

Portfolio Managers

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Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

Health

Putnam Global Health Care Fund

Investing in the health-care sector since 1982

A dynamic sector

From biotech and drugs to devices and hospitals, the fund invests in industries that can profit from the global demand for health care products and services.

A global approach

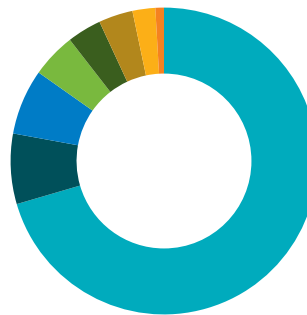
To seek the best opportunities, the fund's managers have the flexibility to invest in stocks from around the world.

Active management

The managers, supported by experienced research analysts, combine rigorous fundamental research with macroeconomic views to pinpoint opportunities across the sector.

Diversification across markets

United States	70.4%
Switzerland	7.4
United Kingdom	6.9
Germany	4.7
France	3.6
Japan	3.6
Other countries	2.4
Cash and net other assets	0.9



Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%

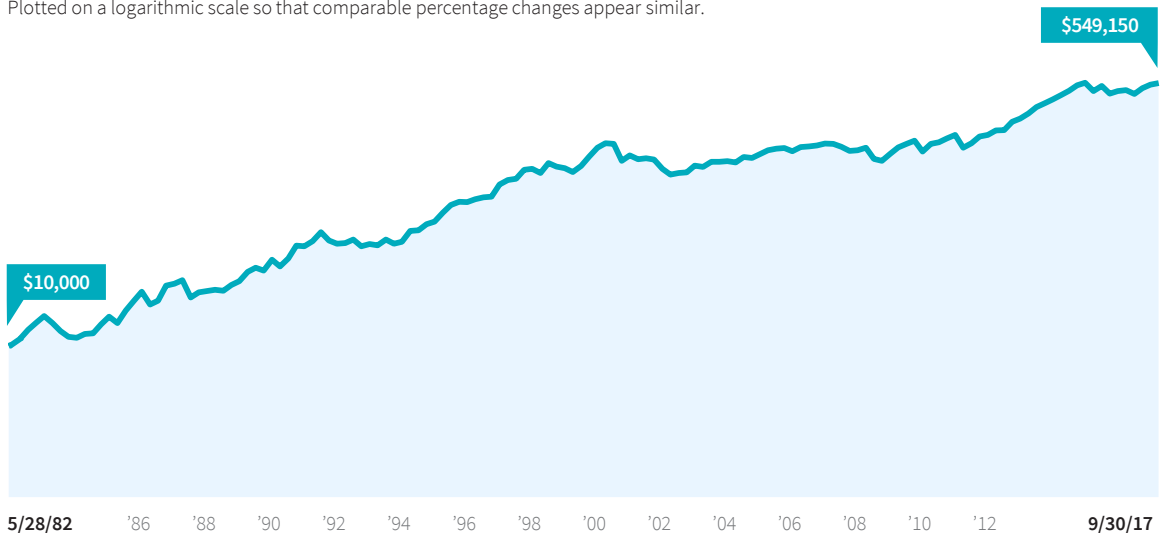
Top ten holdings

UnitedHealth Group	5.36%
Amgen	5.01
BD Medical	4.71
Jazz Pharmaceuticals	4.61
Novartis	4.39
Bayer	4.25
Danaher	4.02
Johnson & Johnson	3.90
Biogen	3.70
Celgene	3.69

Holdings represent 43.64% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 12.0% annually since inception. Plotted on a logarithmic scale so that comparable percentage changes appear similar.



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

Fund symbols

Class A	PHSTX
Class B	PHSBX
Class C	PCHSX
Class M	PHLMX
Class R	PHSRX
Class Y	PHSYX

Total expense ratio(Y shares)
0.84%**Number of holdings**

53

Net assets

\$1,464.30M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$58B	56.37%
\$13B–\$58B	25.21%
\$2.8B–\$13B	11.25%
\$850M–\$2.8B	4.59%
Less than \$850M	1.72%
Cash and other assets	0.85%

"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

1.11

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017YTD
Y shares	-0.4%	-16.9%	25.5%	2.3%	-1.2%	22.3%	42.1%	27.8%	7.8%	-11.5%	18.1%
MSCI World Health Care Index (ND)	3.9	-21.5	18.9	2.4	9.5	17.5	36.3	18.1	6.6	-6.8	18.8

Annualized total return performance

Inception 4/4/00	Class Y shares	MSCI World Health Care Index (ND)
1 year	11.33%	12.41%
3 years	6.35	6.72
5 years	15.57	13.85
10 years	9.74	8.72
Life of fund	12.00	—

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (5/28/82–9/30/17)*

Best 5-year return	Best period end date	Worst 5-year return	Worst period end date	Average 5-year return	% of 5-year periods with positive returns	Number of positive 5-year periods	Number of negative 5-year periods
26.48%	3/31/99	-2.09%	9/30/05	12.05%	95%	116	6

*Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

MSCI World Health Care Index (ND) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets in the health care sector. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

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. The health-care industries may be affected by technological obsolescence; changes in regulatory approval policies for drugs, medical devices, or procedures; and changes in governmental and private payment systems. The fund concentrates on a limited group of industries and is non-diversified. Because the fund may invest in fewer issuers, it is vulnerable to common economic forces and may result in greater losses and volatility. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. The use of short selling may result in losses if the securities appreciate in value. 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 financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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