



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 9/30/21 among 1,133 funds in the Large Growth category (R6 shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)



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(industry since 1990)



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Objective

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

Large Growth

Lipper category

Multi-Cap Growth

Primary benchmark

Russell Midcap Growth Index

Secondary benchmark

Russell 3000 Value - Russell Midcap Growth Linked Benchmark

Fund symbols

Class A	PMVAX
Class B	PMVBX
Class C	PMPCX
Class R	PMVRX
Class R6	PNOTX
Class Y	PMVXY

Net assets

\$635.29M

Number of holdings

78

Turnover

43%

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

Putnam Sustainable Future Fund

Investing in sustainable solutions

Impact companies

The fund invests in companies we believe have strong fundamentals that offer potential solutions to key sustainability challenges.

Active research process

A framework grounded in fundamental research and focused on impact-oriented sustainability solutions drives investment decisions.

Experienced team

An experienced, dedicated sustainable investing team is integrated with Putnam's equity research group.

Top 10 holdings

Danaher	3.29%
Adobe	3.04
Dynatrace	2.68
Chipotle Mexican Grill	2.55
Edwards Lifesciences	2.28
Thermo Fisher Scientific	2.25
MSCI	2.14
Bio-Rad Laboratories	2.04
DocuSign	1.92
Sunrun	1.91

Holdings represent 24.10% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Sector weightings

	Underweight	Overweight	Portfolio	Primary benchmark
Health care		14.3	32.1%	17.8%
Materials		6.3	8.1	1.8
Financials		2.5	7.5	5.0
Consumer staples		1.7	3.5	1.8
Utilities		1.3	1.4	0.1
Energy	-1.6		0.0	1.6
Real estate	-1.9		0.0	1.9
Communication services	-2.0		2.9	4.9
Consumer discretionary	-7.3		9.0	16.3
Industrials	-7.7		6.7	14.4
Information technology	-7.9		26.4	34.3

Cash and net other assets represent 2.4% 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	Primary benchmark	Over/under	Top 5 underweights	Portfolio	Primary benchmark	Over/under
Danaher	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%	Palo Alto Networks	0.0%	1.1%	-1.1%
Adobe	3.0	0.0	3.0	Match Group	0.0	1.1	-1.1
Dynatrace	2.7	0.3	2.4	Agilent Technologies	0.0	1.1	-1.1
Edwards Lifesciences	2.3	0.0	2.3	Cadence Design Systems	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Thermo Fisher Scientific	2.3	0.0	2.3	Veeva Systems	0.0	1.0	-1.0

Risk

R6 share (as of 9/30/21)	Beta	Tracking error	Up capture ratio	Down capture ratio
	0.92	4.59%	101.43%	85.57%

The Russell Midcap Growth Index is an unmanaged index of those companies in the Russell Midcap Index chosen for their growth orientation. The Russell 3000 Value - Russell Midcap Growth Linked Benchmark represents the performance of the Russell 3000 Value Index through March 20, 2018, and the performance of the Russell Midcap Growth Index thereafter. Frank Russell Company is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks, and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is a trademark of Frank Russell Company. 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 3-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.

Total expense ratio(R6 shares)
0.66%**Market-cap breakdown**

Over \$95B	14.44%
\$22B–\$95B	36.75%
\$4.7B–\$22B	35.91%
Less than \$4.7B	10.52%
Cash and other assets	2.38%

“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
R6 shares at net asset value	16.4%	42.2%	11.0%	-4.1%	13.3%	11.0%	-6.7%	30.4%	53.3%	11.0%
Primary benchmark	15.8	35.7	11.9	-0.2	7.3	25.3	-4.8	35.5	35.6	9.6
Secondary benchmark	17.6	32.7	12.7	-4.1	18.4	13.2	-10.4	35.5	35.6	9.6

Annualized total return performance

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Life of fund
R6 shares (Inception 5/22/18)	30.10%	23.52%	19.11%	17.85%	11.95%
Primary benchmark	30.45	19.14	19.27	17.54	9.22
Secondary benchmark	30.45	19.14	16.97	16.53	8.74

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 R6 shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Class R6 shares, available to qualified employee-benefit plans only, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. Performance for class R6 shares prior to their inception is derived from the historical performance of class Y shares (inception 4/2/02), and has not been adjusted for the lower investor servicing fees applicable to class R6 shares; had it, returns would have been higher. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

Highlights of five-year performance periods (11/1/99–9/30/21)*

	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
R6 shares	26.06%	3/31/14	-5.20%	3/31/09	10.02%	91%	62	6

* Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or “star rating,” is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a 3-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product’s monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% 3-year rating for 36–59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60–119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent 3-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Ratings do not take into account the effects of sales charges and loads. Putnam Sustainable Future Fund received 4, 2, and 3 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 1,133, 1,024, and 762 Large Growth funds, respectively.

Consider these risks before investing: The value of investments in the fund’s portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general economic, political, or financial market conditions; investor sentiment and market perceptions; government actions; geopolitical events or changes; and factors related to a specific issuer, geography, industry, or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund’s portfolio holdings.

Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments and the market may not favor growth-style investing. Investments in small and midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. 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 companies, industries, or sectors. International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Investing with a focus on companies whose products and services produce positive environmental, social, and economic development impact may result in the fund investing in certain types of companies, industries, or sectors that underperform the market as a whole. In evaluating an investment opportunity, we may make investment decisions based on information and data that is incomplete or inaccurate. Due to changes in the products or services of the companies in which the fund invests, the fund may temporarily hold securities that are inconsistent with its sustainable investment criteria.

Our investment techniques, analyses, and judgments may not produce the outcome we intend. The investments we select for the fund may not perform as well as other securities that we do not select for the fund. We, or the fund’s other service providers, may experience disruptions or operating errors that could have a negative effect on the fund. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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