Bond ratings, which typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to D (lowest), are assigned by Standard & Poor's, Moody's and/or Fitch to provide an indication of an issuer's creditworthiness.

Portfolio counselors for American Funds Global Balanced Fund

American Funds Global Balanced Fund has five portfolio counselors, each with responsibility for a portion of the fund. This does not mean the fund is managed by a committee or team — each counselor has sole accountability for his slice of the fund’s assets, subject to fund objectives and guidelines.

Eric Richter has experience as an analyst covering electrical equipment and chemicals industries that gives him deep insight into cyclical companies. He focuses on growth stocks at reasonable prices and places emphasis on valuation and dividends when picking investments.

19 years | Washington D.C.

Mark Brett, who specializes in currency research and macroeconomic issues, takes a big-picture approach to investing in investment-grade bonds. He specifically looks at opportunities presented by varying economic structural imbalances in different countries.

32 years | London



Paul Flynn focuses on investing internationally, principally in Europe and Asia. He looks at price/earnings ratios and cash flow when evaluating investments, generally avoiding high financial leverage. His experience as an automotive analyst makes him comfortable investing in cyclical industries.

15 years | Geneva



Robert Neithart builds diversified bond portfolios in a gradual and deliberate manner. He studies macroeconomic fundamentals, determines the most attractive markets, and then chooses securities from within those areas. He focuses on global fixed income, with much experience in developing country debt.

23 years | Los Angeles



David Riley is a value investor who looks at the balance-sheet metrics of free cash flow and dividend yields when considering an investment. David also has sector-specific experience in his coverage of European and Latin American telecommunications companies.

17 years | Washington, D.C.

“During the recent decline, there were very few places for investors to hide. That doesn’t mean that diversification was a bad idea. Some in the investment business are now saying that the answer is tactical asset allocation and market timing. I would caution investors that it’s highly unlikely that anybody can do those things consistently. I would say, beware of market timing and trading. Keep focused on the long term and stay with diversification.”

— Jim Rothenberg, Vice Chairman, Capital Research and Management CompanySM

Why global?



Mark Brett,
portfolio counselor

Investment experience:
32 years

Location: London

“The world of investing continues to get more global. The opportunities around the world have grown, with more fixed-income security issuance and larger market capitalizations. Perhaps more important, the maturity and transparency of equity and fixed-income markets have also grown stronger.”

Why American Funds?



Robert Neithart,
portfolio counselor

Investment experience:
23 years

Location: Los Angeles

“Capital [Research and Management Company] is qualified to manage a global balanced fund based on our 80 years of experience in U.S. equities, and more than 50 years of experience in global equities, including developing markets. In this one fund, we have the ability to access the entire range of capabilities that the Capital organization has at its disposal, with experienced equity and fixed-income professionals across a wide range of geographies. These investment professionals are working more closely than ever before.”

Why American Funds Global Balanced Fund?



Eric Richter,
portfolio counselor

Investment experience:
19 years

Location: Washington, D.C.

“Balance is the key to what we’re doing in this fund, pursuing attractively valued long-term opportunities globally, in a measured way, with healthy diversification. We think this balanced fund will enable shareholders to invest in attractive equities and credit securities in many different areas of the world, with a flexible but relatively conservative approach.”

Consider American Funds Global Balanced Fund for ...

- Investors who are ready to return to the market and looking for a growth opportunity with the potential for reduced volatility
- Investors who are seeking a core investment for their retirement or college savings plan
- Investors who are seeking broad diversification in a single fund from a global leader

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the American Funds. This and other important information is contained in each fund’s prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained from a financial professional and should be read carefully before investing. If used after March 31, 2011, this brochure must be accompanied by a current American Funds quarterly statistical update.

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