

Putnam Multi-Cap Growth Fund

Summary prospectus

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FUND SYMBOLS	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS M	CLASS R	CLASS T	CLASS Y
	PNOPX	PNOBX	PNOCX	PNOMX	PNORX	Pending	PNOYX

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Summary Prospectus dated October 30, 2017

Effective January 17, 2018, the sub-section *Portfolio manager* in the section *Your fund's management* is replaced in its entirety with the following:

Portfolio managers

Katherine Collins, Head of Sustainable Investing, portfolio manager of the fund since 2018

R. Shepherd Perkins, Portfolio Manager, portfolio manager of the fund since 2018

Putnam Investment Management, LLC ("Putnam Management") has recommended changes to the fund's investment strategy in order to incorporate sustainability criteria, as described in more detail below. Putnam Management currently anticipates that the changes will be effective on or about March 19, 2018 (the Effective Date).

Implementing these changes in the fund's portfolio will result in certain brokerage commission and other transaction costs, which are expected to be incurred largely in March 2018. Depending on market conditions at the time, these changes could also result in realization of capital gains.

On the Effective Date, the fund's name will change to "Putnam Sustainable Leaders Fund," and the fund's principal investment strategies and principal risks will be changing as described below. Accordingly, on the Effective Date, the following changes are made in the fund's Summary Prospectus:

- All references in the Summary Prospectus to Putnam Multi-Cap Growth Fund are deleted and replaced with "Putnam Sustainable Leaders Fund."
- Similar information in the sub-sections *Investments* and *Risks* in the section *Investments, risks and performance* is superseded and replaced with the following:

Investments

We invest mainly in common stocks of U.S. companies of any size, with a focus on growth stocks of companies that we believe exhibit a commitment to sustainable business practices. Growth stocks are stocks of companies whose earnings are expected to grow faster than those of similar firms, and whose business growth and other characteristics may lead to an increase in stock price. We consider sustainability factors, as described below, and may consider other factors, such as a company's valuation, financial strength, growth potential, competitive position in its industry, projected future earnings, cash flows and dividends when deciding whether to buy or sell investments.

Sustainable investing. In selecting investments, we focus on companies that we believe have a demonstrated commitment to sustainable business practices. This commitment may be reflected through environmental, social and/or corporate governance (ESG) policies, practices or outcomes.

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Risks

It is important to understand that you can lose money by investing in the fund.

The value of stocks 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, changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer, industry or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and the market may not favor growth-style investing. 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.

Investing with a focus on companies that exhibit a commitment to sustainable business practices may cause the fund to forego otherwise attractive investment opportunities or may increase or decrease the fund's exposure to certain types of companies and, therefore, to underperform funds that do not invest with a similar focus. In evaluating an investment opportunity, we may make investment decisions based on information and data that is incomplete or inaccurate. In addition, a company's business practices may change over time. As a result of these possibilities, the fund may temporarily hold securities that are inconsistent with the fund's sustainable investment criteria.

The fund may not achieve its goal, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

The rest of the section remains the same.

Shareholders should retain this Supplement for future reference.

Putnam Multi-Cap Growth Fund

Before you invest, you may wish to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You may obtain the prospectus and other information about the fund, including the statement of additional information (SAI) and most recent reports to shareholders, at no cost by visiting putnam.com/funddocuments, calling 1-800-225-1581, or e-mailing Putnam at funddocuments@putnam.com.

The fund's prospectus and SAI, both dated 10/30/17, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

Goal

Putnam Multi-Cap Growth Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Fees and expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Putnam funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial advisor and in *How do I buy fund shares?* beginning on page 12 of the fund's prospectus, in the Appendix to the fund's prospectus, and in *How to buy shares* beginning on page II-1 of the fund's statement of additional information (SAI).

Shareholder fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

Share class	Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower)
Class A	5.75%	1.00%*
Class B	NONE	5.00%**
Class C	NONE	1.00%***
Class M	3.50%	NONE
Class R	NONE	NONE
Class T	2.50%	NONE
Class Y	NONE	NONE

Annual fund operating expenses

(expenses you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Share class	Management fees [†]	Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	Other expenses	Total annual fund operating expenses
Class A	0.51%	0.25%	0.24% [⊖]	1.00%
Class B	0.51%	1.00%	0.24% [⊖]	1.75%
Class C	0.51%	1.00%	0.24% [⊖]	1.75%
Class M	0.51%	0.75%	0.24% [⊖]	1.50%
Class R	0.51%	0.50%	0.24% [⊖]	1.25%
Class T	0.51%	0.25%	0.24% [⊖]	1.00%
Class Y	0.51%	N/A	0.24% [⊖]	0.75%

* Applies only to certain redemptions of shares bought with no initial sales charge.

** This charge is phased out over six years.

*** This charge is eliminated after one year.

† Management fees reflect a performance adjustment. The fund's base management fee is subject to adjustment, up or down, based on the fund's performance relative to the performance of the Russell 3000 Growth Index. For the most recent fiscal year, the fund's base management fee prior to any performance adjustment was 0.555%.

= Restated to reflect current fees resulting from a change to the fund's investor servicing arrangements effective September 1, 2016.

< Other expenses are based on expenses of class A shares for the fund's last fiscal year, as restated to reflect current fees resulting from a change to the fund's investor servicing arrangements effective September 1, 2016.

Example

The following hypothetical example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. It assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then, except as indicated, redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. It assumes a 5% return on your investment each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

Share class	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Class A	\$671	\$875	\$1,096	\$1,729
Class B	\$678	\$851	\$1,149	\$1,864
Class B (no redemption)	\$178	\$551	\$949	\$1,864
Class C	\$278	\$551	\$949	\$2,062
Class C (no redemption)	\$178	\$551	\$949	\$2,062
Class M	\$497	\$807	\$1,140	\$2,078
Class R	\$127	\$397	\$686	\$1,511
Class T	\$349	\$560	\$789	\$1,444
Class Y	\$77	\$240	\$417	\$930

Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction-related costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund’s shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or the above example, affect fund performance. The fund’s turnover rate in the most recent fiscal year was 76%.

Investments, risks, and performance

Investments

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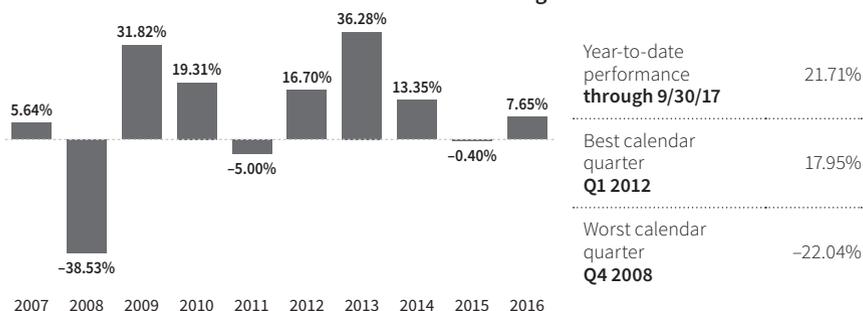
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Performance

The performance information below gives some indication of the risks associated with an investment in the fund by showing the fund’s performance year to year and over time. The bar chart does not reflect the impact of sales charges. If it did, performance would be lower. Please remember that past performance is not necessarily an indication of future results. Monthly performance figures for the fund are available at putnam.com.

Annual total returns for class A shares before sales charges



Average annual total returns after sales charges

(for periods ending 12/31/16)

Share class	1 year	5 years	10 years
Class A before taxes	1.46%	12.74%	5.86%
Class A after taxes on distributions	1.46%	11.41%	5.23%
Class A after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	0.82%	10.05%	4.64%
Class B before taxes	1.85%	12.99%	5.85%
Class C before taxes	5.83%	13.23%	5.69%
Class M before taxes	3.35%	12.71%	5.58%
Class R before taxes	7.38%	13.80%	6.22%
Class T before taxes*	4.96%	13.51%	6.22%
Class Y before taxes	7.91%	14.37%	6.76%
Russell 3000 Growth Index** (no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	7.39%	14.44%	8.28%

* Class T shares were not outstanding during the periods shown. Performance shown for class T shares is derived from the historical performance of class A shares, adjusted for the lower initial sales charge currently applicable to class T shares.

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After-tax returns reflect the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are shown for class A shares only and will vary for other classes. These after-tax returns do not apply if you hold your fund shares through a 401(k) plan, an IRA, or another tax-advantaged arrangement.

Class B share performance reflects conversion to class A shares after eight years.

Your fund's management

Investment advisor

Putnam Investment Management, LLC

Portfolio manager

Robert Brookby

Portfolio Manager, portfolio manager of the fund since 2010

Assistant portfolio manager

Richard Bodzy

Portfolio Manager, Analyst, assistant portfolio manager of the fund since 2017

Sub-advisor

Putnam Investments Limited*

* Though the investment advisor has retained the services of Putnam Investments Limited (PIL), PIL does not currently manage any assets of the fund.

Purchase and sale of fund shares

You can open an account, purchase and/or sell fund shares, or exchange them for shares of another Putnam fund by contacting your financial advisor or by calling Putnam Investor Services at 1-800-225-1581. Effective April 1, 2017, purchases for class B shares are closed to new and existing investors except by exchange from class B shares of another Putnam fund or through dividend and/or capital gains reinvestment.

When opening an account, you must complete and mail a Putnam account application, along with a check made payable to the fund, to: Putnam Investor Services, P.O. Box 8383, Boston, MA 02266-8383. The minimum initial investment of \$500 is currently waived, although Putnam reserves the right to reject initial investments under \$500 at its discretion. There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

You can sell your shares back to the fund or exchange them for shares of another Putnam fund any day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. Shares may be sold or exchanged by mail, by phone, or online at putnam.com. Some restrictions may apply.

Tax information

The fund's distributions will be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you hold the shares through a tax-advantaged arrangement, in which case you will generally be taxed only upon withdrawal of monies from the arrangement.

Financial intermediary compensation

If you purchase the fund through a broker/dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or financial advisor), the fund and its related companies may pay that intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. Please bear in mind that these payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker/dealer or other intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your advisor or visit your advisor's website for more information.

Information about the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and SAI

The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI for a fund provide information concerning the fund. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI are updated at least annually and any information provided in a summary prospectus, prospectus, or SAI can be changed without a shareholder vote unless specifically stated otherwise. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and the SAI are not contracts between the fund and its shareholders and do not give rise to any contractual rights or obligations or any shareholder rights other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

Additional information, including current performance, is available at putnam.com/funddocuments, by calling 1-800-225-1581, or by e-mailing Putnam at funddocuments@putnam.com.

Class T shares of the fund
are not currently available
for purchase.

