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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 1993)

Objective

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

Diversified Emerging Mkts

Lipper category

Emerging Markets

Fund symbols

Class A	PEMMX
Class B	PEMBX
Class C	PEMZC
Class M	PEMAX
Class R	PEMLX
Class R6	PEMQX
Class Y	PEMYX

Number of holdings

95

Net assets

\$149.94M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Putnam Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Pursuing growth opportunities in developing economies

Growth potential

Emerging markets offer the potential for continued growth due to attractive demographics, rising wealth, and increased investment in infrastructure in developing countries.

A disciplined process

By integrating multiple perspectives into portfolio construction, the fund manager is able to better evaluate individual companies within the context of changing local and global influences.

Rigorous research

The manager leverages Putnam’s global research platform to identify opportunities across emerging and select frontier markets.

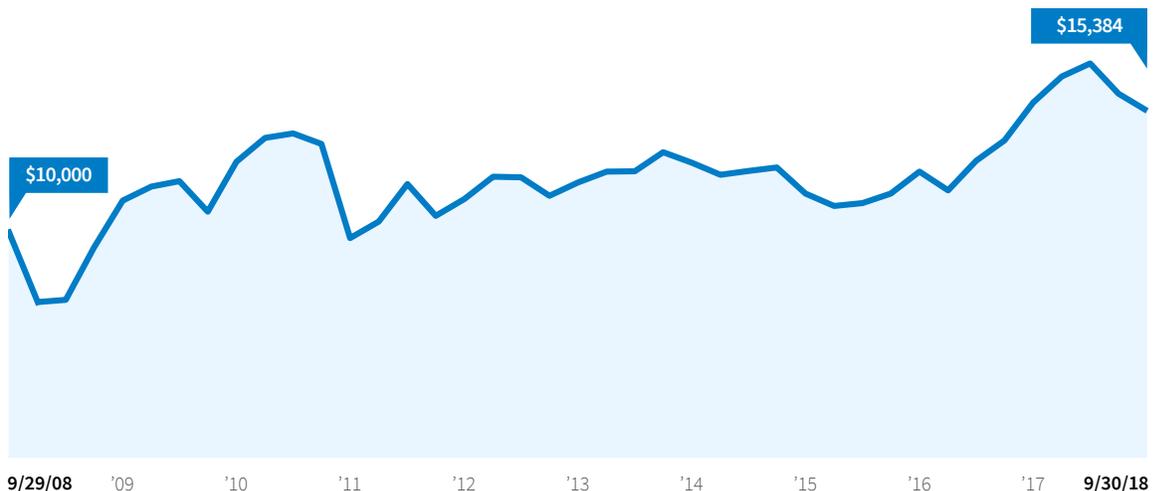
Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and country weightings

Top ten holdings		Country		● Fund	● MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND)
Samsung Electronics	5.50%	China	29.9%	30.9%	
Alibaba	5.15	Taiwan	11.9	12.3	
Tencent	4.15	South Korea	10.5	14.9	
Taiwan Semiconductor	3.12	India	6.9	8.5	
Lukoil	2.35	Brazil	6.7	6.2	
Ping An Insurance Group	2.26	Mexico	6.5	3.2	
CNOOC	1.95	South Africa	3.8	6.0	
AIA Group	1.85	Russia	3.7	3.7	
China Construction Bank	1.70	Hong Kong	2.7	0.0	
Itau Unibanco	1.69	Thailand	2.5	2.5	
		Other countries	10.0	11.9	

Cash and net other assets represent 4.7% of the portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 4.4% annually since inception.



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

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	34% (287/845)
3 years	18% (130/723)
5 years	13% (63/515)
10 years	61% (138/226)

Expense ratio

(Y shares)

Total expense ratio
1.81%What you pay
1.03%

"What you pay" reflects Putnam Management's decision to contractually limit expenses through 12/30/19.

Adjustable management fee examples

Based on performance versus benchmark

Base fee 0.92%

Higher fee after 1% outperformance 0.95%

Lower fee after 1% underperformance 0.89%

Maximum performance adjustment +/-0.21%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$20B	47.94%
\$4.3B-\$20B	24.85%
\$1B-\$4.3B	16.55%
\$300M-\$1B	4.58%
Less than \$300M	1.42%
Cash and other assets	4.67%

"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

0.87

Price to earnings

11.42

Projected 5-yr EPS growth

13.14

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Putnam Retail Management
FS065_Y 313833 10/18**Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Y shares	74.3%	18.0%	-26.2%	19.0%	1.8%	-1.2%	-11.0%	6.1%	42.7%	-9.1%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND)	78.5	18.9	-18.4	18.2	-2.6	-2.2	-14.9	11.2	37.3	-7.7

Annualized total return performance

Inception 9/29/08	Class Y shares	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND)
1 year	-2.34%	-0.81%
3 years	12.68	12.36
5 years	4.73	3.61
10 years	4.41	5.40
Life of fund	4.40	5.56

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (9/29/08-9/30/18)*

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
12.97%	12/31/13	-4.72%	3/31/16	3.57%	81%	17	4

*Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Because the dollar amount of the monthly performance fee adjustment is based on the fund's average assets during the rolling performance period, the amount of any dollar adjustment as a percentage of a fund's current assets could exceed the "maximum annualized performance adjustment rates." Performance fee adjustments will not commence until a fund has been operating under a shareholder-approved management contract with a performance fee adjustment for at least 12 months.

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.

Earnings per share (EPS) is found by taking the net income and dividing it by the basic or diluted number of shares outstanding, as reported. You can also take "expected" earnings for the current year or for future years to calculate other P/E ratios. The **price-earnings ratio** of a firm's common stock is calculated as the current stock price divided by projected earnings per share for the coming year. The projections used are based on street consensus estimates provided by IBES. **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. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. 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, industry or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. From time to time, the fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in companies in one or more related industries or sectors, which would make the fund more vulnerable to adverse developments affecting those industries or sectors. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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