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(industry since 1988)



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**Objective**

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

**Morningstar category**

Europe Stock

**Lipper category**

European Region

**Fund symbols**

Class A	PEUGX
Class B	PEUBX
Class C	PEECX
Class M	PEUMX
Class R	PEERX
Class Y	PEUYX

**Number of holdings**

58

**Net assets**

\$210.06M

**Dividend frequency**

Annually

# Putnam Europe Equity Fund

Pursuing the growth potential of established companies in European markets

**European companies**

The fund invests in established large and midsize companies across Europe that benefit from the region's economy and from operations in global markets.

**A flexible strategy**

Pursuing Putnam's blend strategy, the fund can own growth- or value-style stocks to participate when either style leads European markets.

**A disciplined process**

The fund managers combine fundamental research and quantitative tools to pursue multiple sources of return, supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction.

**Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and country weightings**

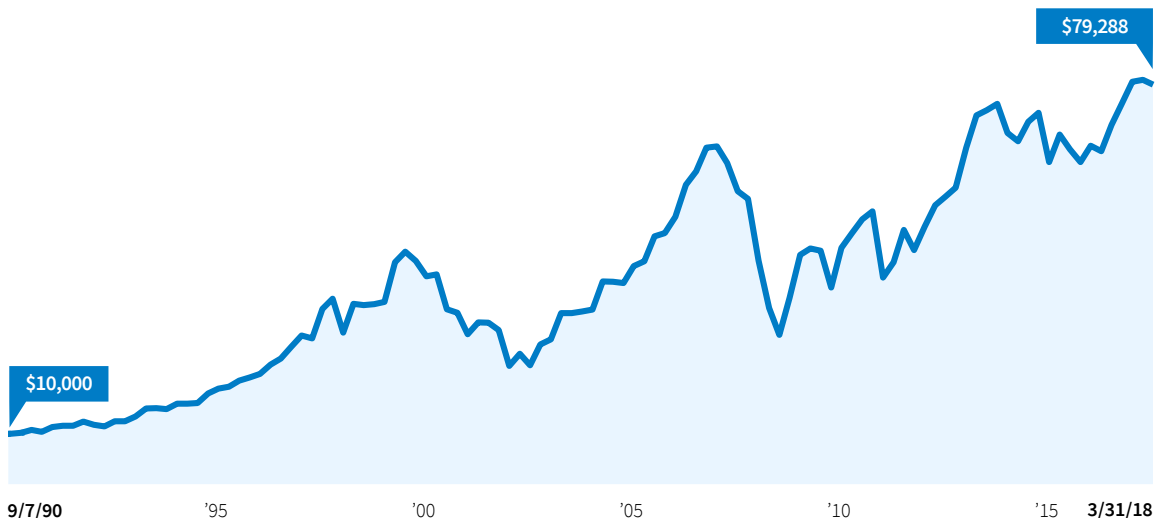
Top ten holdings		Country		● Fund	● MSCI Europe Index (ND)
Novartis	3.88%	United Kingdom	22.3%	26.9%	
Total	3.49	Germany	17.2	15.4	
Unilever	3.02	France	16.0	17.2	
Siemens	2.91	Netherlands	11.8	5.1	
Prudential	2.72	Switzerland	7.5	12.4	
Rio Tinto (UK)	2.66	Ireland	4.2	0.9	
ING Groep	2.58	Spain	3.4	5.1	
Bayer	2.52	Italy	3.2	3.8	
Airbus	2.46	United States	3.0	0.4	
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	2.35	Denmark	2.2	2.9	
		Other countries	6.7	10.0	

Holdings represent 28.59% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Cash and net other assets represent 2.4% of the portfolio.

**Growth of a \$10,000 investment**

The fund has returned an average of 7.8% annually since inception.



Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will vary, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance of class Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Class Y shares, available to investors through an asset-based fee program or for institutional clients, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. Performance for class Y shares before their inception are derived from the historical performance of class A shares (inception 9/7/90), which have not been adjusted for the lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. Recent performance may have benefited from one or more legal settlements. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

**Not FDIC insured  
May lose value  
No bank guarantee**

**Lipper rankings**

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	71% (109/154)
3 years	71% (90/127)
5 years	46% (44/95)
10 years	32% (21/66)

**Total expense ratio**

(Y shares)

1.04%

**Adjustable management fees**Base management fee  
0.69%Example of lower fee if fund underperforms its benchmark by 1%  
0.66%Example of higher fee if fund outperforms its benchmark by 1%  
0.72%Maximum performance adjustment  
+/-0.15%**Market-cap breakdown**

Over \$40B	43.76%
\$9.1B-\$40B	37.21%
\$1.9B-\$9.1B	12.81%
\$420M-\$1.9B	3.81%
Less than \$420M	0.00%
Cash and other assets	2.42%

"Cash and other assets" includes cash, short-term securities, ETFs, bonds excluding convertible bonds, and other securities not able to be classified by market capitalization.

**Beta**

0.96

**Price to earnings**

14.35

**Projected 5-yr EPS growth**

10.07

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**Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Y shares	33.9%	6.5%	-11.6%	25.7%	32.3%	-7.0%	2.0%	-4.8%	21.4%	-1.2%
MSCI Europe Index (ND)	35.8	3.9	-11.1	19.1	25.2	-6.2	-2.8	-0.4	25.5	-2.0

**Annualized total return performance**

Inception 10/4/05	Class Y shares	MSCI Europe Index (ND)
1 year	11.20%	14.49%
3 years	3.32	4.79
5 years	6.80	6.37
10 years	3.16	2.06
Life of fund	7.80	7.77

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The MSCI Europe Index (ND) is an unmanaged index of Western European equity securities. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Because the dollar amount of the monthly performance fee adjustment is based on the fund's average assets during the rolling performance period, the amount of any dollar adjustment as a percentage of a fund's current assets could exceed the "maximum annualized performance adjustment rates." Performance fee adjustments will not commence until a fund has been operating under a shareholder-approved management contract with a performance fee adjustment for at least 12 months.

Lipper rankings for class Y shares are based on total return without sales charge relative to all share classes of funds with similar objectives as determined by Lipper.

**Beta** measures volatility in relation to the fund's benchmark. A beta of less than 1.0 indicates lower volatility; a beta of more than 1.0, higher volatility than the benchmark. The **price-earnings ratio** of a firm's common stock is calculated as the current stock price divided by projected earnings per share for the coming year. The projections used are based on street consensus estimates provided by IBES. **Earnings per share (EPS)** is found by taking the net income and dividing it by the basic or diluted number of shares outstanding, as reported. You can also take "expected" earnings for the current year or for future years to calculate other P/E ratios.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

**Consider these risks before investing:** International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging-market securities carry illiquidity and volatility risks. Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. Investments in a single region may be affected by common economic forces and other factors. In addition, events in any one country within the region may impact the other countries or the region as a whole. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. Risks associated with derivatives include increased investment exposure, which may be considered leverage, or, in the case of over-the-counter instruments, the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions and the potential failure of the other party to the instrument to meet its obligations. Stock prices may fall or fail to rise over time for a variety of reasons, including general financial market conditions and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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