



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 9/30/18 among 299 funds in the Multialternative category (A shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

Objective

The fund seeks positive total return.

Portfolio Managers

Robert J. Schoen
(industry since 1990)

James A. Fetch
(industry since 1994)

Jason R. Vaillancourt, CFA
(industry since 1993)

Morningstar category

Multialternative

Lipper category

Absolute Return

Non-directional strategies

Equity Selection Alpha: Long/short or beta/market neutral equity strategies that focus on individual securities, basket of securities, and/or sectors. **Fixed Income Selection Alpha:** Long/short and/or opportunistic alpha strategies within the more unique areas of the fixed-income market, such as the securitized mortgage market. **Fixed Income Sector Alpha:** Long/short selections strategies either within a particular fixed-income sector or between sectors. **Regional Equity Long/Short:** Top-down equity long/short trades. Could be between two different countries or basket of countries. **Regional Fixed Income Long/Short:** Top-down fixed-income long/short trades. Could be between two different countries or basket of countries. **Commodity Alpha:** Long/short trades focused on commodity markets. Could be between two different indices, sub-sectors, or different parts of the futures curve. **Currency Alpha:** Long/short individual and/or baskets of currencies. **Alternative Beta:** Seek different sources of market beta or risk premium, constructed in a way that is market neutral.

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

Putnam Multi-Asset Absolute Return Fund

Seeks positive returns with a similar level of volatility

Targeting positive returns

The fund seeks positive returns with a similar level of volatility over a full market cycle.

Global flexibility

The strategy dynamically combines efficient beta and uncorrelated alpha strategies to create a well-diversified portfolio.

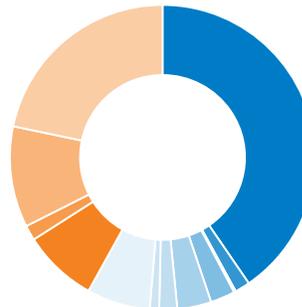
Diversification potential

Less influenced by traditional market risks, the fund can be an effective choice to improve portfolio efficiency.

Diversified strategies make the portfolio more efficient

The portfolio combines long and short directional beta strategies with non-directional alpha strategies. They have low or negative correlation to each other, and combining them can reduce portfolio volatility.

Directional	42.0%
Equity	7.9
Credit	1.6
Rates	10.7
Inflation	21.7

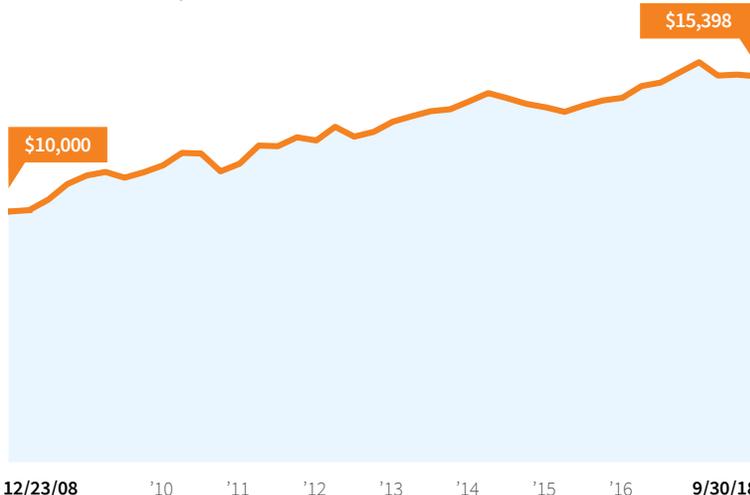


Non-directional	58.0%
Equity selection alpha	40.4
Fixed income selection alpha	1.6
Fixed income sector alpha	0.2
Regional equity long/short	2.6
Regional fixed income long/short	3.6
Commodity alpha	1.9
Currency alpha	1.0
Alternative beta	6.7

Stand-alone risk allocations as of 9/30/18.

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or ensure against loss. It is possible to lose money in a diversified portfolio.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment



The fund seeks strong risk-adjusted returns with low market risk since inception

12/23/08–9/30/18	
Annualized return (A share)	4.52%
Standard deviation	4.52
Sharpe ratio	0.92
Tracking error	4.53
Beta (BBG U.S. Aggregate Bond Index)	0.30
Beta (S&P 500 Index)	0.24

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 shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Returns do not reflect a 5.75% sales charge; had they, returns would have been lower. For a portion of the periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

Expense ratio

(A shares)

Total expense ratio
1.08%What you pay
1.07%

"What you pay" reflects Putnam Management's decision to contractually limit expenses through 4/30/19.

Adjustable management fees

Base fee 0.72%

Fee adjusts lower if fund underperforms (and adjusts higher if it outperforms) the Treasury Bill Index plus, five percent.

Number of holdings

805

Net assets

\$1,624.73M

Dividend frequency

Annually

Fund symbols

Class A	PDMAX
Class B	PDMBX
Class C	PDMCX
Class M	PDMMX
Class R	PDMRX
Class R6	PDMEX
Class Y	PDMYX

Sharperatio is a measure of historical adjusted performance calculated by dividing the fund's return minus the risk free rate (ML 3mth T-Bill) by the standard deviation of the fund's return.

The higher the ratio, the better the fund's return per unit of risk.

Standard deviation measures how widely a set of values varies from the mean. It is a historical measure of the variability of return earned by an investment portfolio. **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.

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Annual performance before sales charge (all distributions reinvested)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
A shares	14.4%	3.5%	0.5%	7.8%	5.9%	6.0%	-1.7%	2.7%	9.7%	-3.5%
ICE BofAML U.S. Treasury Bill Index	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.3

Annualized total return performance

Inception 12/23/08	Before sales charge	After sales charge	ICE BofAML U.S. Treasury Bill Index
1 year	-0.99%	-6.68%	1.54%
3 years	2.52	0.51	0.82
5 years	3.16	1.94	0.52
Life of fund	4.52	3.89	0.35

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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 Multi-Asset Absolute Return Fund received 3 and 4 stars for the 3- and 5-year periods among 299 and 160 Multialternative funds, respectively.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: Allocation of assets among asset classes may hurt performance. The value of stocks and bonds in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions (including, in the case of bonds, perceptions about the risk of default and expectations about monetary policy or interest rates), changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. These and other factors may also lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. Bond investments are subject to interest-rate risk (the risk of bond prices falling if interest rates rise) and credit risk (the risk of an issuer defaulting on interest or principal payments). Interest-rate risk is greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is greater for below-investment-grade bonds. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have fees and expenses. Lower-rated bonds may offer higher yields in return for more risk. Funds that invest in government securities are not guaranteed. Mortgage-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk and the risk that they may increase in value less than other bonds when interest rates decline and decline in value more than other bonds when interest rates rise. International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging-market securities have illiquidity and volatility risks. Our alpha strategy may lose money or not earn a return sufficient to cover associated trading and other costs. Our use of leverage obtained through derivatives increases these risks by increasing investment exposure. Risks associated with derivatives include increased investment exposure (which may be considered leverage) and, in the case of over-the-counter instruments, the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions and the potential failure of the other party to the instrument to meet its obligations. The fund's efforts to produce lower-volatility returns may not be successful. The fund may not achieve its goal, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. You can lose money by investing in the fund. The fund's prospectus lists additional risks.

The Absolute Return funds are not intended to outperform stocks and bonds during strong market rallies.

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