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Growth and Income Stock Fund

American Funds
The Investment Company of America

R-5 Shares

Who Should Invest

- Investors seeking long-term growth of capital.
- Investors with a long-term investment horizon (at least five years).

Who Should Not Invest

- Investors unwilling to accept significant fluctuations in share price.

Assets: $1,216,091,750

Expenses: 0.36%*

Ticker Symbol: RICFX

Fund Inception: May 15, 2002

Overall Risk Level:

Conservative — Moderate — Aggressive

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Investment Objective

The Investment Company of America seeks to provide long-term growth of capital and income, placing greater emphasis on future dividends than on current income.

Investment Strategy

The fund emphasizes investments in well-established blue chip companies, representing a wide cross section of the U.S. economy. The fund principally invests in common stocks and may also hold securities convertible into common stocks as well as bonds, U.S. government securities, nonconvertible preferred stocks, and cash and equivalents.

See reverse side for Fund Profile.

Total Returns for Periods Ended June 30, 2004**

	Year to Date	1 Year	Since Inception
American Funds The Investment Company of America	2.19%	4.80%	18.11%
S&P 500 Index***	3.44%	19.11%	—

The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, which may be higher or lower than that cited, visit our website at www.vanguard.com.

*For most recent fiscal year.

**Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns.

***Standard & Poor's 500 Index, an unmanaged measure of stock market performance.

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Fund Profile

Top Sector Holdings

As of 3/31/2004

1.	Business Services	2.8%
2.	Consumer Goods	14.6
3.	Consumer Services	6.3
4.	Energy	9.7
5.	Financial Services	15.2
6.	Hardware	9.1
7.	Health Care Services	7.1
8.	Industrial Materials	19.3
9.	Media	3.8
10.	Software	1.2
11.	Telecommunications	7.9
12.	Utilities	3.1

Largest Stock Holdings*

As of 3/31/2004

1. Altria Group
2. Fannie Mae
3. SBC Communications
4. Lowe's Companies
5. Dow Chemical
6. Time Warner
7. Caterpillar
8. Target
9. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.
10. Tyco International

Top Ten as % of Total Net Assets 18.8%

**Fund holdings are subject to change.*

A Few Words About Risk

When investing in stock funds, short-term losses (or gains) are common as a result of sudden movements in stock prices as views change about the economy and individual companies. However, over extended periods the market's ups have tended to outweigh its downs. There is no guarantee this will continue.

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Usually, the longer you hold your investment, the lower your chances of losing money.

Investment Terms

Dividends: Payments made by companies to investors in their stock. The payments typically depend on economic conditions and the company's financial health.

Expenses: The costs of running a fund, expressed as a percentage of the fund's assets. For example, a fund may have expenses that total 0.30% (less than half of 1%) of its assets.

Market Risk: The chance that the value of an investment will change because of rising (or falling) stock or bond prices.

Mutual Fund: An investment company that combines the money of thousands of people and invests it in a number of securities (stocks, bonds, short-term reserves) to achieve a specific objective over time.

Total Return: The change in the value of an investment, plus any income from interest or dividends. The standard measure of a mutual fund's performance.

All performance and expense ratio data provided by Lipper Inc.

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