

RGAGX - Neutral Rating

Growth Fund of America, Inc



★★★★☆	Predictive Rating	Neutral
★★★★☆	Portfolio Management	Neutral
★★★★★	Total Annual Costs	Very Attractive

- [Predictive Ratings](#) are based on aggregating our stock ratings on each of the fund's holdings and all of the fund's expenses.
- Stock-picking ([Portfolio Management](#)) and fund expenses ([Total Annual Costs](#)) drive fund performance.

Investment Recommendation

- We do not recommend investors buy RGAGX.
- We expect the fund to continue performing in line with the market.
- RGAGX's Portfolio Management rating does not justify its Total Annual Costs.

Fund Rankings

- 65th percentile of the 7000+ equity funds we cover.
- 331 out of 725 Large Cap Growth funds.
- 20 of 23 ETFs in the same category rank better.
- See rankings for all US equity funds on our free [fund screener](#).

Portfolio Management Rating Details

- RGAGX receives our Neutral rating because it overweights Neutral-or-worse-rated stocks.
- IWF, RGAGX's benchmark, receives our Neutral rating and holds better stocks than the fund.
- Our fund analytics are based on aggregating our models and ratings for each fund's holdings.
- Our [top-ranked](#) stock ratings leverage key data from the financial footnotes for unrivaled research quality.

Portfolio Management Rating Breakdown

Business Strength

★★★★☆	Quality of Earnings	Attractive
★★★★★	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	19.47%

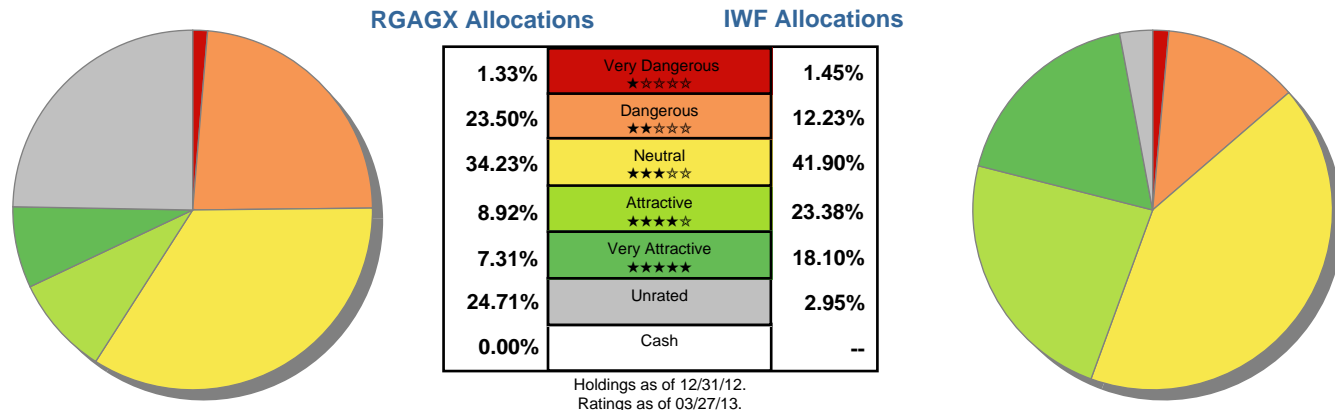
Valuation

★★★★☆	Free Cash Flow Yield	0.10%
★★★☆☆	Price to Economic Book Value	2.95
★★★☆☆	Market-Implied Duration of Growth	29 year(s)

Fund Asset Allocation

★★★★★	Cash Allocation	0.00% cash
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Stock and Cash Rating Allocations vs Benchmark - iShares Russell 1000 Growth (IWF)



Active Management Commentary

- RGAGX allocates 24.83% of its value to Dangerous-or-worse-rated stocks while IWF allocates 13.67%.
- RGAGX allocates 16.23% of its value to Attractive-or-better-rated stocks while IWF allocates 41.48%.
- Investors should expect funds with higher Total Annual Costs to allocate more value to Attractive and Very Attractive Stocks and less to Dangerous and Very Dangerous stocks than alternative funds with lower costs.
- Active portfolio management of RGAGX adds value versus its ETF benchmark IWF.

Return - Annual

Year to Date	8.15%
1 Year	13.67%
3 Year	10.76%
5 Year	
Inception	16.13%

Top 5 Holdings

Amazon.com Inc
Gilead Sciences Inc
Google Inc
Home Depot Inc
Oracle Corp

Key Mutual Fund Statistics

AMZN	Net Assets(mm)	\$116,757.40	Category	Large Cap Growth
GILD	NAV	\$37.14	Mgmt Co	American Funds
GOOG	Benchmark	IWF	Manager	Team Managed
HD	# of Holdings	272	Tenure	
ORCL	Initial Min	\$0	Inception	05/01/09

Total Annual Costs Rating and Ranking

Rating	Total Annual Costs	Fund Universe % Rank	Category Rank
★★★★★	0.41%	96.99%	9 of 725

This rating reflects all expenses, loads, fees, and transaction costs in a single value that is comparable across all funds.

Reported Costs vs Benchmark: as of 11/01/12

	RGAGX	Benchmark: IWF
Front-End Load	0.00%	--
Expense Ratio	0.34%	0.20%
Back-End Load	0.00%	--
Redemption Fee	0.00%	--

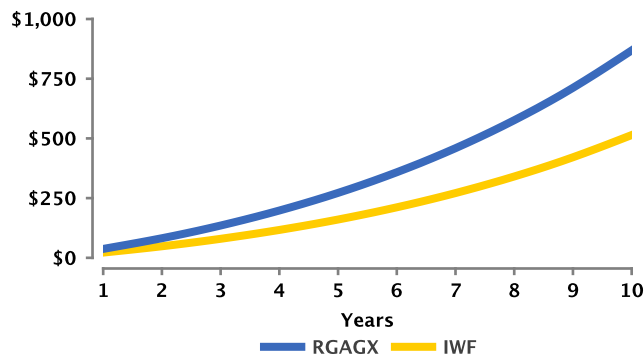
Total Annual Costs Breakdown

All Cost Types	Annualized Values	
	RGAGX	Benchmark: IWF
Front-End Load	0.00%	--
Expense Ratio	0.38%	0.22%
Back-End Load	0.00%	--
Redemption Fee	0.00%	--
Transaction Costs	0.04%	--
Total Annual Costs	0.41%	0.22%

- To justify its higher Total Annual Costs, RGAGX must outperform its ETF benchmark before all costs by 0.19% annually over 3 years or 0.19% annually over 10 years.
- This analysis assumes a 3-year holding period, the average for all funds.
- Transaction costs are estimated using the fund's annual portfolio turnover ratio of 18%.

Accumulated Total Costs vs Benchmark

Accumulated Total Costs represent the dollar value of costs investors incur during a 10-yr holding period. Assumes a \$10,000 investment and a 10% annual return for the fund and its benchmark.



- 3-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$135.30 for RGAGX and \$79.70 for IWF. 10-year Accumulated Total Costs are \$868.50 for RGAGX and \$514.10 for IWF.

Data from Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and New Constructs, LLC.

Overview of Our Predictive Mutual Fund Rating System

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Intuitively, there are two drivers of future fund performance.

- 1) New stock-picking ([Portfolio Management Rating](#)) and
- 2) Fund expenses ([Total Annual Costs Rating](#)) drive investment performance

The figure below details the criteria that drive our Predictive Rating system for funds. The two drivers of our predictive rating system are Portfolio Management and Total Annual Costs. The Portfolio Management Rating (details [here](#)) is the same as our Stock Rating (details [here](#)) except that we incorporate Asset Allocation (details [here](#)) in the Portfolio Management Rating. The Total Annual Costs Rating (details [here](#)) captures the all-in cost of being in a fund over a 3-year holding period, the average period for all mutual fund investors.

Predictive Rating	Portfolio Management Rating						Total Annual Costs Rating
	Business Strength		Valuation			Asset Allocation	
	Quality of Earnings	Return on Invested Capital	FCF Yield	Price to Econ Book Value	Mkt-Imp Duration of Growth	Cash %	
Very Dangerous ★☆☆☆	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50	> 20%	> 4%
Dangerous ★★☆☆	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5% < -1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50	8% < 20%	2% < 4%
Neutral ★★★☆☆	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1% < 3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20	2.5% < 8%	1% < 2%
Attractive ★★★★☆	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3% < 10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10	1% < 2.5%	0.5% < 1%
Very Attractive ★★★★★	Rising EE	Top Quintile	> 10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3	< 1%	< 0.5%

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