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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

85

Net assets

\$510.43M

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.

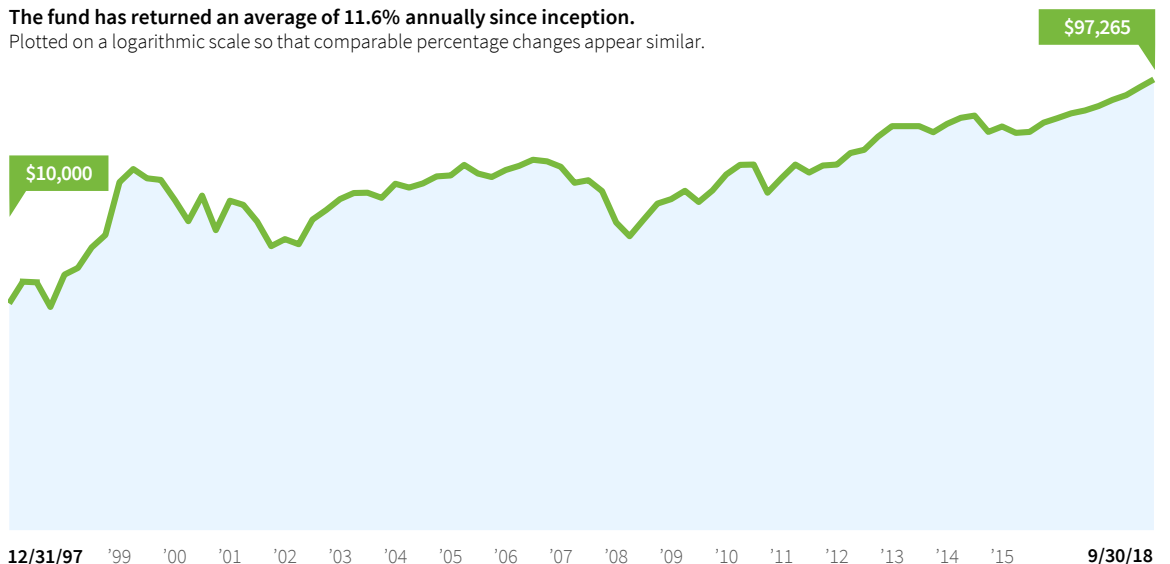
Fundamental investment research determines top holdings and sector weightings

Top ten holdings		Sector		● Fund	● Russell 2000 Growth Index
Five Below	3.38%	Health care	26.3%	27.2%	
Wingstop	2.69	Information technology	23.6	17.4	
RealPage	2.47	Industrials	17.0	17.8	
Ligand Pharmaceuticals	2.44	Consumer discretionary	14.3	14.8	
Trex	2.40	Financials	7.1	7.3	
Merit Medical Systems	2.23	Materials	3.5	3.9	
JBT Corporation	2.19	Communication services	3.3	3.5	
Bright Horizons Family Solutions	2.17	Consumer staples	1.8	2.8	
Mercury Systems	2.11	Real estate	0.0	2.5	
Heico	1.96	Energy	0.0	2.3	
		Utilities	0.0	0.4	

Cash and net other assets represent 3.0% of the portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 11.6% annually since inception. Plotted on a logarithmic scale so that comparable percentage changes appear similar.



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May lose value
No bank guarantee**

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	27% (147/556)
3 years	40% (190/484)
5 years	42% (183/436)
10 years	69% (226/329)

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)

0.96%

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	29.22%
\$3B-\$5B	23.74%
\$1B-\$3B	43.15%
Less than \$1B	0.93%
Cash and other assets	2.97%

"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

1.00

Price to earnings

39.61

Projected 5-yr EPS growth

18.04

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Y shares	26.6%	28.5%	-3.6%	14.6%	48.0%	2.2%	-2.6%	8.8%	20.5%	23.1%
Russell 2000 Growth Index	34.5	29.1	-2.9	14.6	43.3	5.6	-1.4	11.3	22.2	15.8

Annualized total return performance

Inception 11/3/03	Class Y shares	Russell 2000 Growth Index
1 year	31.20%	21.06%
3 years	19.18	17.98
5 years	12.35	12.14
10 years	12.01	12.65
Life of fund	11.59	7.29

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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.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: 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 a variety of 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. 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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