

Objective

The fund seeks absolute return (i.e., positive total return in diverse market environments over time).

Portfolio managers

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Benchmark

BofA Merrill Lynch
Treasury Bill Index

Symbols

Quotron
PPFYX

CUSIP
74680L568

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)
1.35%

INTRODUCING**Putnam PanAgora Managed Futures Strategy**

Pursuing absolute return with low correlation to traditional asset classes.

Targets trends

The fund's investment strategy seeks to identify and profit from price trends in global equity, fixed income, commodity, and currency markets.

Low market correlation

The fund pursues absolute return over time with low-to-negative correlation to traditional asset classes and may perform well during prolonged equity market drawdowns.

Risk-based construction

PanAgora Asset Management, the fund's sub-advisor, has a long history of implementing liquid derivative portfolios and is a pioneering thought leader in risk-based portfolio construction.

Fund description

The fund uses a proprietary, momentum-based trend-following strategy that seeks to identify and profit from price trends in global equity, fixed income, commodity, and currency markets. Following the identification of a trend, the fund may take either a long or short position in an asset class. Because the fund can hold both long positions and short positions across asset classes, it has the potential to generate absolute returns under different market conditions. Moreover, the fund's returns are expected to have low-to-negative correlation to traditional asset classes.

Portfolio characteristics

The fund utilizes systematic long/short exposure to liquid futures and forwards across commodities, equities, fixed income, and currencies. A significant portion of the assets of the fund will be invested directly or indirectly in short-term instruments. These cash or cash equivalent holdings serve as collateral for the fund's derivative positions and also may earn income for the fund.

A systematic, research-driven approach

The fund invests in liquid derivatives that provide exposure to several asset classes, including commodities, equities, fixed income, and developed- and emerging-market currencies. The fund's trend-following strategy seeks to identify trends across these markets and then takes either long or short positions to profit from these trends. PanAgora Asset Management takes a systematic approach in managing the fund's portfolio, using quantitative models to determine the direction, magnitude, and duration of a price trend. Once a position has been added to the fund's portfolio, PanAgora monitors for any indication of a reversal or loss of momentum in the price trend in order to determine when to exit the position. PanAgora regularly enhances and updates its models to reflect its developing research, fundamental analysis, and access to new data.

Role in a portfolio

The fund seeks to generate absolute return over time with low-to-negative correlation to traditional asset classes through long/short exposures across asset classes. The fund is designed to provide meaningful diversification for client portfolios and may offer protection from bear markets (a market decline of more than 20% over four months or longer).

About PanAgora and Putnam

PanAgora Asset Management, the fund's sub-advisor, is a premier provider of research-driven investment solutions in alternatives, risk premia, and active strategies spanning all major asset classes and risk ranges. PanAgora manages systematic strategies that combine cutting-edge quantitative techniques with fundamental insights of experienced investment professionals. The firm is a recognized leader in innovative portfolio construction techniques implemented throughout its strategies. Founded in 1989, PanAgora is headquartered in Boston and had \$49 billion in assets under management as of June 30, 2017.

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