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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

\$12,481.79M

Dividend frequency

Quarterly

Current allocation

Equities	99.32%
Bonds	0.00%
Cash and other net assets	0.68%

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

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

Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and sector weightings

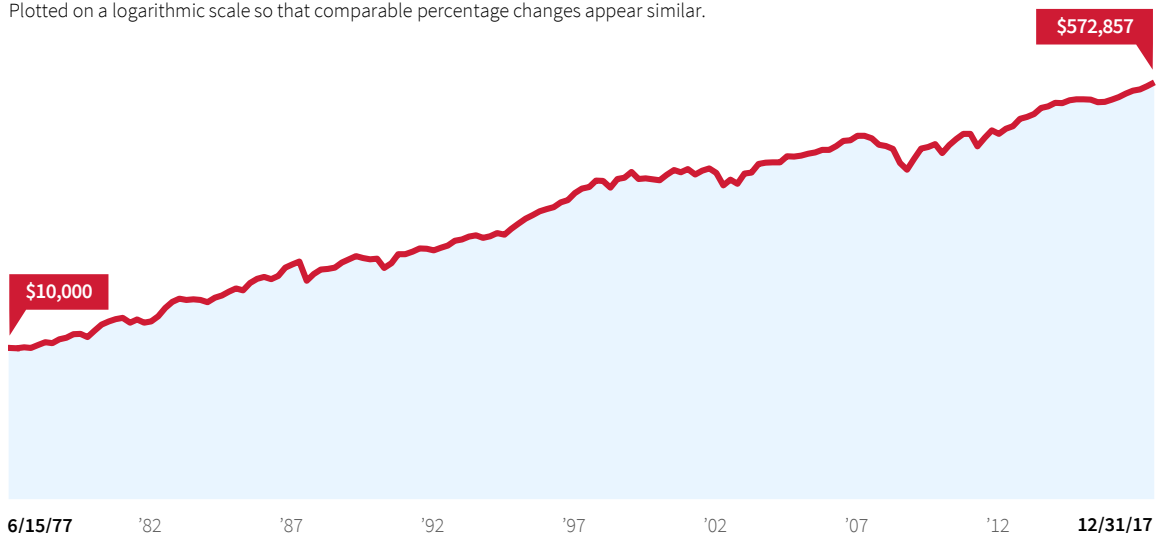
Top ten holdings		Sector		● Fund	● Russell 1000 Value Index
JPMorgan Chase	3.91%	Financials	24.4%	26.6%	
Bank of America	3.39	Information technology	13.0	8.5	
Citigroup	3.22	Health care	12.7	13.5	
Microsoft	3.02	Energy	11.2	11.0	
Northrop Grumman	2.79	Industrials	9.3	8.4	
Johnson & Johnson	2.14	Consumer discretionary	7.1	6.8	
Exxon Mobil	1.91	Consumer staples	6.5	8.6	
Apple	1.84	Materials	6.1	3.0	
DowDuPont	1.74	Utilities	3.6	5.9	
Charles Schwab	1.70	Real estate	2.8	4.7	
		Telecommunication services	2.7	3.0	

Holdings represent 25.66% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Cash and net other assets represent 0.7% of the portfolio.

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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The fund received a 5-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 12/31/17 among 1,090 funds in the Large Value category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	22% (115/543)
3 years	32% (148/465)
5 years	14% (50/373)
10 years	5% (10/237)

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)
0.69%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$78B	45.14%
\$17B-\$78B	42.81%
\$3.7B-\$17B	10.90%
\$1.2B-\$3.7B	0.33%
Less than \$1.2B	0.13%
Cash and other assets	0.68%

"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

0.94

30-day SEC yield

1.30%

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Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Y shares	-31.1%	27.5%	12.7%	2.0%	19.3%	31.9%	12.7%	-2.9%	13.8%	19.0%
Russell 1000 Value Index	-36.9	19.7	15.5	0.4	17.5	32.5	13.5	-3.8	17.3	13.7

Annualized total return performance

Inception 10/1/98	Class Y shares	Russell 1000 Value Index
1 year	18.95%	13.66%
3 years	9.54	8.65
5 years	14.35	14.04
10 years	8.94	7.10
Life of fund	10.50	—

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (6/15/77-12/31/17)*

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
21.69%	6/30/99	-2.12%	3/31/09	10.58%	98%	140	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.

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.

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 or industry. 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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