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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-1A

Registration Statement
Under
the Securities Act of 1933
Post-Effective Amendment No. 23

and

Registration Statement
Under
the Investment Company Act of 1940
Amendment No. 24

NEW WORLD FUND, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

333 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, California 90071-1447
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(213) 486-9200

Vincent P. Corti, Secretary
New World Fund, Inc.
333 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, California 90071-1447
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

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San Francisco, California 94111-5994
(Counsel for the Registrant)

Approximate date of proposed public offering:
It is proposed that this filing become effective immediately pursuant to paragraph (b) of rule 485.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for effectiveness of this registration statement under Rule 485(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, duly authorized, in the City of Los Angeles, and State of California, on the 22nd day of January, 2013.

NEW WORLD FUND, INC.

By /s/ Gina H. Despres
(Gina H. Despres, Vice Chairman of the Board)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this amendment to Registration Statement has been signed below on January 22, 2013, by the following persons in the capacities indicated.

	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
(1)	Principal Executive Officer:	
	<u>/s/ Michael J. Thawley</u> (Michael J. Thawley)	Senior Vice President
(2)	Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer:	
	<u>/s/ Brian C. Janssen</u> (Brian C. Janssen)	Treasurer
(3)	Directors:	
	Elisabeth Allison*	Director
	Vanessa C.L. Chang*	Director
	<u>/s/ Gina H. Despres</u> (Gina H. Despres)	Vice Chairman of the Board
	Nicholas Donatiello, Jr.*	Director
	Koichi Itoh*	Chairman of the Board (Independent and Non-Executive)
	William H. Kling*	Director
	<u>/s/ Robert W. Lovelace</u> (Robert W. Lovelace)	President and Director
	William I. Miller*	Director
	Alessandro Ovi*	Director
	*By <u>/s/ Vincent P. Corti</u> (Vincent P. Corti, pursuant to a power of attorney filed herewith)	

Counsel represents that this amendment does not contain disclosures that would make the amendment ineligible for effectiveness under the provisions of rule 485(b).

/s/ Timothy W. McHale
(Timothy W. McHale)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Elisabeth Allison, the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the "Funds"):

- EuroPacific Growth Fund (File No. 002-83847, File No. 811-03734)
- EuroPacific Growth Fund
- New Perspective Fund, Inc. (File No. 002-47749, File No. 811-02333)
- New Perspective Fund
- New World Fund, Inc. (File No. 333-67455, File No. 811-09105)
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EXECUTED at Belmont, MA, this 3rd day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ Elisabeth Allison
Elisabeth Allison, Board member

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Vanessa C. L. Chang, the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the "Funds"):

- American Balanced Fund (File No. 002-10758, File No. 811-00066)
- EuroPacific Growth Fund (File No. 002-83847, File No. 811-03734)
- EuroPacific Growth Fund
- The Income Fund of America (File No. 002-33371, File No. 811-01880)
- International Growth and Income Fund (File No. 333-152323, File No. 811-22215)
- New Perspective Fund, Inc. (File No. 002-47749, File No. 811-02333)
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EXECUTED at North Berwick, Scotland, this 18th day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ Vanessa C.L. Chang
Vanessa C.L. Chang, Board member

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Nicholas Donatiello, Jr., the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the "Funds"):

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EXECUTED at San Francisco, CA, this 20th day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ Nicholas Donatiello, Jr.
Nicholas Donatiello, Jr., Board member

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Koichi Itoh, the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the “Funds”):

- Capital Income Builder (File No. 033-12967, File No. 811-05085)
- Capital World Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (File No. 033-54444, File No. 811-07338)
- Capital World Growth and Income Fund
- EuroPacific Growth Fund (File No. 002-83847, File No. 811-03734)
- EuroPacific Growth Fund
- The New Economy Fund (File No. 002-83848, File No. 811-03735)
- The New Economy Fund
- New Perspective Fund, Inc. (File No. 002-47749, File No. 811-02333)
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EXECUTED at Tokyo, Japan, this 3rd day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ Koichi Itoh
Koichi Itoh, Board member

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, William H. Kling, the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the "Funds"):

- AMCAP Fund (File No. 002-26516, File No. 811-01435)
- American Funds Fundamental Investors (File No. 002-10760, File No. 811-00032)
- American Funds Global Balanced Fund (File No. 333-170605, File No. 811-22496)
- American Mutual Fund (File No. 002-10607, File No. 811-00572)
- EuroPacific Growth Fund (File No. 002-83847, File No. 811-03734)
- EuroPacific Growth Fund
- The Growth Fund of America, Inc. (File No. 002-14728, File No. 811-00862)
- The Growth Fund of America
- The Investment Company of America (File No. 002-10811, File No. 811-00116)
- New Perspective Fund, Inc. (File No. 002-47749, File No. 811-02333)
- New Perspective Fund
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- SMALLCAP World Fund, Inc. (File No. 033-32785, File No. 811-05888)
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EXECUTED at Minneapolis, MN, this 6th day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ William H. Kling
William H. Kling, Board member

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, William I. Miller, the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the "Funds"):

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EXECUTED at New York, NY, this 13th day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ William I. Miller

William I. Miller, Board member

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I, Alessandro Ovi, the undersigned Board member of the following registered investment companies (collectively, the “Funds”):

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EXECUTED at Rome, Italy, this 20th day of August, 2012.
(City, State)

/s/ Alessandro Ovi

Alessandro Ovi, Board member

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
EX-101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
EX-101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
EX-101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
EX-101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
EX-101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase
EX-101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

Label	Element	Value
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
ProspectusDate	rr_ProspectusDate	Jan. 01, 2013
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Risk/Return [Heading]	rr_RiskReturnHeading	New World Fund®
Objective [Heading]	rr_ObjectiveHeading	Investment objective
Objective, Primary [Text Block]	rr_ObjectivePrimaryTextBlock	The fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.
Expense [Heading]	rr_ExpenseHeading	Fees and expenses of the fund
Expense Narrative [Text Block]	rr_ExpenseNarrativeTextBlock	This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$25,000 in American Funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in the "Sales charge reductions and waivers" section

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[Operating Expenses Caption](#) [Text] rr_OperatingExpensesCaption

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on page 28 of the prospectus and on page 64 of the fund's statement of additional information.

Shareholder fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's investment results. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 25% of the average value of its portfolio.

Portfolio Turnover, Rate	rr_PortfolioTurnoverRate	25.00%
Expense Breakpoint Discounts [Text]	rr_ExpenseBreakpointDiscounts	You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$25,000 in American Funds.
Expense Breakpoint Minimum Investment Required [Amount]	rr_ExpenseBreakpointMinimumInvestmentRequiredAmount	25,000
Expense Example [Heading]	rr_ExpenseExampleHeading	Example
Expense Example Narrative [Text Block]	rr_ExpenseExampleNarrativeTextBlock	<p>This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.</p> <p>The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:</p>
Expense Example by Year, Caption [Text]	rr_ExpenseExampleByYearCaption	

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For the share classes listed below, you would pay the following if you did not redeem your shares:

Principal investment strategies

The fund invests primarily in common stocks of companies with significant exposure to countries with developing economies and/or markets. Many of these countries may be referred to as emerging countries or emerging markets. The fund may also invest in debt securities of issuers, including issuers of lower rated bonds (rated Ba1 or below and BB+ or below by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations designated by the fund's investment adviser or unrated but determined to be of equivalent quality by the fund's investment adviser), with exposure to these countries. Bonds rated Ba1 or BB+ or below are sometimes referred to as

"junk bonds."

Under normal market conditions, the fund will invest at least 35% of its assets in equity and debt securities of issuers primarily based in qualified countries that have developing economies and/or markets.

In determining whether a country is qualified, the fund's investment adviser will consider such factors as the country's per capita gross domestic product, the percentage of the country's economy that is industrialized, market capital as a percentage of gross domestic product, the overall regulatory environment, the presence of government regulation limiting or banning foreign ownership, and restrictions on repatriation of initial capital, dividends, interest and/or capital gains. The fund's investment

adviser will maintain a list of qualified countries and securities in which the fund may invest. Qualified developing countries in which the fund may invest currently include, but are not limited to, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zambia.

The fund may invest in equity securities of any

company,
regardless of
where it
is based, if the
fund's investment
adviser determines
that a significant
portion
of the company's
assets or revenues
(generally 20% or
more) is
attributable to
developing
countries. In
addition, the fund
may invest up to
25% of its assets
in nonconvertible
debt securities of
issuers, including
issuers of lower
rated
bonds and
government bonds,
that are primarily
based in qualified
countries or
that have a
significant
portion of their
assets or revenues
attributable to
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countries. The
fund may also, to
a limited extent,
invest in
securities of
issuers based in
nonqualified
developing
countries.

The investment
adviser uses a
system of multiple
portfolio
counselors in
managing the

fund's assets.
Under this
approach, the
portfolio of the
fund is
divided into
segments managed
by individual
counselors who
decide how their
respective
segments will be
invested.

The fund relies on
the professional
judgment of its
investment adviser
to make
decisions about
the fund's
portfolio
investments. The
basic investment
philosophy of the
investment adviser
is to seek to
invest in
attractively
valued
companies that, in
its opinion,
represent good,
long-term
investment
opportunities. The
investment adviser
believes that an
important way to
accomplish this is
through
fundamental
analysis, which
may include
meeting with
company executives
and employees,
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Securities may be sold when the investment adviser believes that they no longer represent relatively attractive investment opportunities.

Principal risks

This section describes the principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies. You may lose money by investing in the fund. The likelihood of loss may be greater if you invest for a shorter period of time.

Investors in the fund should have a long-term perspective and be able to tolerate potentially sharp declines in value.

Market conditions - The prices of, and the income generated by, the common stocks and other securities held by the fund may decline due to market conditions and other factors, including those directly involving

the issuers of securities held by the fund.

Investing in growth-oriented stocks - Growth-oriented stocks may involve larger price swings and greater potential for loss than other types of investments. These risks may be even greater in the case of smaller capitalization stocks.

Investing outside the United States - Securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States, or with significant operations outside the United States, may lose value because of adverse political, social, economic or market developments in the countries or regions in which the issuer operates. These securities may also lose value due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates against the U.S. dollar and/or currencies of other countries.

Securities markets in certain countries may be more volatile and/or less liquid than those in the United States.

Investments outside the United States may also be subject to different settlement and accounting practices and different regulatory, legal and reporting standards, and may be more difficult to value, than those in the United States. The risks of investing outside the United States may be heightened in connection with investments in emerging and developing countries.

Investing in developing countries - Investing in countries with developing economies and/or markets may involve risks in addition to and greater than those generally associated with investing in developed

countries. For instance, developing countries may have less developed legal and accounting systems than those in developed countries. The governments of these countries may be less stable and more likely to impose capital controls, nationalize a company or industry, place restrictions on foreign ownership and on withdrawing sale proceeds of securities from the country, and/or impose punitive taxes that could adversely affect the prices of securities. In addition, the economies of these countries may be dependent on relatively few industries that are more susceptible to local and global changes. Securities markets in these countries can also be relatively small and have substantially lower trading volumes. As a result, securities

issued in these countries may be more volatile and less liquid, and may be more difficult to value, than securities issued in countries with more developed economies and/or markets. Additionally, there may be increased settlement risks for transactions in local securities.

Investing in bonds - Rising interest rates will generally cause the prices of bonds and other debt securities to fall. Longer maturity debt securities may be subject to greater price fluctuations than shorter maturity debt securities. In addition, falling interest rates may cause an issuer to redeem, call or refinance a security before its stated maturity, which may result in the fund having to reinvest the proceeds in lower yielding securities.

Bonds and other debt securities are subject to credit risk, which is the possibility that the credit strength of an issuer will weaken and/or an issuer of a debt security will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest and the security will go into default. Credit risk is gauged, in part, by the credit ratings of the securities in which the fund invests.

However, ratings are only the opinions of the rating agencies issuing them and are not guarantees as to credit quality or an evaluation of market risk.

Investing in lower rated bonds - Lower rated bonds and other lower rated debt securities generally have higher rates of interest and involve greater risk of default or price declines due to

changes in the issuer's creditworthiness than those of higher quality debt securities. The market prices of these securities may fluctuate more than the prices of higher quality debt securities and may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty. These risks may be increased with respect to investments in junk bonds.

Thinly traded securities - There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular bonds or other debt securities, which may make them more difficult to value, acquire or sell.

Management - The investment adviser to the fund actively manages the fund's investments. Consequently, the fund is subject to the risk that the methods and analyses employed

by the investment adviser in this process may not produce the desired results. This could cause the fund to lose value or its investment results to lag relevant benchmarks or other funds with similar objectives.

Your investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, entity or person. You should consider how this fund fits into your overall investment program.

You may lose money by investing in the fund.

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Investment results

The following bar chart shows how the fund's investment results

[Risk Lose Money \[Text\]](#) rr_RiskLoseMoney

[Risk Not Insured Depository Institution \[Text\]](#) rr_RiskNotInsuredDepositoryInstitution

[Bar Chart and Performance Table \[Heading\]](#) rr_BarChartAndPerformanceTableHeading

[Performance Narrative \[Text Block\]](#) rr_PerformanceNarrativeTextBlock

have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with different broad measures of market results. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index reflects the market sectors in which the fund invests. Past investment results (before and after taxes) are not predictive of future investment results. Updated information on the fund's investment results can be obtained by visiting americanfunds.com.

The following bar chart shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with different broad measures of market results.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index reflects the market sectors in which the fund invests.

[Performance Information Illustrates Variability of Returns \[Text\]](#)

rr_PerformanceInformationIllustratesVariabilityOfReturns

[Performance Additional Market Index \[Text\]](#)

rr_PerformanceAdditionalMarketIndex

[Performance](#)

[Availability](#)

[Website](#)

[Address \[Text\]](#)

[Performance](#)

[Past Does Not](#)

[Indicate Future](#)

[\[Text\]](#)

[Bar Chart](#)

[\[Heading\]](#)

rr_PerformanceAvailabilityWebSiteAddress

americanfunds.com

rr_PerformancePastDoesNotIndicateFuture

Past investment results (before and after taxes) are not predictive of future investment results.

rr_BarChartHeading

Calendar year total returns for Class A shares (Results do not include a sales charge; if a sales charge were included, results would be lower.)

[Bar Chart](#)

[Narrative \[Text](#)

[Block\]](#)

rr_BarChartNarrativeTextBlock

The following bar chart shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with different broad measures of market results.

[Bar Chart Does](#)

[Not Reflect](#)

[Sales Loads](#)

[\[Text\]](#)

[Bar Chart](#)

[Closing \[Text](#)

[Block\]](#)

rr_BarChartDoesNotReflectSalesLoads

(Results do not include a sales charge; if a sales charge were included, results would be lower.)

Highest/Lowest quarterly results during this period were:

rr_BarChartClosingTextBlock

Highest 27.23%
(quarter ended
June 30, 2009)

Lowest -26.60%
(quarter ended
December 31, 2008)

The fund's total return for the nine months ended September 30,

[Performance Table Uses Highest Federal Rate](#)

rr_PerformanceTableUsesHighestFederalRate

[Performance Table Not Relevant to Tax Deferred](#)

rr_PerformanceTableNotRelevantToTaxDeferred

[Performance Table One Class of after Tax Shown \[Text\] Performance Table Narrative](#)

rr_PerformanceTableOneClassOfAfterTaxShown

rr_PerformanceTableNarrativeTextBlock

2012,
was 13.40%.

After-tax returns are calculated using the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during each year of the periods shown and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes.

Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation and likely will differ from the results shown above. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-favored arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, individual retirement account (IRA) or 529 college savings plan.

After-tax returns are shown only for Class A shares; after-tax returns for other share classes will vary.

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likely will differ from the results shown above. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-favored arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, individual retirement account (IRA) or 529 college savings plan.

Average annual total returns For the periods ended December 31, 2011 (with maximum sales charge):

[Caption](#)

rr_AverageAnnualReturnCaption

NEW WORLD
FUND INC
(Prospectus
Summary) |
NEW WORLD
FUND INC |
MSCI® All
Country World
Index

[Risk Return
\[Abstract\]
Label](#)

rr_RiskReturnAbstract

rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel

[1 Year](#)

rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01

[5 Years](#)

rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05

[10 Years](#)

rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10

[Since](#)

rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception

[Inception](#)

[Inception Date](#)

rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate

NEW WORLD
FUND INC
(Prospectus
Summary) |
NEW WORLD
FUND INC |
MSCI

MSCI® All Country
World Index (reflects no
deductions for sales
charges, account fees,
expenses or U.S. federal
income taxes)

(7.35%)

(1.93%)

4.24%

1.87%

Jun. 17, 1999

Emerging
Markets Index

Risk Return [Abstract] Label	rr_RiskReturnAbstract		
	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel		MSCI Emerging Markets Index (reflects no deductions for sales charges, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01		(18.42%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05		2.40%
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10		13.86%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception		8.99%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate		Jun. 17, 1999
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class A			
Risk Return [Abstract] Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_RiskReturnAbstract		
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice		5.75%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice		1.00%
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther		none
Management fees	rr_RedemptionFee		none
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets		0.56%
Other expenses	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets		0.23%
	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets		0.28%

[1]

Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.07%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	678
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	896
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,131
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,806
Annual Return 2002	rr_AnnualReturn2002	(4.62%)
Annual Return 2003	rr_AnnualReturn2003	43.36%
Annual Return 2004	rr_AnnualReturn2004	20.80%
Annual Return 2005	rr_AnnualReturn2005	22.20%
Annual Return 2006	rr_AnnualReturn2006	33.42%
Annual Return 2007	rr_AnnualReturn2007	32.85%
Annual Return 2008	rr_AnnualReturn2008	(46.32%)
Annual Return 2009	rr_AnnualReturn2009	52.21%
Annual Return 2010	rr_AnnualReturn2010	17.32%
Annual Return 2011	rr_AnnualReturn2011	(14.13%)
Year to Date Return, Label	rr_YearToDateReturnLabel	The fund's total return for the nine months ended
Bar Chart, Year to Date Return, Date	rr_BarChartYearToDateReturnDate	Sep. 30, 2012
Bar Chart, Year to Date Return	rr_BarChartYearToDateReturn	13.40%
Highest Quarterly Return, Label	rr_HighestQuarterlyReturnLabel	Highest

Highest Quarterly Return, Date	rr_BarChartHighestQuarterlyReturnDate	Jun. 30, 2009
Highest Quarterly Return	rr_BarChartHighestQuarterlyReturn	27.23%
Lowest Quarterly Return, Label	rr_LowestQuarterlyReturnLabel	Lowest
Lowest Quarterly Return, Date	rr_BarChartLowestQuarterlyReturnDate	Dec. 31, 2008
Lowest Quarterly Return Label	rr_BarChartLowestQuarterlyReturn	(26.60%)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class A - Before taxes
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(19.07%)
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.60%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	10.75%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	7.75%
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class A After Taxes on Distributions	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Jun. 17, 1999
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class A - After taxes on distributions
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(19.14%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.32%
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	10.35%
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class A After Taxes on Distributions and Sales		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	

Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class A - After taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(12.01%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.67%
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	9.64%
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class B		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	5.00%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	1.00%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.28%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.84%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	687
Expense Example, with	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	979

Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,195
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,957
Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	187
Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	579
Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	995
Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	1,957
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class B (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(19.03%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.65%
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	10.71%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	6.24%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Mar. 15, 2000
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class C		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	1.00%

charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed) Maximum sales charge (load) imposed	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
on reinvested dividends Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	1.00%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.31%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.87%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	290
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	588
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,011
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	2,190
Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	190
Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	588
Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	1,011
Expense Example, No	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	2,190

Redemption, 10 Years		
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class C (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(15.64%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.02%
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	10.52%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	9.47%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Mar. 15, 2001
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class F-1		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.25%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.22%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.03%
Expense Example, with	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	105

Redemption, 1 Year Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	328
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	569
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,259
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class F-1 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(14.13%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.82%
10 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear10	11.39%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.34%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Mar. 16, 2001
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class F-2		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none

Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.21%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	0.77%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	79
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	246
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	428
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	954
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class F-2 (before taxes)
1 Year Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(13.89%)
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	(1.96%)
	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Aug. 01, 2008
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class 529-A		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	5.75%
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	1.00%

the amount redeemed)		
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Maximum annual account fee (529 share classes only)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	10
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.20%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.37%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.13%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	703
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	953
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,219
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,973
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class 529-A (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(19.10%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.58%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.54%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Feb. 19, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class 529-B		

Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	5.00%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Maximum annual account fee (529 share classes only)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	10
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.99%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.39%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.94%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	717
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	1,048
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,303
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	2,153

Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	217
Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	648
Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	1,103
Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	2,153
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class 529-B (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(19.11%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.56%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.44%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Feb. 26, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class 529-C		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	1.00%
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none

Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Maximum annual account fee (529 share classes only)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	10
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.99%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.39%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.94%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	317
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	648
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	1,103
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	2,361
Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear01	217
Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear03	648
Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear05	1,103
Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleNoRedemptionYear10	2,361
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class 529-C (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(15.73%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.94%

Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.31%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Feb. 25, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class 529-E		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Maximum annual account fee (529 share classes only)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	10
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.50%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.32%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.38%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	160
Expense Example, with	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	476

Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	813
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(14.41%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.46%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.23%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Mar. 22, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class 529-F-1		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Maximum annual account fee (529 share classes only)	rr_MaximumAccountFee	10

Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.37%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	0.93%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	115
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	336
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	573
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,247
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class 529-F-1 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(14.00%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.97%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	13.10%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Sep. 17, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class R-1		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none

percentage of the amount redeemed)		
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	1.00%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.27%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.83%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	186
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	576
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	990
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	2,148
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class R-1 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(14.82%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.99%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.07%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Jun. 11, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class R-2		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	

Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.74%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.53%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.83%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	186
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	576
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	990
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	2,148
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class R-2 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(14.80%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	0.97%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.10%

Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Jun. 07, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class R-3		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.50%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.30%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.36%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	138
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	431
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	745

Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years Label	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	1,635
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	Share class R-3 (before taxes) (14.41%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.47%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.60%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Jun. 06, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class R-4		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	0.25%
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.20%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	1.01%
Expense Example, with	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	103

Redemption, 1 Year Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	322
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class R-4 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(14.12%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	1.82%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	13.89%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	Oct. 07, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class R-5		
Risk Return [Abstract] Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
	rr_RedemptionFee	none

Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.16%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	0.72%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	74
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	230
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	401
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	894
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class R-5 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(13.86%)
5 Years	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear05	2.12%
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	10.88%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	May 15, 2002
NEW WORLD FUND INC (Prospectus Summary) NEW WORLD FUND INC Class R-6		
Risk Return [Abstract]	rr_RiskReturnAbstract	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	rr_MaximumSalesChargeImposedOnPurchasesOverOfferingPrice	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a	rr_MaximumDeferredSalesChargeOverOfferingPrice	none

percentage of the amount redeemed)		
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	rr_MaximumSalesChargeOnReinvestedDividendsAndDistributionsOverOther	none
Redemption or exchange fees	rr_RedemptionFee	none
Management fees	rr_ManagementFeesOverAssets	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	rr_DistributionAndService12b1FeesOverAssets	none
Other expenses	rr_OtherExpensesOverAssets	0.10%
Total annual fund operating expenses	rr_ExpensesOverAssets	0.66%
Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	rr_ExpenseExampleYear01	67
Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear03	211
Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear05	368
Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years	rr_ExpenseExampleYear10	822
Label	rr_AverageAnnualReturnLabel	Share class R-6 (before taxes)
1 Year	rr_AverageAnnualReturnYear01	(13.82%)
Since Inception	rr_AverageAnnualReturnSinceInception	14.31%
Inception Date	rr_AverageAnnualReturnInceptionDate	May 01, 2009

[1] A contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% applies on certain redemptions within one year following purchases of \$1 million or more made without an initial sales charge.

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Investment objective

The fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.

Fees and expenses of the fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$25,000 in American Funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in the "Sales charge reductions and waivers" section on page 28 of the prospectus and on page 64 of the fund's statement of additional information.

Shareholder fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

Shareholder Fees NEW WORLD FUND INC (USD \$)	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class F-1	Class F-2	Class 529-A	Class 529-B	Class 529-C	Class 529-E	Class 529-F-1	Class R-1	Class R-2	Class R-3	Class R-4	Class R-5	Class R-6
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	5.75%	none	none	none	none	5.75%	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the amount redeemed)	1.00% ^[1]	5.00%	1.00%	none	none	1.00%	5.00%	1.00%	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Redemption or exchange fees	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Maximum annual account fee (529 share classes only)						10	10	10	10	10						

[1] A contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% applies on certain redemptions within one year following purchases of \$1 million or more made without an initial sales charge.

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Annual Fund Operating Expenses NEW WORLD FUND INC	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class F-1	Class F-2	Class 529-A	Class 529-B	Class 529-C	Class 529-E	Class 529-F-1	Class R-1	Class R-2	Class R-3	Class R-4	Class R-5	Class R-6
Management fees	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees	0.23%	1.00%	1.00%	0.25%	none	0.20%	0.99%	0.99%	0.50%	none	1.00%	0.74%	0.50%	0.25%	none	none
Other expenses	0.28%	0.28%	0.31%	0.22%	0.21%	0.37%	0.39%	0.39%	0.32%	0.37%	0.27%	0.53%	0.30%	0.20%	0.16%	0.10%
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.07%	1.84%	1.87%	1.03%	0.77%	1.13%	1.94%	1.94%	1.38%	0.93%	1.83%	1.83%	1.36%	1.01%	0.72%	0.66%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same.

Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

Expense Example NEW WORLD FUND INC (USD \$)	Expense Example, with Redemption, 1 Year	Expense Example, with Redemption, 3 Years	Expense Example, with Redemption, 5 Years	Expense Example, with Redemption, 10 Years
Class A	678	896	1,131	1,806
Class B	687	979	1,195	1,957
Class C	290	588	1,011	2,190
Class F-1	105	328	569	1,259
Class F-2	79	246	428	954

Class 529-A	703	953	1,219	1,973
Class 529-B	717	1,048	1,303	2,153
Class 529-C	317	648	1,103	2,361
Class 529-E	160	476	813	1,758
Class 529-F-1	115	336	573	1,247
Class R-1	186	576	990	2,148
Class R-2	186	576	990	2,148
Class R-3	138	431	745	1,635
Class R-4	103	322	558	1,236
Class R-5	74	230	401	894
Class R-6	67	211	368	822

For the share classes listed below, you would pay the following if you did not redeem your shares:

Expense Example, No Redemption NEW WORLD FUND INC (USD \$)	Expense Example, No Redemption, 1 Year	Expense Example, No Redemption, 3 Years	Expense Example, No Redemption, 5 Years	Expense Example, No Redemption, 10 Years
Class B	187	579	995	1,957
Class C	190	588	1,011	2,190
Class 529-B	217	648	1,103	2,153
Class 529-C	217	648	1,103	2,361

Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's investment results. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 25% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal investment strategies

The fund invests primarily in common stocks of companies with significant exposure to countries with developing economies and/or markets. Many of these countries may be referred to as emerging countries or emerging markets. The fund may also invest in debt securities of issuers, including issuers of lower rated bonds (rated Ba1 or below and BB+ or below by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations designated by the fund's investment adviser or unrated but determined to be of equivalent quality by the fund's investment adviser), with exposure to these countries. Bonds rated Ba1 or BB+ or below are sometimes referred to as "junk bonds."

Under normal market conditions, the fund will invest at least 35% of its assets in equity and debt securities of issuers primarily based in qualified countries that have developing economies and/or markets.

In determining whether a country is qualified, the fund's investment adviser will consider such factors as the country's per capita gross domestic product, the percentage of the country's economy that is industrialized, market capital as a percentage of gross domestic product, the overall regulatory environment, the presence of government regulation limiting or banning foreign ownership, and restrictions on repatriation of initial capital, dividends, interest and/or capital gains. The fund's investment adviser will maintain a list of qualified countries and securities in which the fund may invest. Qualified developing countries in which the fund may invest currently include, but are not limited to, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela,

Vietnam and Zambia.

The fund may invest in equity securities of any company, regardless of where it is based, if the fund's investment adviser determines that a significant portion of the company's assets or revenues (generally 20% or more) is attributable to developing countries. In addition, the fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in nonconvertible debt securities of issuers, including issuers of lower rated bonds and government bonds, that are primarily based in qualified countries or that have a significant portion of their assets or revenues attributable to developing countries. The fund may also, to a limited extent, invest in securities of issuers based in nonqualified developing countries.

The investment adviser uses a system of multiple portfolio counselors in managing the fund's assets. Under this approach, the portfolio of the fund is divided into segments managed by individual counselors who decide how their respective segments will be invested.

The fund relies on the professional judgment of its investment adviser to make decisions about the fund's portfolio investments. The basic investment philosophy of the investment adviser is to seek to invest in attractively valued companies that, in its opinion, represent good, long-term investment opportunities. The investment adviser believes that an important way to accomplish this is through fundamental analysis, which may include meeting with company executives and employees, suppliers, customers and competitors. Securities may be sold when the investment adviser believes that they no longer represent relatively attractive investment opportunities.

Principal risks

This section describes the principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies. You may lose money by investing in the fund. The likelihood of loss may be greater if you invest for a shorter period of time. Investors in the fund should have a long-term perspective and be able to tolerate potentially sharp declines in value.

Market conditions - The prices of, and the income generated by, the common stocks and other securities held by the fund may decline due to market conditions and other factors, including those directly involving the issuers of securities held by the fund.

Investing in growth-oriented stocks - Growth-oriented stocks may involve larger price swings and greater potential for loss than other types of investments. These risks may be even greater in the case of smaller capitalization stocks.

Investing outside the United States - Securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States, or with significant operations outside the United States, may lose value because of adverse political, social, economic or market developments in the countries or regions in which the issuer operates. These securities may also lose value due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates against the U.S. dollar and/or currencies of other countries. Securities markets in certain countries may be more volatile and/or less liquid than those in the United States. Investments outside the United States may also be subject to different settlement and accounting practices and different regulatory, legal and reporting standards, and may be more difficult to value, than those in the United States. The risks of investing outside the United States may be heightened in connection with investments in emerging and developing countries.

Investing in developing countries - Investing in countries with developing economies and/or markets may involve risks in addition to and greater than those generally associated with investing in developed countries. For instance,

developing countries may have less developed legal and accounting systems than those in developed countries. The governments of these countries may be less stable and more likely to impose capital controls, nationalize a company or industry, place restrictions on foreign ownership and on withdrawing sale proceeds of securities from the country, and/or impose punitive taxes that could adversely affect the prices of securities. In addition, the economies of these countries may be dependent on relatively few industries that are more susceptible to local and global changes. Securities markets in these countries can also be relatively small and have substantially lower trading volumes. As a result, securities issued in these countries may be more volatile and less liquid, and may be more difficult to value, than securities issued in countries with more developed economies and/or markets. Additionally, there may be increased settlement risks for transactions in local securities.

Investing in bonds - Rising interest rates will generally cause the prices of bonds and other debt securities to fall. Longer maturity debt securities may be subject to greater price fluctuations than shorter maturity debt securities. In addition, falling interest rates may cause an issuer to redeem, call or refinance a security before its stated maturity, which may result in the fund having to reinvest the proceeds in lower yielding securities.

Bonds and other debt securities are subject to credit risk, which is the possibility that the credit strength of an issuer will weaken and/or an issuer of a debt security will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest and the security will go into default. Credit risk is gauged, in part, by the credit ratings of the securities in which the fund invests.

However, ratings are only the opinions of the rating agencies issuing them and are not guarantees as to credit quality or an evaluation of market risk.

Investing in lower rated bonds - Lower rated bonds and other lower rated debt securities generally have higher rates of interest and involve greater risk of default or price declines due to changes in the issuer's creditworthiness than those of higher quality debt securities. The market prices of these securities may fluctuate more than the prices of higher quality debt securities and may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty. These risks may be increased with respect to investments in junk bonds.

Thinly traded securities - There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular bonds or other debt securities, which may make them more difficult to value, acquire or sell.

Management - The investment adviser to the fund actively manages the fund's investments. Consequently, the fund is subject to the risk that the methods and analyses employed by the investment adviser in this process may not produce the desired results. This could cause the fund to lose value or its investment results to lag relevant benchmarks or other funds with similar objectives.

Your investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, entity or person. You should consider how this fund fits into your overall investment program.

Investment results

The following bar chart shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with different broad measures of market results. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index reflects the market sectors in which

the fund invests. Past investment results (before and after taxes) are not predictive of future investment results. Updated information on the fund's investment results can be obtained by visiting americanfunds.com.

The following bar chart shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compare with different broad measures of market results.

Calendar year total returns for Class A shares (Results do not include a sales charge; if a sales charge were included, results would be lower.)



Highest/Lowest quarterly results during this period were:

Highest 27.23% (quarter ended June 30, 2009)

Lowest -26.60% (quarter ended December 31, 2008)

The fund's total return for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, was 13.40%.

After-tax returns are shown only for Class A shares; after-tax returns for other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during each year of the periods shown and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation and likely will differ from the results shown above. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-favored arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, individual retirement account (IRA) or 529 college savings plan.

Average annual total returns For the periods ended December 31, 2011 (with maximum sales charge):

Average Annual Total Returns NEW WORLD FUND INC		Label	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Class A	Share class A - Before taxes	(19.07%)	0.60%	10.75%	7.75%	Jun. 17, 1999	
Class B	Share class B (before taxes)	(19.03%)	0.65%	10.71%	6.24%	Mar. 15, 2000	
Class C	Share class C (before taxes)	(15.64%)	1.02%	10.52%	9.47%	Mar. 15, 2001	
Class F-1	Share class F-1 (before taxes)	(14.13%)	1.82%	11.39%	10.34%	Mar. 16, 2001	
Class F-2	Share class F-2 (before taxes)	(13.89%)			(1.96%)	Aug. 01, 2008	
Class 529-A	Share class 529-A (before taxes)	(19.10%)	0.58%		10.54%	Feb. 19, 2002	
Class 529-B	Share class 529-B (before taxes)	(19.11%)	0.56%		10.44%	Feb. 26, 2002	

Class 529-C	Share class 529-C (before taxes)	(15.73%)0.94%	10.31%	Feb. 25, 2002
Class 529-E	Share class 529-E (before taxes)	(14.41%)1.46%	10.23%	Mar. 22, 2002
Class 529-F-1	Share class 529-F-1 (before taxes)	(14.00%)1.97%	13.10%	Sep. 17, 2002
Class R-1	Share class R-1 (before taxes)	(14.82%)0.99%	10.07%	Jun. 11, 2002
Class R-2	Share class R-2 (before taxes)	(14.80%)0.97%	10.10%	Jun. 07, 2002
Class R-3	Share class R-3 (before taxes)	(14.41%)1.47%	10.60%	Jun. 06, 2002
Class R-4	Share class R-4 (before taxes)	(14.12%)1.82%	13.89%	Oct. 07, 2002
Class R-5	Share class R-5 (before taxes)	(13.86%)2.12%	10.88%	May 15, 2002
Class R-6	Share class R-6 (before taxes)	(13.82%)	14.31%	May 01, 2009
After Taxes on Distributions Class A	Share class A - After taxes on distributions	(19.14%)0.32%	10.35%	
After Taxes on Distributions and Sales Class A	Share class A - After taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	(12.01%)0.67%	9.64%	
MSCI ® All Country World Index	MSCI® All Country World Index (reflects no deductions for sales charges, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes)	(7.35%) (1.93%)	4.24% 1.87%	Jun. 17, 1999
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (reflects no deductions for sales charges, account fees, expenses or U.S. federal income taxes)	(18.42%)2.40%	13.86%8.99%	Jun. 17, 1999

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