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Objective

The fund seeks capital growth and current income.

Morningstar category

Large Value

Lipper category

Equity Income

Fund symbols

Class A	PEYAX
Class B	PEQNX
Class C	PEQCX
Class M	PEIMX
Class R	PEQRX
Class Y	PEIYX

Number of holdings

118

Net assets

\$6,486.62M

Dividend frequency

Quarterly

Current allocation

Stocks	97.97%
Bonds	0.28%
Cash and net other assets	1.75%

Putnam Equity Income Fund

Seeking to harness the power of stock dividends since 1977

A large-value focus

The fund focuses on large companies whose stocks are priced below their long-term potential, and where there may be a catalyst for positive change.

Dividend growth

The fund places a distinct emphasis on companies that can grow their dividends and are able and willing to return cash to shareholders.

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 sector weightings

Top ten holdings		Sector		● Fund ● Russell 1000 Value Index	
Microsoft	3.01%	Financials	23.8%	26.5%	
Northrop Grumman	2.91	Information technology	12.3	10.0	
JPMorgan Chase	2.82	Health care	11.5	10.8	
Eli Lilly	2.57	Energy	9.4	12.2	
Citigroup	2.56	Industrials	9.2	10.1	
Bank of America	2.47	Consumer staples	8.5	8.5	
Johnson & Johnson	2.27	Consumer discretionary	7.7	4.5	
Comcast	2.20	Utilities	5.0	6.2	
Wells Fargo	2.13	Telecommunication services	4.0	3.6	
AT&T	2.11	Materials	3.7	2.9	
		Real estate	3.2	4.6	

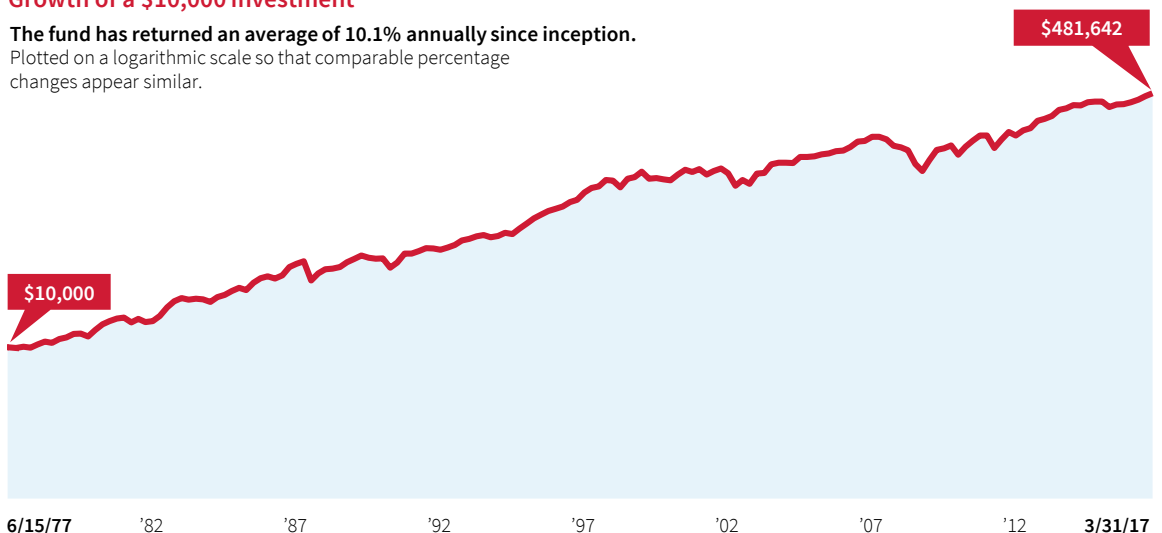
Holdings represent 25.05% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Cash and net other assets represent 1.7% of the portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 10.1% annually since inception.

Plotted on a logarithmic scale so that comparable percentage changes appear similar.



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

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 A shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Returns do not reflect a 5.75% sales charge; had they, returns would have been lower. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit putnam.com.



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 3/31/17 among 1,084 funds in the Large Value category (class A shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

Lipper rankings

(A shares, based on total return)

1 year	19% (99/525)
3 years	37% (167/458)
5 years	9% (30/337)
10 years	10% (22/220)

Total expense ratio

(A shares)
0.94%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$78B	44.63%
\$17B–\$78B	38.21%
\$3.7B–\$17B	13.89%
\$1.2B–\$3.7B	1.24%
Less than \$1.2B	0.30%
Cash and other assets	1.75%

“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.

30-day SEC yield

After sales charge
1.19%

Beta

0.98

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
A shares	3.4%	-31.3%	27.2%	12.4%	1.8%	19.0%	31.6%	12.4%	-3.2%	13.6%	4.7%
Russell 1000 Value Index	-0.2	-36.9	19.7	15.5	0.4	17.5	32.5	13.5	-3.8	17.3	3.3

Annualized total return performance

Class A shares Inception 6/15/77	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Russell 1000 Value Index
1 year	18.49%	11.68%	19.22%
3 years	7.99	5.88	8.67
5 years	12.59	11.26	13.13
10 years	7.58	6.94	5.93
Life of fund	10.23	10.06	—

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (6/15/77–3/31/17)*

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
21.64%	6/30/99	-2.36%	3/31/09	10.38%	98%	137	3

*Based on annualized returns before sales charges for quarterly rolling periods.

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Lipper rankings for class A 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.

For each fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates two sets of ratings based on a fund's monthly performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Risk-Adjusted Ratings reflect the effects of sales charges, loads, and redemption fees; Load-Waived Ratings exclude those effects. Load-Waived Ratings should only be used by investors not subject to the sales charge. Load-waived share classes are for qualified plan participants only (e.g., plan participants of a defined contribution plan). The top 10% of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. (Each share class is counted as a fraction of one fund within this scale and rated separately, which may cause slight variations in the distribution percentages.) The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. Data is historical. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Morningstar Ratings shown are for class A shares class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

Putnam Equity Income Fund received 3, 4, and 5 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 1,084, 936, and 679 Large Value funds, respectively.

Not all share classes available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: Value stocks may fail to rebound, and the market may not favor value-style investing. Income provided by the fund may be reduced by changes in the dividend policies of, and the capital resources available at, the companies in which the fund invests. Stock prices may fall or fail to rise over time for several reasons, including general financial market conditions and factors related to a specific company or industry. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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