



The fund received a 5-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 9/30/18 among 1,109 funds in the Large Value category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)



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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 R6	PEQSX
Class Y	PEIYX

Number of holdings

108

Net assets

\$13,063.99M

Dividend frequency

Quarterly

Current allocation

Equities	96.03%
Bonds	0.00%
Cash and other net assets	3.97%

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

Putnam Equity Income Fund

A multidimensional approach that defines value on a daily basis

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 managers invest using fundamental research and quantitative tools supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction.

Top ten holdings

JPMorgan Chase	3.91%
Microsoft	3.57
Bank of America	3.21
Citigroup	2.94
Apple	2.31
Northrop Grumman	2.27
Walmart	2.10
Johnson & Johnson	1.99
ConocoPhillips	1.87
Exxon Mobil	1.83

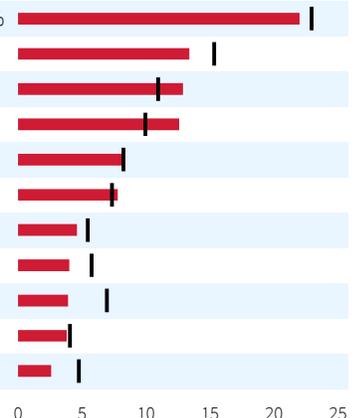
Holdings represent 26.00% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Sector weightings

Financials	22.0%
Health care	13.4
Energy	12.9
Information technology	12.6
Industrials	8.2
Consumer staples	7.8
Consumer discretionary	4.6
Utilities	4.0
Communication services	3.9
Materials	3.8
Real estate	2.6

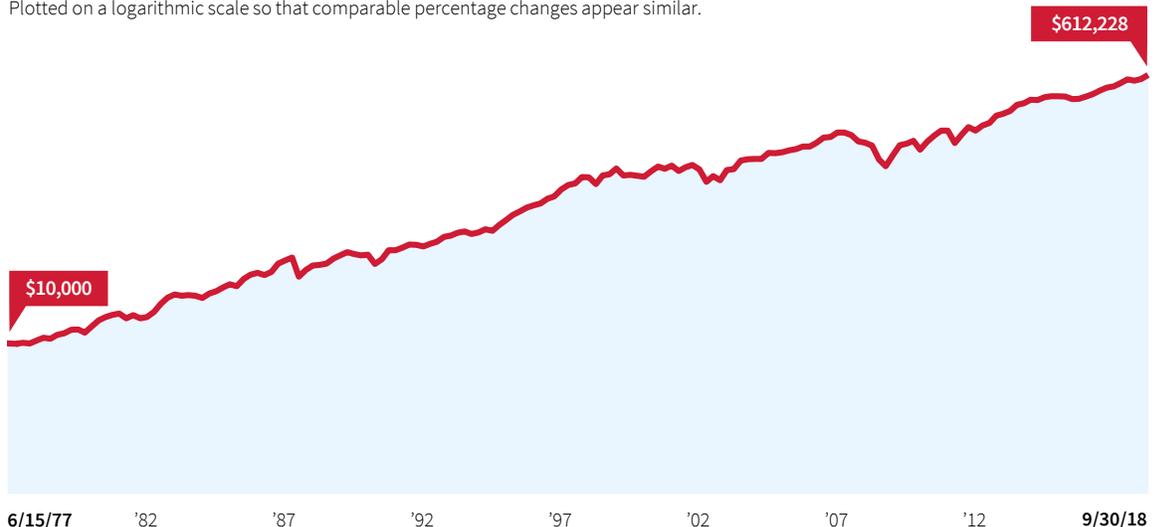
Cash and net other assets represent 4.0% of the portfolio.

● Fund ● Russell 1000 Value Index



Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 10.5% annually since inception. Plotted on a logarithmic scale so that comparable percentage changes appear similar.



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Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	20% (104/537)
3 years	31% (141/460)
5 years	16% (61/396)
10 years	3% (6/242)

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)

0.66%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$95B	44.62%
\$22B–\$95B	38.10%
\$4.7B–\$22B	10.09%
\$1.5B–\$4.7B	3.10%
Less than \$1.5B	0.12%
Cash and other assets	3.97%

“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

30-day SEC yield

1.48%

Beta is defined as a fund's sensitivity to market movements and is used to evaluate market related, or systematic, risk. It is a historical measure of the variability of return earned by an investment portfolio. Risk statistics are measured using a 5-year regression analysis. For funds with shorter track records, Since Inception analysis is used.

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Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Y shares	27.5%	12.7%	2.0%	19.3%	31.9%	12.7%	-2.9%	13.8%	19.0%	6.9%
Russell 1000 Value Index	19.7	15.5	0.4	17.5	32.5	13.5	-3.8	17.3	13.7	3.9

Annualized total return performance

Inception 10/1/98	Class Y shares	Russell 1000 Value Index
1 year	13.64%	9.45%
3 years	14.63	13.55
5 years	11.62	10.72
10 years	11.44	9.79
Life of fund	10.48	—

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (6/15/77–9/30/18)*

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
21.69%	6/30/99	-2.12%	3/31/09	10.60%	98%	143	3

*Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

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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.

Not all share classes are 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 values may fall or fail to rise over time for several reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions, changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer, industry or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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