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# Putnam Equity Income Fund

**Summary prospectus**

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<b>FUNDSYMBOLS</b>	<b>CLASS A</b>	<b>CLASS B</b>	<b>CLASS C</b>	<b>CLASS M</b>	<b>CLASS R</b>	<b>CLASS R5</b>	<b>CLASS R6</b>	<b>CLASS T</b>	<b>CLASS Y</b>
PEYAX	PEQNX	PEQCX	PEIMX	PEQRX	PEQLX	PEQSX	Pending	PEIYX	

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Before you invest, you may wish to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You may obtain the prospectus and other information about the fund, including the statement of additional information (SAI) and most recent reports to shareholders, at no cost by visiting [putnam.com/funddocuments](http://putnam.com/funddocuments), calling 1-800-225-1581, or e-mailing Putnam at [funddocuments@putnam.com](mailto:funddocuments@putnam.com).

The fund's prospectus and SAI, both dated 3/30/18, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

## Goal

Putnam Equity Income Fund seeks capital growth and current income.

## Fees and expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses 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 \$50,000 in Putnam funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial advisor and in *How do I buy fund shares?* beginning on page 12 of the fund's prospectus, in the Appendix to the fund's prospectus, and in *How to buy shares* beginning on page II-1 of the fund's statement of additional information (SAI).

### Shareholder fees *(fees paid directly from your investment)*

Share class	Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower)
Class A	5.75%	1.00%*
Class B	NONE	5.00%**
Class C	NONE	1.00%***
Class M	3.50%	NONE
Class R	NONE	NONE
Class R5	NONE	NONE
Class R6	NONE	NONE
Class T	2.50%	NONE
Class Y	NONE	NONE

## Annual fund operating expenses

(expenses you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Share class	Management fees	Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	Other expenses	Total annual fund operating expenses
Class A	0.47%	0.25%	0.19%+	0.91%
Class B	0.47%	1.00%	0.19%+	1.66%
Class C	0.47%	1.00%	0.19%+	1.66%
Class M	0.47%	0.75%	0.19%+	1.41%
Class R	0.47%	0.50%	0.19%+	1.16%
Class R5	0.47%	N/A	0.18%+	0.65%
Class R6	0.47%	N/A	0.08%+	0.55%
Class T	0.47%	0.25%	0.19%<	0.91%
Class Y	0.47%	0.00%	0.19%+	0.66%

\* Applies only to certain redemptions of shares bought with no initial sales charge.

\*\* This charge is phased out over six years.

\*\*\* This charge is eliminated after one year.

+ Restated to reflect current fees.

< Other expenses are based on expenses of class A shares for the fund's last fiscal year, as restated to reflect current fees.

### Example

The following hypothetical example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. It assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then, except as indicated, redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. It assumes a 5% return on your investment each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

Share class	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Class A	\$663	\$848	\$1,050	\$1,630
Class B	\$669	\$823	\$1,102	\$1,766
Class B (no redemption)	\$169	\$523	\$902	\$1,766
Class C	\$269	\$523	\$902	\$1,965
Class C (no redemption)	\$169	\$523	\$902	\$1,965
Class M	\$489	\$781	\$1,094	\$1,982
Class R	\$118	\$368	\$638	\$1,409
Class R5	\$66	\$208	\$362	\$810
Class R6	\$56	\$176	\$307	\$689
Class T	\$341	\$533	\$741	\$1,342
Class Y	\$67	\$211	\$368	\$822

## **Portfolio turnover**

The fund pays transaction-related costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund’s shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or the above example, affect fund performance. The fund’s turnover rate in the most recent fiscal year was 11%.

## **Investments, risks, and performance**

### **Investments**

We invest mainly in common stocks of midsize and large U.S. companies, with a focus on value stocks that offer the potential for capital growth, current income, or both. Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 80% of the fund’s net assets in common stocks and other equity investments that offer the potential for current income. This policy may be changed only after 60 days’ notice to shareholders. Value stocks are issued by companies that we believe are currently undervalued by the market. If we are correct and other investors ultimately recognize the value of the company, the price of its stock may rise. We may consider, among other factors, a company’s valuation, financial strength, growth potential, competitive position in its industry, projected future earnings, cash flows and dividends when deciding whether to buy or sell investments.

### **Risks**

It is important to understand that you can lose money by investing in the fund.

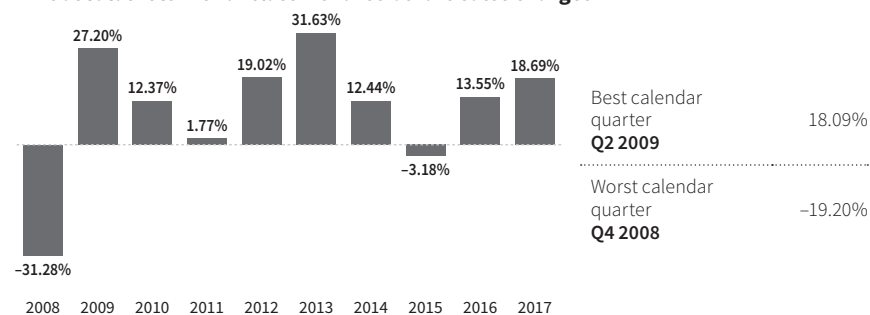
The value of stocks in the fund’s portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions, changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer, industry or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund’s portfolio holdings. Value stocks may fail to rebound, and the market may not favor value-style investing. Income provided by the fund may be reduced by changes in the dividend policies of, and the capital resources available at, the companies in which the fund invests.

The fund may not achieve its goal, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

### **Performance**

The performance information below gives some indication of the risks associated with an investment in the fund by showing the fund’s performance year to year and over time. The bar chart does not reflect the impact of sales charges. If it did, performance would be lower. Please remember that past performance is not necessarily an indication of future results. Monthly performance figures for the fund are available at [putnam.com](http://putnam.com).

## Annual total returns for class A shares before sales charges



## Average annual total returns after sales charges

(for periods ended 12/31/17)

Share class	1 year	5 years	10 years
Class A before taxes	11.86%	12.73%	8.03%
Class A after taxes on distributions	10.99%	11.18%	7.09%
Class A after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	7.38%	9.87%	6.36%
Class B before taxes	12.81%	12.98%	8.03%
Class C before taxes	16.78%	13.22%	7.86%
Class M before taxes	13.99%	12.70%	7.75%
Class R before taxes	18.41%	13.78%	8.40%
Class R5 before taxes*	18.97%	14.43%	8.99%
Class R6 before taxes*	19.14%	14.55%	9.05%
Class T before taxes**	15.72%	13.49%	8.40%
Class Y before taxes	18.95%	14.35%	8.94%
Russell 1000 Value Index*** (no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	13.66%	14.04%	7.10%

\* Performance for class R5 and class R6 shares prior to their inception (7/2/12) is derived from the historical performance of class Y shares and has not been adjusted for the lower investor servicing fees applicable to class R5 and class R6 shares; had it, returns would have been higher.

\*\* Class T shares were not outstanding during the periods shown. Performance shown for class T shares is derived from the historical performance of class A shares, adjusted for the lower initial sales charge currently applicable to class T shares.

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After-tax returns reflect the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are shown for class A shares only and will vary for other classes. These after-tax returns do not apply if you hold your fund shares through a 401(k) plan, an IRA, or another tax-advantaged arrangement.

Class B share performance reflects conversion to class A shares after eight years.

## **Your fund's management**

### **Investment advisor**

Putnam Investment Management, LLC

### **Portfolio manager**

**Darren Jaroch**

Portfolio Manager, portfolio manager of the fund since 2012

### **Assistant portfolio manager**

**Walter Scully**

Analyst, assistant portfolio manager of the fund since 2012

### **Sub-advisor**

Putnam Investments Limited\*

\* Though the investment advisor has retained the services of Putnam Investments Limited (PIL), PIL does not currently manage any assets of the fund.

## **Purchase and sale of fund shares**

You can open an account, purchase and/or sell fund shares, or exchange them for shares of another Putnam fund by contacting your financial advisor or by calling Putnam Investor Services at 1-800-225-1581. Purchases of class B shares are closed to new and existing investors except by exchange from class B shares of another Putnam fund or through dividend and/or capital gains reinvestment.

When opening an account, you must complete and mail a Putnam account application, along with a check made payable to the fund, to: Putnam Investor Services, P.O. Box 8383, Boston, MA 02266-8383. The minimum initial investment of \$500 is currently waived, although Putnam reserves the right to reject initial investments under \$500 at its discretion. There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

You can sell your shares back to the fund or exchange them for shares of another Putnam fund any day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. Shares may be sold or exchanged by mail, by phone, or online at [putnam.com](http://putnam.com). Some restrictions may apply.

**Tax information**

The fund's distributions will be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you hold the shares through a tax-advantaged arrangement, in which case you will generally be taxed only upon withdrawal of monies from the arrangement.

**Financial intermediary compensation**

If you purchase the fund through a broker/dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or financial advisor), the fund and its related companies may pay that intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. Please bear in mind that these payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker/dealer or other intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your advisor or visit your advisor's website for more information.

**Information about the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and SAI**

The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI for a fund provide information concerning the fund. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI are updated at least annually and any information provided in a summary prospectus, prospectus, or SAI can be changed without a shareholder vote unless specifically stated otherwise. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and the SAI are not contracts between the fund and its shareholders and do not give rise to any contractual rights or obligations or any shareholder rights other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

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Class T shares of the fund  
are not currently available  
for purchase.

