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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 1988)

Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

Foreign Large Blend

Lipper category

International Multi-Cap Core

Fund symbols

Class A	POVSX
Class B	POVBX
Class C	PIGCX
Class M	POVMX
Class R	PIERX
Class Y	POVYX

Number of holdings

88

Net assets

\$894.09M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Putnam International Equity Fund

Pursuing the growth potential of overseas markets since 1991

International companies

The fund invests in established large and midsize companies, mainly in developed markets to benefit from opportunities outside the United States.

A flexible strategy

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

A disciplined process

The portfolio manager invests using fundamental research and quantitative tools supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction.

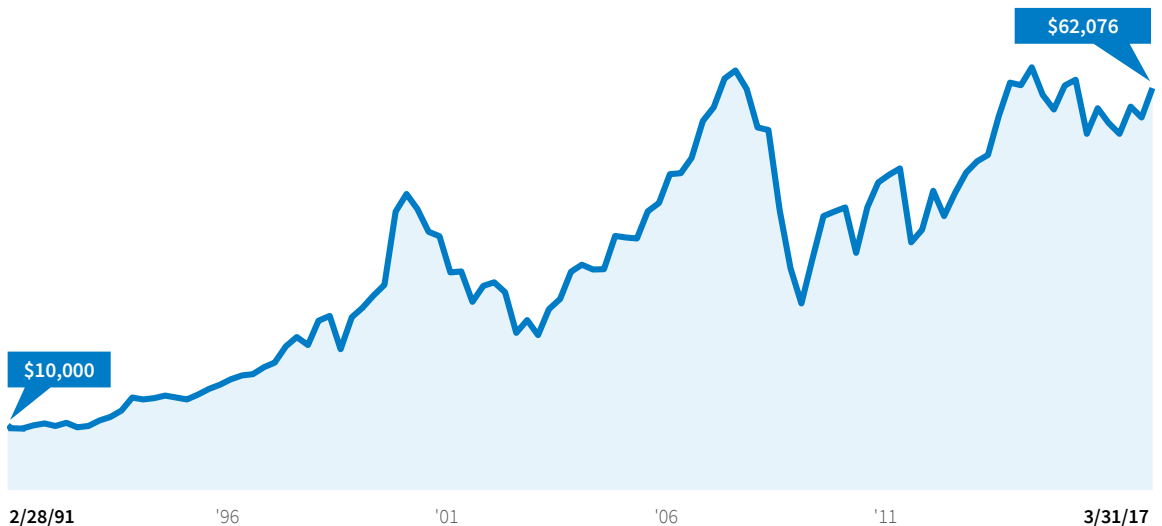
Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and country weightings

Top ten holdings		Country		● Fund	● MSCI EAFE Index (ND)
Royal Dutch Shell	2.29%	United Kingdom	23.7%	17.7%	
Siemens	2.19	Japan	19.8	23.4	
ING Groep	2.09	Germany	11.2	9.5	
Prudential	2.06	France	10.2	10.2	
British American Tobacco	1.76	Netherlands	5.4	3.1	
Valeo	1.74	United States	3.4	0.2	
Challenger	1.73	Australia	3.2	7.6	
Sanofi	1.70	Ireland	3.0	0.6	
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	1.69	China	2.5	0.0	
Rio Tinto	1.65	Italy	2.3	2.1	
		Other countries	13.1	25.7	

Holdings represent 18.88% of the portfolio and will vary over time.
Cash and net other assets represent 2.0% of the portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 7.3% 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 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 2/28/91), 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	73% (313/432)
3 years	73% (247/338)
5 years	27% (78/289)
10 years	58% (100/173)

Adjustable management fee

The fund has an innovative management fee structure — the fee adjusts based on fund performance (shown in the table below).

Base management fee 0.70%

Example of lower fee if fund underperforms its benchmark by 1% 0.67%

Example of higher fee if fund outperforms its benchmark by 1% 0.73%

Maximum performance adjustment +/-0.15%

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)
1.07%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$29B	48.14%
\$6.8B-\$29B	36.92%
\$1.4B-\$6.8B	12.91%
\$300M-\$1.4B	0.00%
Less than \$300M	0.04%
Cash and other assets	1.99%

“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

0.95

Price to earnings

13.65

Projected 5-year EPS growth

10.09

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Y shares	8.7%	-44.7%	25.5%	10.4%	-15.3%	22.1%	28.3%	-6.6%	0.4%	-2.4%	7.9%
MSCI EAFE Index (ND)	11.2	-43.4	31.8	7.8	-12.1	17.3	22.8	-4.9	-0.8	1.0	7.3

Annualized total return performance

Inception 7/12/96	Class Y shares	MSCI EAFE Index (ND)
1 year	9.56%	11.67%
3 years	-0.24	0.50
5 years	6.09	5.83
10 years	0.49	1.05
Life of fund	7.25	4.95

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (2/28/91-3/31/17)*

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
26.70%	3/31/00	-7.81%	6/30/12	7.87%	82%	70	15

*Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The MSCI EAFE Index (ND) is an unmanaged index of equity securities from developed countries in Western Europe, the Far East, and Australasia. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

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.

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) growth is found by taking the net income and dividing it by the basic or diluted number of shares outstanding, as reported. Not all share classes 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. Stock prices may fall or fail to rise over time for several reasons, including both general financial market conditions and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. 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. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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