



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 3/31/19 among 588 funds in the Small Growth category (R6 shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)



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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 1996)

Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

Small Growth

Lipper category

Small-Cap Growth

Fund symbols

Class A	PNSAX
Class B	PNSBX
Class C	PNSCX
Class M	PSGMX
Class R	PSGRX
Class R6	PLKGX
Class Y	PSYGX

Number of holdings

81

Net assets

\$457.92M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Putnam Small Cap Growth Fund

Seeking to capitalize on growing small companies

Small companies

Often overlooked by Wall Street analysts, the stocks of small companies can represent attractive opportunities.

A focus on growth

Small companies tend to be flexible and innovative, and can often expand their earnings at faster rates than larger companies.

A disciplined process

The portfolio manager uses a disciplined bottom-up fundamental investment process that focuses on quality and growth.

Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and sector weightings

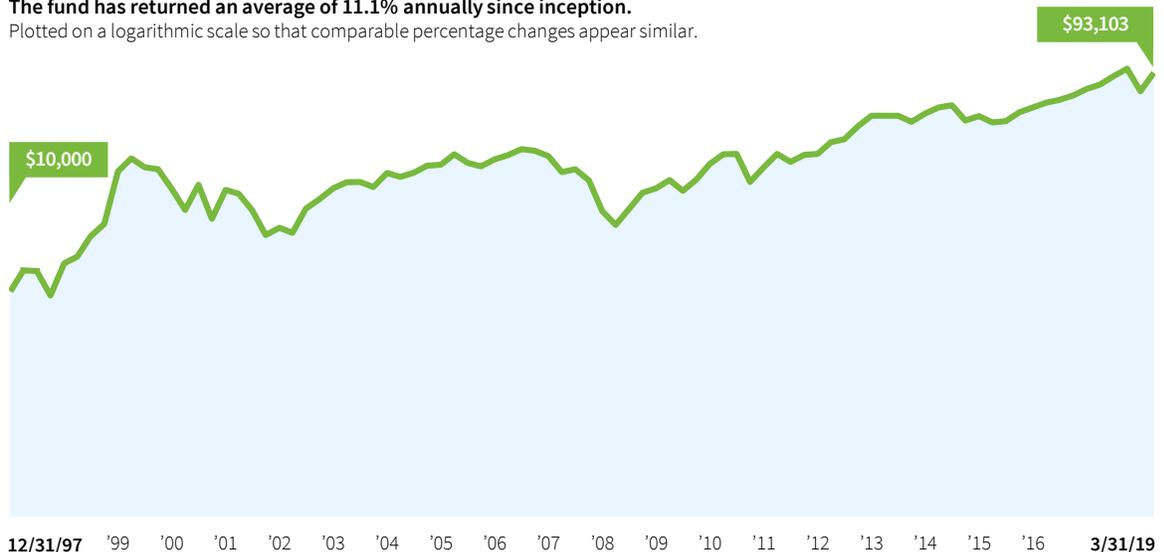
Top ten holdings		Sector		● Fund	● Russell 2000 Growth Index
Five Below	3.35%	Health care	26.7%	26.6%	
Wingstop	3.28	Information technology	26.4	19.0	
Mercury Systems	2.60	Consumer discretionary	15.7	14.6	
Bright Horizons Family Solutions	2.56	Industrials	14.2	17.3	
Novanta	2.55	Financials	7.0	7.3	
Heico	2.54	Communication services	5.2	3.3	
RealPage	2.53	Materials	1.6	3.4	
Merit Medical Systems	2.50	Consumer staples	1.3	2.9	
Planet Fitness	2.44	Utilities	0.0	0.5	
Everbridge	2.25	Energy	0.0	1.9	
		Real estate	0.0	3.2	

Cash and net other assets represent 1.8% of the portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 11.1% annually since inception.

Plotted on a logarithmic scale so that comparable percentage changes appear similar.



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

Lipper rankings

(R6 shares, based on total return)

1 year	28% (160/582)
3 years	36% (181/502)

Total expense ratio

(R6 shares)

0.77%

Adjustable management fee examples

Based on performance versus benchmark

Base fee 0.62%

Higher fee after 1% outperformance 0.65%

Lower fee after 1% underperformance 0.59%

Maximum performance adjustment +/-0.18%

Market-cap breakdown

Over \$5B	29.20%
\$3B-\$5B	24.93%
\$1B-\$3B	39.40%
Less than \$1B	4.65%
Cash and other assets	1.83%

"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

0.98

Price to earnings

39.47

Projected 5-yr EPS growth

15.44

Lipper rankings for class R6 shares are based on total return without sales charge relative to all share classes of funds with similar objectives as determined by Lipper.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

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Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
R6 shares	28.5%	-3.6%	14.6%	48.0%	2.2%	-2.5%	9.0%	20.7%	-2.1%	19.9%
Russell 2000 Growth Index	29.1	-2.9	14.6	43.3	5.6	-1.4	11.3	22.2	-9.3	17.1

Annualized total return performance

Inception 6/29/15	Class R6 shares	Russell 2000 Growth Index
1 year	11.92%	3.85%
3 years	18.14	14.87
5 years	8.99	8.41
10 years	16.74	16.52
Life of fund	11.07	6.68

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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.

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 three-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 three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-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 three-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 Small Cap Growth Fund received 4, 3, and 3 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 588, 522, and 392 Small Growth funds, respectively.

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. 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.

Consider these risks before investing: Bond investments are subject to interest-rate risk, which means the prices of the fund's bond investments are likely to fall if interest rates rise. Bond investments also are subject to credit risk, which is the risk that the issuer of the bond may default on payment of interest or principal. Interest-rate risk is generally greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is generally greater for below-investment-grade bonds, which may be considered speculative. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have ongoing fees and expenses. Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and the market may not favor growth-style investing. 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. These risks are generally greater for small and midsize companies. 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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