

Objective

The fund seeks long-term return consistent with preservation of capital.

Morningstar category

Allocation—50% to 70% Equity

Lipper category

VP (Underlying Funds)—Mixed-asset Target Allocation Moderate Funds

Portfolio Managers

Robert J. Schoen
(industry since 1990)

James A. Fetch
(industry since 1994)

Jason R. Vaillancourt, CFA
(industry since 1993)

Brett S. Goldstein, CFA
(industry since 2010)

Current unit value

Class IA: \$18.11

Class IB: \$18.41

Number of holdings

1,491

Net assets

\$125.93M

Putnam VT Global Asset Allocation Fund

A globally diversified fund pursuing a balance of growth and income

Global benchmark

The fund starts with a globally diversified benchmark seeking more efficient exposures relative to a typical 60/40 benchmark.

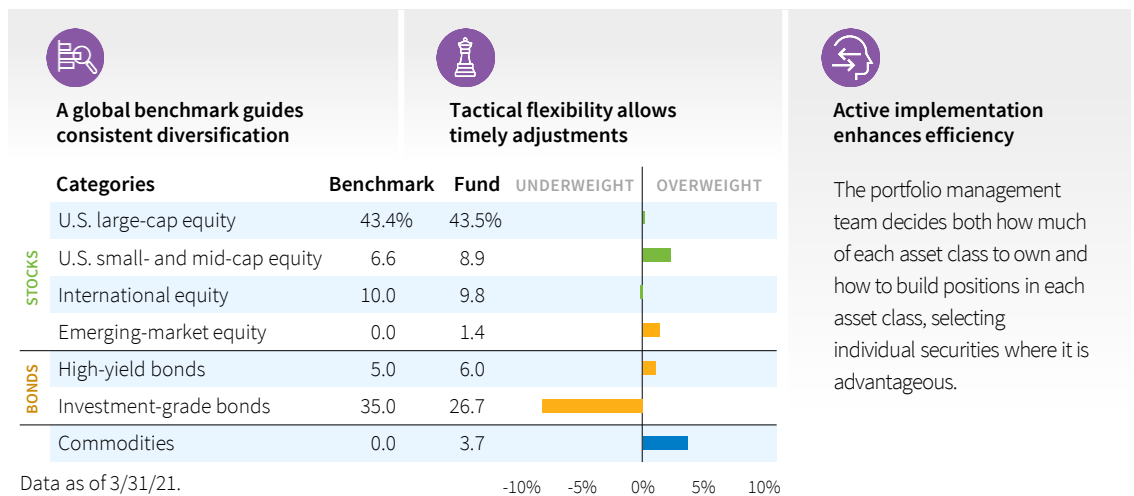
Tactical flexibility

The managers have the ability to tilt overall equity and fixed-income allocations +/-15% and shift exposures within each asset class.

Active implementation

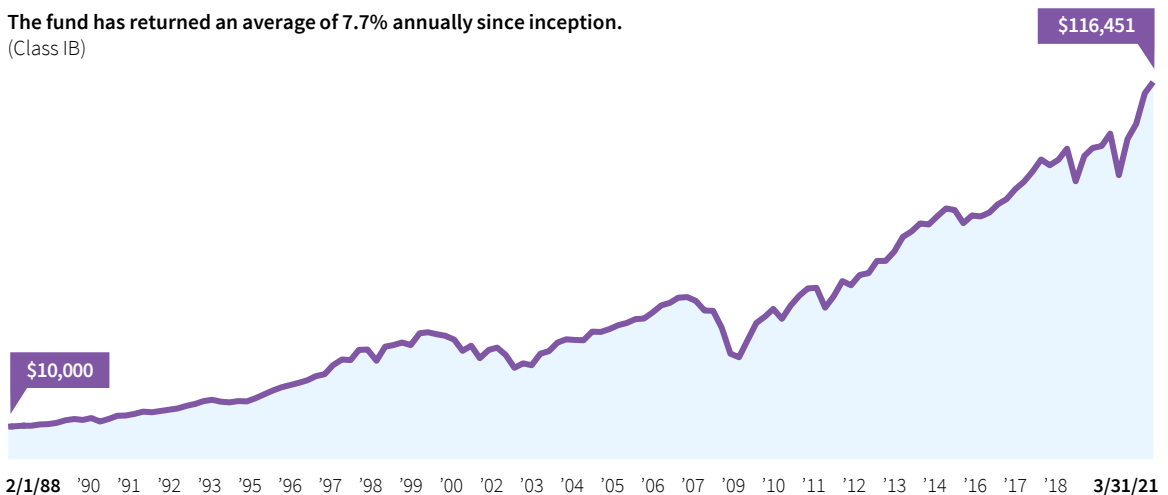
Managers proactively research and determine the most efficient implementation method for each asset class.

The investment process provides consistent diversification with alpha potential from active allocation and implementation decisions



Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 7.7% annually since inception. (Class IB)



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

Morningstar rankings

(1B shares)	
1 year	70% (161/310)
3 years	72% (173/284)
5 years	64% (135/252)
10 years	45% (73/178)

Beta

0.61

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
Class IA	14.6%	19.8%	9.7%	0.4%	7.0%	15.7%	-7.0%	17.4%	12.6%	3.2%
Class IB	14.2	19.5	9.4	0.2	6.7	15.3	-7.3	17.1	12.3	3.1
Russell 3000 Index	16.4	33.5	12.6	0.5	12.7	21.1	-5.2	31.0	20.9	6.4

Annualized total return performance

	Class IA NAV Inception 2/1/88	Class IB NAV Inception 4/30/98	Russell 3000 Index
1 year	33.18%	32.84%	62.53%
3 years	8.95	8.69	17.12
5 years	9.50	9.22	16.64
10 years	8.53	8.26	13.79
Life of fund	7.88	7.68	11.12

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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 3-year regression analysis. For funds with shorter track records, Since Inception analysis is used.

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