

**[American Funds - The Investment Company of America - Class A Shares \(AIVSX\) +3 Fund Authority Score](#)**

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American Funds - The Investment Company of America - Class A Shares (AIVSX) net a +3 Fund Authority Score [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 diversified investment fund strategy of The Investment Company of America mutual fund (AIVSX) According to American Funds mutual fund Prospectus for The Investment Company of America, "the fund seeks to make your investment grow and provide you with income over time by investing primarily in common stocks that offer growth and dividend potential." At approximately \$95 billion in assets with 3.1 million shareholder accounts, The Investment Company of America is a very large actively managed mutual fund. This fund may invest worldwide, however it focuses largely on U.S. equity and debt securities. According to the statement of its investment limitations and guidelines in its recent 497 filing on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR system, The Investment Company of America "may invest up to 15% of its assets in issuers domiciled outside the United States and not included in the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Index." Given this relatively low non-U.S. stocks limitation, we have classified this mutual fund as a U.S. large capitalization mutual fund rather than as a worldwide stock mutual fund. Recently, 11% of this mutual fund's portfolio assets were invested in non-U.S. equities. Recently, bonds constituted 0% of this mutual fund's portfolio, while cash and cash equivalents accounted for 13% of the portfolio. According to its 497 filing, when American Funds' The Investment Company of America does invest "in straight debt securities (i.e., not convertible into equity) (they) will generally consist of investment grade securities. The fund may, however, invest up to 5% of its assets in straight debt securities rated Ba or below by Moody's Investors Service and BB or below by Standard & Poor's Corporation or unrated but determined to be of equivalent quality." The Investment Company of America has a variety of share classes which can only be purchased through an advisor or other financial intermediary - not directly. The Fund Authority Score for the American Funds' The Investment Company of America mutual fund - Class A Shares The table below presents the Fund Authority Score and other information for The Investment Company of America mutual fund. 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) 3

FUND AUTHORITY SCORING COMPONENTS

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

-- Annual expense ratio with 12b-1 fees 0.54%

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

----- Total annual direct costs 1.69% -2

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

-- Annual turnover as a trading cost proxy 20% 3

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

-- Total of the 3 year Morningstar + Lipper ratings 6 1

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 \$94.8 Billion

-- Type of investment portfolio securities stocks (87%), bonds (0%), cash (13%)

-- Geographic focus predominantly U.S. stocks

-- Market capitalization of portfolio securities large

-- Strategy summary long-term growth of capital and income

-- Target performance benchmark index

-- Year of inception 1934

-- Trading symbol AIVSX

-- Share class evaluated Class A Shares

-- Minimum initial deposit for individual investor \$250

TOP 10 SECURITY HOLDINGS AT&T Inc. (T)

Altria Group Inc. (MO)

General Electric Company (GE)

Schlumberger Ltd. (SLB)

Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)

Citigroup Inc. (C)

Oracle Corporation (ORCL)

Fannie Mae (FNM)

Lowe's Companies Inc. (LOW)

Chevron Corporation (CVX)

----- Top 10 Investment Portfolio Holdings (%) 22.40%

Fund family website [www.americanfunds.com](http://www.americanfunds.com)

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SEC EDGAR filings and/or fund website accessed 24 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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