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RPAG scorecard: Top scoring Putnam funds

At Putnam Investments, we take a proactive approach to managing volatility and pursuing superior results. These Putnam funds scored 8 or higher on the Retirement Plan Advisory Group (RPAG) proprietary Scorecard system.*

Putnam Retirement Advantage Target-Date Funds		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our glide path starts out more aggressively before growing more conservative as the target date nears We dynamically allocate across asset classes, not across a portfolio of existing funds Our Global Asset Allocation team takes a comprehensive approach — maintaining full control of every aspect of the funds' investments Because Retirement Advantage Funds are collective investment trusts, this lower-cost expense structure is not available to retail investors 	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2055	I	—	74674P104	9
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2050	I	—	746751106	9
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2045	I	—	746751171	9
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2040	I	—	746751247	9
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2035	I	—	746751312	9
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2030	I	—	746751387	9
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2025	I	—	746751452	8
	Putnam Retirement Advantage 2020	I	—	746751528	8
	Putnam Retirement Advantage Maturity	I	—	746751809	9

Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Funds		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversified across more than 10 asset classes to benefit from a range of opportunities Disciplined selection of individual stocks and bonds to finely tune the portfolio and avoid the risk of overlapping positions in a fund-of-funds approach Active portfolio rebalancing to maintain consistent asset allocation and long-term risk profile 	Balanced Fund	A	PABAX	746444306	8
		Y	PABYX	746444884	9
		R6	PAAEX	746444769	9
	Growth Fund	A	PAEAX	746444108	8
		Y	PAGYX	746444702	9
		R6	PAEEX	746444728	9
	Conservative Fund	A	PACAX	746444504	9
		Y	PACYX	746444801	10
		R6	PCCEX	746444744	10

* The Scorecard System methodology incorporates both quantitative and qualitative factors into evaluating fund managers and their investment strategies. To be scored, there is a fund history requirement (5 years for active strategies and 3 years for passive strategies). The scoring system is built around pass/fail criteria, on a scale of 0–10 (with 10 being the best). Eighty percent of the score is quantitative, and 20% is qualitative. For active and asset allocation strategies, the scorecard factors are weighted 30% to style, 30% to risk/return, and 20% to qualitative factors (manager tenure, expense ratio relative to category average, and strength of statistics). For active asset allocation and passive strategies, other significant factors may be taken into account when considering a fund's qualitative score.

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Putnam Equity Income Fund (Value)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on large, dividend-paying companies whose stocks are priced below their long-term potential • A disciplined process that combines fundamental research and quantitative tools to pursue multiple alpha sources, with a strong overlay of risk control in portfolio construction • A veteran portfolio manager supported by a team of fundamental large-cap equity research analysts and a team of quantitative specialists 	A	PEYAX	746745108	10
	Y	PEIYX	746745405	10
	R6	PEQSX	746745801	10

Putnam International Value Fund (Value)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invests in international large and midsize companies to benefit from business opportunities outside the United States • Focuses on companies whose stocks are priced below their long-term potential, and where there may be a catalyst for positive change • The portfolio manager uses fundamental research, supported by quantitative tools and microeconomic analysis, as the cornerstone of the investment process 	Y	PNGYX	746763614	8

Putnam Small Cap Value Fund (Value)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplined investment process seeks to outperform the benchmark through bottom-up fundamental stock selection in most market conditions • Focuses on providing broad, well-diversified exposure to attractively valued stocks issued by high-quality businesses with a potential catalyst for future growth • Seeks to manage risk through security selection, portfolio construction, and liquidity management 	A	PSLAX	746802610	9
	Y	PYSVX	746802289	10
	R6	PSCMX	74680L741	10

Putnam Emerging Markets Equity Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 30 years investing internationally and managing emerging-market portfolios for more than a decade • Seeks stocks believed to be worth more than their current prices indicate • Invests in markets with the potential for continued growth due to rising wealth and increased investment in infrastructure in developing countries 	A	PEMMX	764764109	10
	Y	PEMYX	746764694	10

Putnam International Equity Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invests in established large and midsize companies mainly in developed markets to benefit from opportunities unfolding outside the United States • Pursuing Putnam's blend strategy, the fund can own growth- or value-style stocks to participate when either style leads international markets • The portfolio manager uses fundamental research as the cornerstone of the investment process. This research is supported by quantitative tools and macroeconomic analysis 	A	POVSX	74680E101	8
	Y	POVYX	74680E101	9
	R6	POVEX	74680E804	9

Putnam Multi-Cap Core Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portfolio manager has flexibility to invest in companies of all sizes, leveraging insights on industry dynamics and of large and small companies • Invests in both growth stocks and value stocks, seeking capital appreciation and broad portfolio diversification • Supported by a strong research team, the portfolio manager uses stock-picking expertise and multiple resources to identify opportunities and manage risk 	A	PMAYX	74676P888	10
	Y	PMYYX	74676P839	10

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Putnam Research Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represents the stock selections of Putnam's Global Equity Research Group, whose analysts cover more than 1,000 companies Can own growth- or value-style stocks, allowing it to seek opportunities regardless of which style is in favor Experienced portfolio managers use rigorous fundamental investment research to oversee the portfolio and manage risk 	Y	PURYX	746802487	8

Putnam Growth Opportunities Fund (Growth)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invests in large U.S. companies, seeking those with a competitive edge and strong earnings and cash flows that can lead to better growth potential With a focus on bottom-up stock selection, the portfolio manager develops investment themes to pinpoint areas of opportunity and guide investment decisions 	A	POGAX	746802800	8
	Y	PGOYX	746802586	9
	R6	PGOEX	74680A208	9

Putnam Multi-Cap Growth Fund (Growth)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can invest in companies of all sizes Targets stocks of companies that are believed to offer above-average growth potential Supported by a strong research team, the portfolio manager uses his stock-picking expertise and multiple resources to identify opportunities and manage risk 	Y	PNOYX	746916402	9

Putnam Global Sector Fund (Global sector)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	RPAG Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invests in industries that can profit from the global demand for technology products and services Seeks the best opportunities by investing in stocks from around the world Portfolio managers, supported by experienced research analysts, combine rigorous fundamental research with macroeconomic views to pinpoint opportunities across the sector 	A	PPGAX	74677R107	8
	Y	PPGYX	74677R602	9

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