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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	

Holdings represent 26.60% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

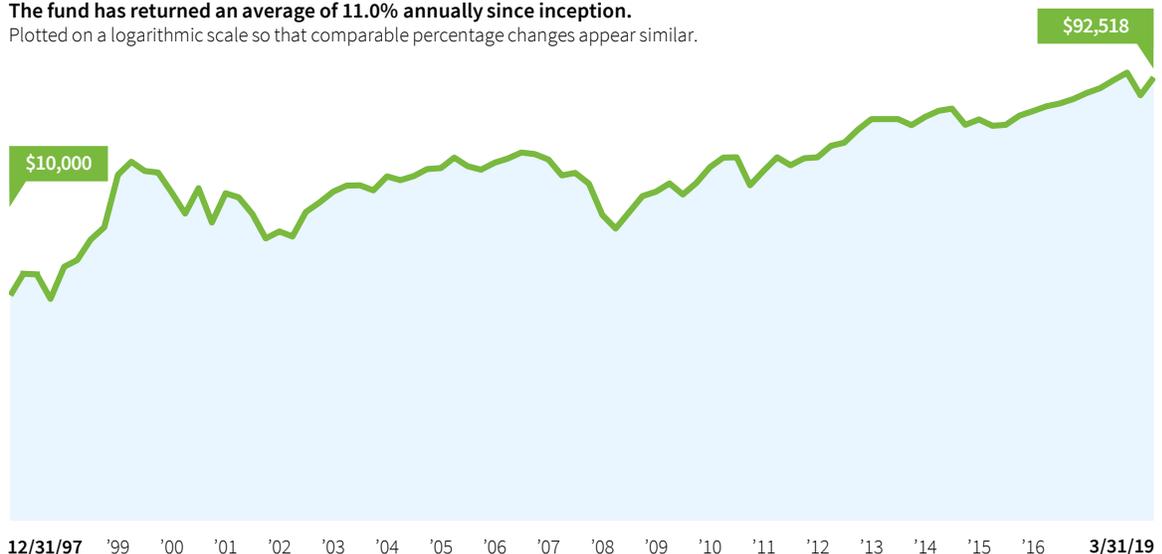
Cash and net other assets represent 1.8% of the portfolio.

Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%.

**Growth of a \$10,000 investment**

The fund has returned an average of 11.0% annually since inception.

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



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 Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. 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. Performance for class Y shares before their inception are derived from the historical performance of class A shares (inception 12/31/97), which have not been adjusted for the lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

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

**Lipper rankings**

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	29% (164/582)
3 years	39% (195/502)
5 years	51% (228/454)
10 years	50% (169/343)

**Total expense ratio**(Y shares)  
0.95%**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

**Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Y shares	28.5%	-3.6%	14.6%	48.0%	2.2%	-2.6%	8.8%	20.5%	-2.3%	19.8%
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 11/3/03	Class Y shares	Russell 2000 Growth Index
1 year	11.73%	3.85%
3 years	17.93	14.87
5 years	8.86	8.41
10 years	16.67	16.52
Life of fund	11.04	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.

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. 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.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

**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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