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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 1982)

Objective

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital and any increased income that results from this growth.

Morningstar category

Large Blend

Lipper category

Large-Cap Core

Fund symbols

Class A	PINVX
Class B	PNVBX
Class C	PCINX
Class M	PNVMX
Class R	PIVRX
Class Y	PNVYX

Number of holdings

163

Net assets

\$1,881.47M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Putnam Investors Fund

Seeking great companies for investors since 1925

Style flexibility

The fund invests in stocks of large U.S. companies and has the flexibility to own both growth and value stocks.

A disciplined process

The portfolio manager uses a disciplined, fundamental investment process with three buckets of idea generation: legacy companies, smart-money indicators, and special situations.

Research focus

Backed by a Global Equity Research team, the portfolio manager uses his stock-picking expertise to identify opportunities and manage risk.

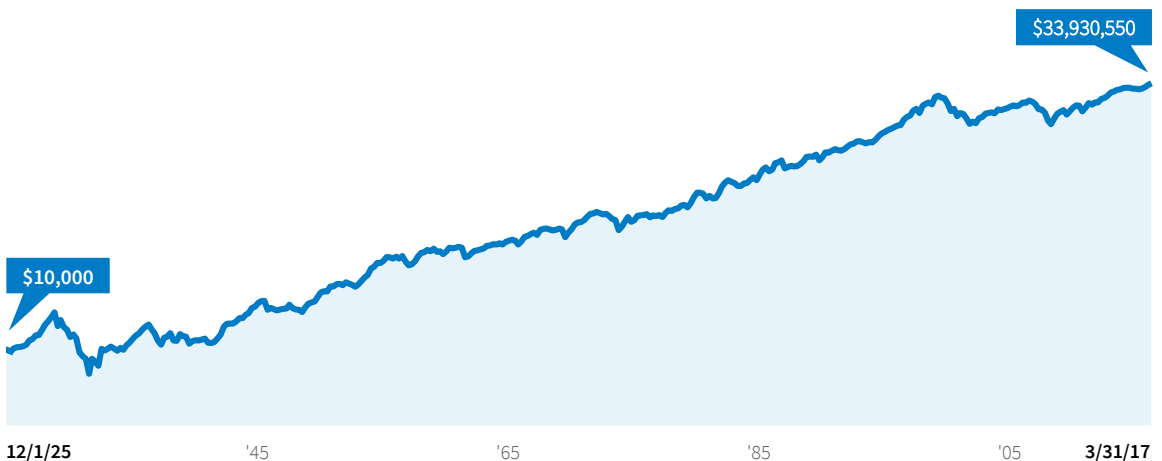
Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and sector weightings

Top ten holdings		Sector	● Fund	● S&P 500 Index	
Apple	3.90%	Information technology	23.0%	22.1%	
JPMorgan Chase	3.80	Financials	16.9	14.4	
Microsoft	3.66	Health care	14.1	13.9	
Alphabet	3.11	Consumer discretionary	11.4	12.3	
Bank of America	2.05	Industrials	9.1	10.1	
Johnson & Johnson	2.01	Consumer staples	7.4	9.3	
Cisco Systems	1.73	Energy	6.8	6.6	
Citigroup	1.61	Materials	3.0	2.8	
Goldman Sachs	1.60	Telecommunication services	2.3	2.4	
PepsiCo	1.49	Utilities	2.3	3.2	
		Real estate	1.9	2.9	

Cash and net other assets represent 1.6% of the portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 9.3% 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**

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	10% (77/854)
3 years	43% (322/765)
5 years	23% (157/695)
10 years	63% (341/543)

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)

0.80%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$78B	49.53%
\$17B-\$78B	30.97%
\$3.7B-\$17B	12.93%
\$1.2B-\$3.7B	1.94%
Less than \$1.2B	3.05%
Cash and other assets	1.59%

"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

1.06

Price to earnings

16.07

Projected 5-year EPS growth

9.29

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Y shares	-4.8%	-40.1%	31.4%	14.3%	0.1%	16.9%	35.4%	14.1%	-2.3%	12.3%	5.6%
S&P 500 Index	5.5	-37.0	26.5	15.1	2.1	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	12.0	6.1

Annualized total return performance

Inception 1/7/97	Class Y shares	S&P 500 Index
1 year	20.23%	17.17%
3 years	8.85	10.37
5 years	12.85	13.30
10 years	6.14	7.51
Life of fund	9.31	—

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (12/1/25-3/31/17)*

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
31.89%	12/31/99	-20.71%	9/30/34	9.35%	82%	283	63

*Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stock performance. 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.

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: 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 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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