

American Funds - Growth Fund of America - Class A Shares (AGTHX) +2 Fund Authority Score

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American Funds - Growth Fund of America - Class A Shares (AGTHX) collect a +2 Fund Authority Score. The investment fund objective of American Funds' Growth Fund of America With 4.4 million shareholder accounts, the Growth Fund of America (AGTHX) is the largest actively managed stock mutual fund in the United States. According to American Funds prospectus, the investment objective of the Growth Fund of America "is to provide you with growth of capital." The Fund Authority Score for the Growth Fund of America - Class A Shares [Fund Authority Scores rate mutual funds and exchange traded funds \(ETFs\)](#) on the most important economic factors that influence individual investors' net long term diversified investment fund performance. *The Skilled Investor* developed the Fund Authority Score system to provide individual investors with concise and objective summaries of mutual funds and ETFs for comparisons within investment asset classes. For a [directory of the Fund Authority Score reports of other mutual funds and ETFs, go here](#). When you go to this [Fund Authority Score directory](#), you can easily find a list of all fund reports at the bottom of each article for that particular investment asset class. For more information about [how a Fund Authority Score is developed for each mutual fund or ETF, go here](#). The table below presents the Fund Authority Score and other information for the Growth Fund of America - Class A Shares. Using an integer scale ranging from -10 to +10, Fund Authority Scores measure five factors:

- 1) annualized management and investment sales expenses (40% weighting),
 - 2) annual trading costs implied by investment fund portfolio turnover (30% weighting),
 - 3) inferior and superior historical performance (20% weighting),
 - 4) minimum fund maturity (5% weighting), and
 - 5) minimum fund size for operating efficiency (5% weighting).
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FUND AUTHORITY SCORE (scale of -10 to +10) 2

FUND AUTHORITY SCORING COMPONENTS

A) Management expenses & sales loads (-4 to +4)

-- Annual expense ratio with 12b-1 fees 0.62%

-- Front-end sales load with 5 year amortization 1.15%

----- Total annual direct costs 1.77% -3

B) Fund portfolio transactions costs (-3 to +3)

-- Annual turnover as a trading cost proxy 26.0% 2

C) Penalize very inferior historical performance and credit average and superior historical performance (-2 to +2)

-- Total of the 3 year Morningstar + Lipper ratings 8 2

D) Is this fund sufficiently mature? (0 or +1) 1

E) Very small fund efficiency penalty (-1 or 0) 0

INVESTMENT FUND OVERVIEW

- Type of investment fund mutual fund
- Active versus passive management actively managed fund
- Total net assets \$195.8 Billion
- Type of investment portfolio securities stocks - equities
- Geographic focus North America
- Market capitalization of portfolio securities large
- Strategy skew (value/growth/neither) growth
- Target performance benchmark index Standard and Poors 500 Index
- Year of inception 1958
- Trading symbol AGTHX
- Share class evaluated Class A Shares
- Minimum initial deposit for individual investor \$250

TOP 10 INVESTMENT SECURITIES HOLDINGS Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)

Google Inc. (GOOG)
Schlumberger, Ltd. (SLB)
Roche Holding Ltd (ROG)
Oracle Corporation (ORCL)
Lowe's Companies Inc. (LOW)
Target Corporation (TGT)
Fannie Mae (FNM)
General Electric Company (GE)
Sprint Nextel Corporation (S)

----- Top 10 Investment Portfolio Holdings (%) 17.68%

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SEC EDGAR filings and/or fund website accessed 22 November 2007

NOTES:-- Most mutual funds and ETFs change their fees and trading strategies relatively little over time. Because investment expenses, trading/turnover costs, fund maturity, and operating efficiency account for 80% of the Fund Authority Score rating system, Fund Authority Scores tend to remain relatively stable over time for such consistent investment funds.-- The date in the table above indicates when fund information was accessed from SEC EDGAR filings and/or the fund company website. Normally, data used to develop Fund Authority Scores rely upon reporting periods ending the previous calendar quarter or half year.

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