December 31, 2009 update

American Funds®

Share Class R-5

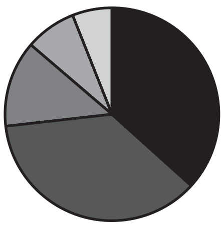
New Perspective Fund®

Growth

Where the fund was invested

(as of 12/31/09; holdings are subject to change)

- **36.7%** **Europe**
- **36.5%** **United States**
- **13.1%** **Asia & Pacific Basin**
- **7.7%** **Other (including Canada & Latin America)**
- **6.0%** **Cash & equivalents**



Top 10 holdings

(Percentage of net assets shown are for the most recent period available as of 12/31/09; holdings are subject to change.)

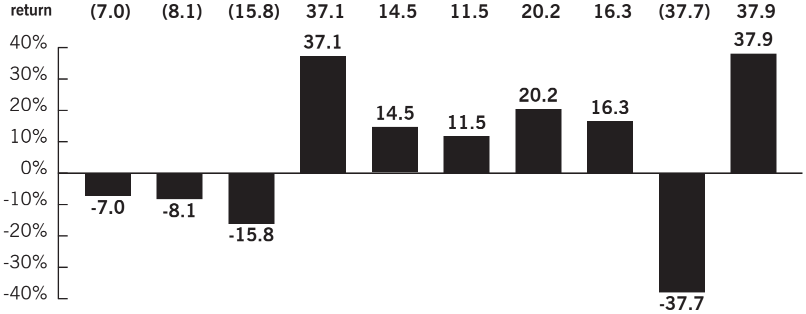
1. Microsoft	2.8%	**6.** Anheuser-Busch InBev	1.5%
2. Novo Nordisk	2.0%	**7.** Oracle	1.5%
3. Cisco Systems	1.9%	**8.** Newmont Mining	1.5%
4. Google	1.8%	**9.** Honda Motor	1.5%
5. Barrick Gold	1.7%	**10.** EMC	1.4%

Past results

Figures shown are past results at net asset value and are not predictive of future results. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown here. Share prices and returns will vary, so you may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. Class R shares do not require an up-front or deferred sales charge. For current information and month-end results, please visit AmericanFundsRetirement.com.

The bar graph below shows the fund's annual results and illustrates the fund's fluctuations over the past 10 years. These percentages are based on Class R-5 shares at net asset value. Class R-5 shares were first offered on May 15, 2002. Class R-5 share results prior to the date of first sale are hypothetical based on Class A share results without a sales charge, adjusted for typical estimated expenses. These results are updated annually as of 12/31. Other share class results will vary.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total return	(7.0)	(8.1)	(15.8)	37.1	14.5	11.5	20.2	16.3	(37.7)	37.9



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

Objective

Seeks to provide long-term growth of capital through investments all over the world, including the United States.

Fund information

Began operations:	3/13/73
Fiscal year-end:	9/30
Ticker symbol:	RNPFX

Expenses*

Net expense ratio:	0.52%
Gross expense ratio:	0.53%

To estimate the amount paid annually for investing in this fund, multiply the fund's gross expense ratio 0.53% by your balance in this fund. For example, if your fund balance is $1,000, you'll pay approximately $5.30 a year in expenses

Manager

The fund is managed by Capital Research and Management Company, one of the nation's oldest and largest investment management firms. Since 1931, Capital Research has invested with a long-term focus based on thorough research and attention to risk.

Stock holdings may include convertible securities.

*The expense ratios are as of the fund's most recent fiscal year-end effective 12/31/09. Please see the fund's most recent prospectus for details.

Please see reverse side of this sheet for important information.

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Annualized total returns

through 12/31/09

Class R-5 shares

Latest 10 years	Latest 5 years	Latest 3 years	Latest year
4.23%	6.03%	–0.01%	37.92%

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. From September 1, 2004, through December 31, 2008, the fund's investment adviser waived a portion of its management fees. Results shown reflect the waiver, without which the results would have been lower. Please see the fund's most recent shareholder report or prospectus for details.

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Important information

In applying any particular asset allocation model to your own individual situation, you should consider your other assets, income and investments. For example, in addition to your retirement plan investments, you should consider your home equity, individual retirement accounts and savings accounts when choosing your investments. When you're considering your personal circumstances and investment strategy, you should consult your plan's financial professional.

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.

You should carefully consider the objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the American Funds and, if applicable, any other investments in your plan. This and other important information is contained in the funds' summary prospectuses and/or prospectuses, which are available from your plan's financial professional and on the Web. Please read the prospectuses carefully before investing.