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(industry since 1999)

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**Objective**  
The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

**Morningstar category**  
Large Growth

**Lipper category**  
Multi-Cap Growth

**Fund symbols**  
Class A PNOPX  
Class B PNOBX  
Class C PNOCX  
Class M PNOMX  
Class R PNORX  
Class Y PNOYX

**Number of holdings**  
121

**Net assets**  
\$4,182.39M

**Dividend frequency**  
Annually

# Putnam Multi-Cap Growth Fund

A flexible approach to seeking companies growing faster than the market

### Multi-cap flexibility

The fund invests in U.S. companies of all sizes, targeting those with a competitive edge and strong earnings and cash flows that can lead to better growth potential.

### A thematic approach

The portfolio managers combine top-down investment themes with bottom-up research to select securities that can benefit from growth trends.

### Rigorous analysis

Backed by fundamental research, the portfolio managers seek to take advantage of market opportunities and differentiated views.

### Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and sector weightings

Top ten holdings		Sector	● Fund	● Russell 3000 Growth Index
Alphabet	5.80%	Information technology	35.3%	36.5%
Microsoft	3.97	Health care	17.1	14.6
Amazon	3.61	Consumer discretionary	15.2	17.4
Visa	3.50	Industrials	13.6	13.0
Facebook	3.36	Financials	6.9	3.6
Apple	3.23	Materials	4.3	3.9
Northrop Grumman	2.60	Consumer staples	3.2	6.4
BD Medical	2.57	Energy	2.0	0.9
Norfolk Southern	2.34	Real estate	0.6	2.6
Bank of America	2.26	Utilities	0.0	0.1
		Telecommunication services	0.0	1.0

Holdings represent 33.24% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Cash and net other assets represent 1.8% of the portfolio.

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

The fund has returned an average of 11.8% annually since inception.



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

**Lipper rankings**

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	23% (118/532)
3 years	33% (153/474)
5 years	16% (65/411)
10 years	34% (98/292)

**Adjustable management fees**Base management fee  
0.55%Example of lower fee if fund underperforms its benchmark by 1%  
0.52%Example of higher fee if fund outperforms its benchmark by 1%  
0.58%Maximum performance adjustment  
+/-0.12%**Total expense ratio**(Y shares)  
0.80%**Market-cap breakdown**

Over \$78B	39.81%
\$17B-\$78B	38.05%
\$3.7B-\$17B	16.29%
\$1.2B-\$3.7B	3.02%
Less than \$1.2B	1.06%
Cash and other assets	1.78%

"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**

22.80

**Projected 5-yr EPS growth**

14.04

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Putnam Retail Management  
FS013\_Y 308669 10/17**Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017YTD
Y shares	5.9%	-38.4%	32.1%	19.6%	-4.8%	17.0%	36.6%	13.6%	-0.2%	7.9%	21.9%
Russell 3000 Growth Index	11.4	-38.4	37.0	17.6	2.2	15.2	34.2	12.4	5.1	7.4	20.4

**Annualized total return performance**

Inception 7/19/94	Class Y shares	Russell 3000 Growth Index
1 year	22.95%	21.87%
3 years	11.36	12.65
5 years	15.64	15.18
10 years	8.05	9.03
Life of fund	11.75	9.73

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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:** Stock values 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. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and the market may not favor growth-style investing. Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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