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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 2012)

Objective

The fund seeks capital growth and current income.

Morningstar category

Utilities

Fund symbols

| | |
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| Class A | PUGIX |
| Class B | PUTBX |
| Class C | PUTCX |
| Class M | PUTMX |
| Class R | PULRX |
| Class Y | PUTYX |

Number of holdings

37

Net assets

\$158.93M

Dividend frequency

Quarterly

Putnam Global Utilities Fund

Investing in the utilities sector since 1990

A dynamic sector

From electricity, water, and gas to power storage, the fund invests in industries that can profit from the global demand for utilities.

A global approach

To seek the best opportunities, the fund's manager has the flexibility to invest in stocks from around the world.

Active management

The manager, supported by experienced research analysts, combines rigorous fundamental research with macroeconomic views to pinpoint opportunities across the sector.

Diversification across markets

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| United States | 62.5% |
| Spain | 6.9 |
| United Kingdom | 5.3 |
| France | 5.3 |
| Germany | 4.9 |
| Japan | 4.5 |
| Other countries | 8.6 |
| Cash and net other assets | 1.9 |



Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%

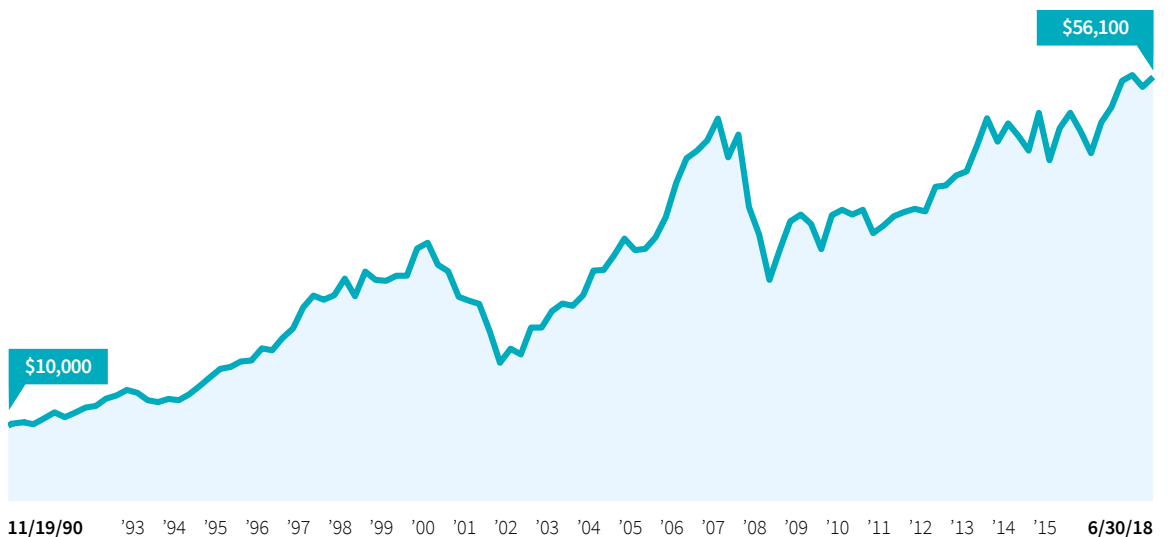
Top ten holdings

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|-------------------------|-------|
| NextEra Energy | 9.85% |
| Exelon | 6.86 |
| American Electric Power | 6.75 |
| Dominion Energy | 6.13 |
| SSE | 4.38 |
| Veolia Environnement | 3.93 |
| Fortum | 3.83 |
| Iberdrola | 3.56 |
| Enel | 3.39 |
| Uniper | 3.35 |

Holdings represent 52.03% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 6.4% annually since inception.



**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 Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Class Y shares, available to investors through an asset-based fee program or for institutional clients, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. Performance for class Y shares before their inception are derived from the historical performance of class A shares (inception 11/19/90), which have not been adjusted for the lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

Total expense ratio(Y shares)
0.98%**Market-cap breakdown**

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Over \$69B | 9.85% |
| \$16B–\$69B | 68.99% |
| \$3.4B–\$16B | 19.32% |
| \$1B–\$3.4B | 0.00% |
| Less than \$1B | 0.00% |
| Cash and other assets | 1.85% |

“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

0.96

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 YTD |
|---------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|----------|
| Y shares | 7.6% | 1.7% | -5.4% | 5.1% | 13.7% | 14.6% | -9.7% | 2.0% | 22.4% | -0.5% |
| MSCI World Utilities Index (ND) | 6.2 | -1.0 | -3.3 | 1.8 | 12.6 | 15.3 | -6.6 | 6.0 | 13.7 | 0.6 |

Annualized total return performance

| Inception 10/4/05 | Class Y shares | MSCI World Utilities Index (ND) |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 year | 7.64% | 3.13% |
| 3 years | 6.55 | 7.10 |
| 5 years | 6.08 | 6.75 |
| 10 years | 1.47 | 1.22 |
| Life of fund | 6.44 | — |

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (11/19/90–6/30/18)*

| 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 |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 21.11% | 9/30/07 | -6.52% | 3/31/03 | 6.34% | 80% | 73 | 18 |

*Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The MSCI World Utilities Index (ND) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets in the utilities sector. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging-market securities carry illiquidity and volatility risks. Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. The utilities industries may be affected by increases in fuel costs, technological obsolescence, changes in regulatory policies, and deregulation. The fund concentrates on a limited group of industries and is non-diversified. Because the fund may invest in fewer issuers, it is vulnerable to common economic forces and may result in greater losses and volatility. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. The use of short selling may result in losses if the securities appreciate in value. Risks associated with derivatives include increased investment exposure (which may be considered leverage) and, in the case of over-the-counter instruments, the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions and the potential failure of the other party to the instrument to meet its obligations. Stock prices 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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