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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 1993)



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(industry since 2008)

Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

World Large Stock

Lipper category

Global Multi-Cap Core

Fund symbols

| | |
|----------|-------|
| Class A | PEQUX |
| Class B | PEQBX |
| Class C | PUGCX |
| Class M | PEQMX |
| Class R | PGLRX |
| Class R6 | PGLEX |
| Class Y | PEQYX |

Number of holdings

105

Net assets

\$861.93M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Putnam Global Equity Fund

Selecting companies around the world that are attractive for investors

Global companies

The fund seeks to capitalize on opportunities across global regions and market-cap sizes.

A flexible strategy

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

A disciplined process

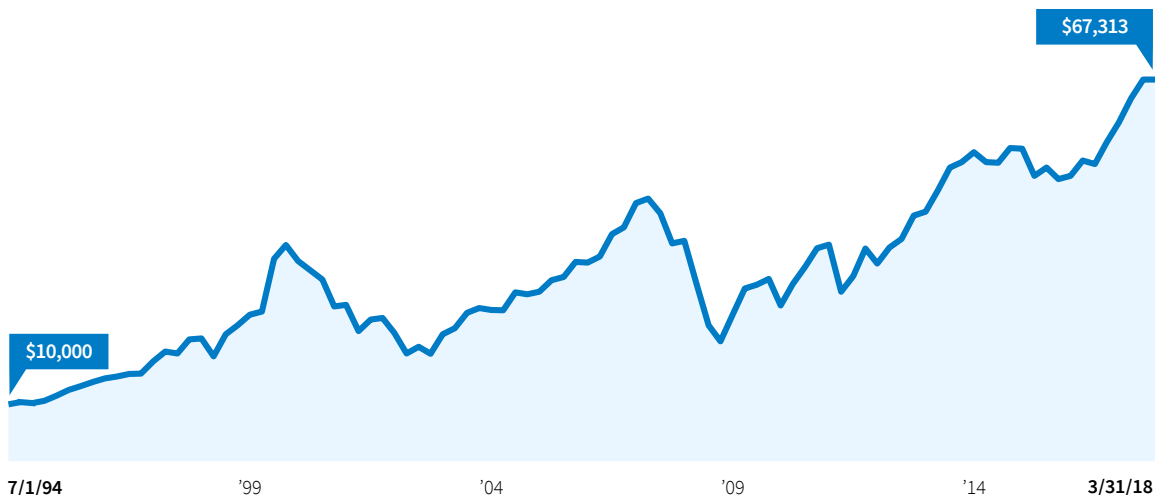
The fund managers combine fundamental research and quantitative tools to pursue multiple sources of return, supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction.

Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and country weightings

| Top ten holdings | | Country | | ● Fund | ● MSCI World Index (ND) |
|---|-------|--|-------|--------|-------------------------|
| NRG Energy | 3.27% | United States | 53.9% | 59.2% | |
| Unilever | 2.51 | United Kingdom | 7.8 | 6.5 | |
| Alphabet | 2.39 | Japan | 7.3 | 9.1 | |
| BD Medical | 1.85 | Canada | 5.2 | 3.4 | |
| Norfolk Southern | 1.74 | Netherlands | 3.6 | 1.2 | |
| Boston Scientific | 1.74 | Ireland | 2.7 | 0.2 | |
| Amazon | 1.66 | Germany | 2.4 | 3.6 | |
| E*Trade Financial | 1.63 | Australia | 1.7 | 2.4 | |
| Suncor Energy | 1.60 | South Korea | 1.7 | 0.0 | |
| Bank of America | 1.51 | India | 1.6 | 0.0 | |
| Holdings represent 19.90% of the portfolio and will vary over time. | | Other countries | 8.2 | 14.3 | |
| | | Cash and net other assets represent 3.9% of the portfolio. | | | |

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 8.4% 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 7/1/94), which have not been adjusted for the lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. 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 | 8% (15/190) |
| 3 years | 67% (88/131) |
| 5 years | 65% (70/108) |
| 10 years | 57% (34/59) |

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)

0.87%

Adjustable management feesBase 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 \$69B | 19.27% |
| \$16B-\$69B | 30.24% |
| \$3.4B-\$16B | 36.61% |
| \$1B-\$3.4B | 9.96% |
| Less than \$1B | 0.00% |
| Cash and other assets | 3.92% |

"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

0.98

Price to earnings

17.22

Projected 5-yr EPS growth

17.63

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Putnam Retail Management
FS006_Y 311158 4/18**Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)**

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 YTD |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|----------|
| Y shares | 30.0% | 10.1% | -4.7% | 20.2% | 32.0% | 1.7% | -1.7% | 1.2% | 28.5% | 0.0% |
| MSCI World Index (ND) | 30.0 | 11.8 | -5.5 | 15.8 | 26.7 | 4.9 | -0.9 | 7.5 | 22.4 | -1.3 |

Annualized total return performance

| Inception 9/23/02 | Class Y shares | MSCI World Index (ND) |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 year | 19.62% | 13.52% |
| 3 years | 6.81 | 7.95 |
| 5 years | 9.23 | 9.69 |
| 10 years | 5.78 | 5.89 |
| Life of fund | 8.36 | 7.04 |

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The MSCI World Index (ND) is an unmanaged index of equity securities from developed countries. 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. 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) and, 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 several reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions, changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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