



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 3/31/21 among 1,225 funds in the Large Blend category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

#### Portfolio Managers

**Kathryn B. Lakin**  
(industry since 2008)

**Jacquelyne J. Cavanaugh**  
(industry since 1995)

**Andrew N. O'Brien, CFA**  
(industry since 2011)

**William C. Rives, CFA**  
(industry since 2013)

**Walter D. Scully, CPA**  
(industry since 1996)

#### Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

#### Morningstar category

Large Blend

#### Lipper category

Large-Cap Core

#### Benchmark

S&P 500 Index

#### Fund symbols

Class A	PNRAX
Class B	PRFBX
Class C	PRACX
Class R	PRSRX
Class R6	PLJMX
Class Y	PURYX

#### Net assets

\$441.53M

#### Number of holdings

141

#### Turnover

90%

## Putnam Research Fund

Seeking to capitalize on the expertise of Putnam's research organization

#### Sector neutral

The fund is managed with a sector-neutral approach, with the flexibility to own both growth and value stocks.

#### A best-ideas fund

The fund invests in stocks that represent the highest conviction ideas from Putnam's Equity Research team.

#### Differentiated research

The portfolio managers select stocks in a collaborative effort that emphasizes non-consensus critical thinking.

#### Top ten holdings

Microsoft	5.82%
Apple	4.35
Amazon	4.29
Alphabet	3.94
Citigroup	2.43
Home Depot	1.98
PayPal	1.94
Facebook	1.87
NXP Semiconductors	1.78
Mastercard	1.64

Holdings represent 30.04% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

#### Sector weightings

	Underweight	Overweight	Portfolio	Benchmark
Industrials		0.9	9.8%	8.9%
Utilities		0.4	3.1	2.7
Consumer discretionary		0.3	12.7	12.4
Financials		0.2	11.5	11.3
Materials		0.2	2.9	2.7
Consumer staples		0.1	6.2	6.1
Health care	-0.2		12.8	13.0
Energy	-0.3		2.5	2.8
Information technology	-1.1		25.5	26.6
Communication services	-1.3		9.6	10.9
Real estate	-1.3		1.2	2.5

Cash and net other assets represent 2.2% of the portfolio.

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

The unclassified sector, where applicable, includes exchange traded funds and other securities not able to be classified by sector

#### Top active weights

Top 5 overweights	Portfolio	Benchmark	Over/under	Top 5 underweights	Portfolio	Benchmark	Over/under
Citigroup	2.4%	0.5%	1.9%	JPMorgan Chase	0.0%	1.4%	-1.4%
NXP Semiconductors	1.8	0.2	1.6	Apple	4.4	5.7	-1.3
Activision Blizzard	1.6	0.2	1.4	Berkshire Hathaway	0.3	1.5	-1.2
Fiserv	1.6	0.2	1.4	NVIDIA	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Nuance Communications	1.3	0.0	1.3	Bank of America	0.0	0.9	-0.9

#### Risk

Y share (as of 3/31/21)	Beta	Tracking error	Up capture ratio	Down capture ratio
	0.98	1.81%	101.34%	97.01%

The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stock performance. You cannot invest directly in an index.

**Capture ratios** are used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during specific periods (periods of positive return in the case of up capture, negative return in the case of down capture). The ratio is calculated by dividing the manager's returns by the returns of the index during the period and multiplying that factor by 100. **Turnover** is the rate at which the fund buys and sells securities each year. For example, if a fund's assets total \$100 million and the fund bought and sold \$100 million of securities that year, its portfolio turnover rate would be 100%. **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. **Tracking error** assesses how closely a fund's performance tracks that of the fund's benchmark by calculating the standard deviation of the difference between the fund's returns and its benchmark returns over a given time period, typically 5 years.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

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

**Morningstar rankings**

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	50% (625/1351)
3 years	12% (124/1225)
5 years	6% (54/1068)
10 years	12% (83/809)

**Total expense ratio**

(Y shares)

0.83%

(A shares)

1.08%

**Market-cap breakdown**

Over \$95B	61.04%
\$22B-\$95B	24.69%
\$4.7B-\$22B	9.72%
\$1.5B-\$4.7B	1.78%
Less than \$1.5B	0.62%
Cash and other assets	2.16%

"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.

**Annual performance (all distributions reinvested)**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
Y shares at net asset value	17.9%	33.2%	14.9%	-1.5%	10.5%	23.5%	-4.6%	33.2%	20.3%	5.5%
A shares before sales charge	17.6	32.9	14.6	-1.7	10.2	23.2	-4.8	32.8	20.0	5.4
Benchmark	16.0	32.4	13.7	1.4	12.0	21.8	-4.4	31.5	18.4	6.2

**Annualized total return performance**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Life of fund
Y shares (Inception 4/4/00)	56.65%	17.42%	17.18%	13.87%	9.84%
A shares (Inception 10/2/95) before sales charge	56.22	17.12	16.88	13.59	9.61
A shares after sales charge	47.24	14.83	15.50	12.92	9.35
Benchmark	56.35	16.78	16.29	13.91	9.89

**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 A and Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. After-sales-charge returns for class A reflect a maximum 5.75% load. Returns for class Y shares prior to their inception are derived from the historical performance of class A shares, which have not been adjusted for their lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. 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. Recent performance may have benefited from one or more legal settlements. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit [putnam.com](http://putnam.com).**

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