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American Funds - Washington Mutual Investors Fund - Class A Shares (AWSHX) +2 Fund Authority Score

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American Funds - Washington Mutual Investors Fund - Class A Shares (AWSHX) acquire a +2 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 Washington Mutual Investors Fund mutual fund At approximately \$89 billion in assets with 2.7 million shareholder accounts, the Washington Mutual Investors Fund mutual fund is a very large, actively managed diversified investment fund. This mutual fund's investment portfolio consists predominantly of large capitalization U.S. stock securities. Recently, about 97% of this mutual fund's portfolio assets were invested in U.S. equities. There were no U.S or non-U.S. bonds in the investment portfolio. Cash and cash equivalents made up 3% of the portfolio. According to the American Funds mutual fund prospectus for the Washington Mutual Investors Fund, "the fund seeks to produce income and to provide an opportunity for growth of principal consistent with sound common stock investing. The fund invests primarily in common stocks of larger, more established companies that are listed on, or meet the financial listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and have a strong record of earnings and dividends." Recently, 1% of portfolio assets was invested in non-U.S. domiciled stocks. The statement of its investment limitations and guidelines in its recent 497 filing on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR system indicates that the Washington Mutual Investors Fund will not invest any more than 5% of its portfolio in the stocks of issuers domiciled outside of the United States. The Washington Mutual Investors Fund has a variety of share classes which can only be purchased through a financial advisor, investment counselor, or other financial intermediary, but not directly by an individual investor. The Fund Authority Score for the American Funds - Washington Mutual Investors Fund - Class A Shares (AWSHX) The table below presents the Fund Authority Score and other information for the Washington Mutual Investors Fund 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) 2

FUND AUTHORITY SCORING COMPONENTS

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

- Annual expense ratio with 12b-1 fees 0.60%
- Front-end sales load with 5 year amortization 1.15%
- Total annual direct costs 1.75% -2

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

- Annual turnover as a trading cost proxy 19% 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 5 0

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 \$89.0 Billion
- Type of investment portfolio securities stocks (97%) bonds (0%) cash (3%)
- Geographic focus U.S. stocks
- Market capitalization of portfolio securities large
- Strategy summary 1) current income 2) growth of principal
- Target performance benchmark index Standard and Poors 500 Composite Index & Lipper Growth and Income Funds Index -- per the Prospectus
- Year of inception 1952
- Trading symbol AWSHX
- Share class evaluated Class A Shares
- Minimum initial deposit for individual investor \$250

TOP 10 SECURITY HOLDINGS General Electric Company (GE)

Chevron Corporation (CVX)

AT&T Inc. (T)

ExxonMobil Corporation (XOM)

Citigroup Inc. (C)

IBM (IBM)

Fannie Mae (FNM)

United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS)

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. (JPM)

Merck & Co. Inc. (MRK)

----- Top 10 Investment Portfolio Holdings (%) 26.67%

Fund family website www.americanfunds.com

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SEC EDGAR filings and/or fund website accessed 26 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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