Q3 | 2020

The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 9/30/20 among 195 funds in the Technology category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)



Di Yao Portfolio Manager (industry since 2005)

Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

Morningstar category

Technology

Fund symbols

| Fund symbols | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Class A | PGTAX | | | | | |
| Class C | PGTDX | | | | | |
| Class R | PGTRX | | | | | |
| Class R6 | PTTEX | | | | | |
| Class Y | PGTYX | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Number of holdings 36

Net assets \$818.82M

Dividend frequency

Annually



Putnam Global Technology Fund (PGTYX)

Pursuing investment opportunities in technology-related companies worldwide

Research intensive process

The fund is actively managed with fundamental research and a catalyst-driven approach. The process seeks companies that can benefit from changes, innovations, and disruptions.

A wide range of opportunities

The fund can invest across the entire universe of global technology companies. Approximately 30%-40% of the portfolio is invested in non-U.S. stocks.

Concentrated portfolio

The manager seeks outperformance with a bottom-up approach to stock selection, maintaining a concentrated portfolio of approximately 25 to 35 holdings.

Diversification across markets

| • | United States | 64.1% |
|---|---------------------------|-------|
| ٠ | China | 12.3 |
| • | Japan | 7.2 |
| • | Taiwan | 4.3 |
| ٠ | Thailand | 3.6 |
| • | South Korea | 2.4 |
| • | Other countries | 5.8 |
| • | Cash and net other assets | 0.4 |

Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%



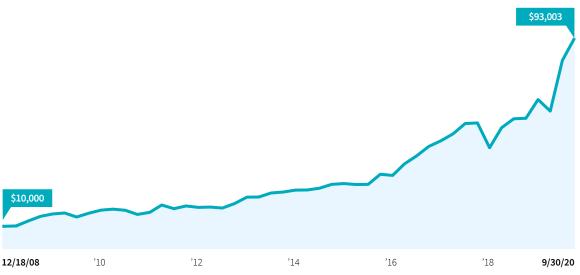
Top ten holdings

| 16.68% | | | |
|--------|--|--|--|
| 4.78 | | | |
| 4.31 | | | |
| 4.16 | | | |
| 3.63 | | | |
| 3.58 | | | |
| 3.55 | | | |
| 3.48 | | | |
| 3.31 | | | |
| 3.00 | | | |
| | | | |

Holdings represent 50.48% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Growth of a \$10,000 investment

The fund has returned an average of 20.8% annually since inception.



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Not FDIC insured May lose value No bank guarantee





Total expense ratio

(Y shares) 0.91%

Market-cap breakdown

| Over \$69B | 52.31% |
|-----------------------|--------|
| \$16B-\$69B | 16.01% |
| \$3.4B-\$16B | 16.92% |
| \$1B-\$3.4B | 13.51% |
| Less than \$1B | 0.87% |
| Cash and other assets | 0.38% |

"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

0.96

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 YTD |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Y shares | -5.7% | 13.4% | 24.6% | 13.8% | 10.9% | 12.6% | 47.0% | -6.5% | 47.5% | 41.1% |
| MSCI World Information Technology Index (ND) | -2.5 | 13.3 | 28.7 | 16.1 | 4.8 | 11.5 | 38.2 | -2.6 | 47.6 | 27.4 |

Annualized total return performance

| Inception 12/18/08 | Class Y shares | MSCI World Information Technology Index (ND) |
|--------------------|----------------|---|
| 1 year | 61.21% | 45.16% |
| 3 years | 27.15 | 25.63 |
| 5 years | 29.61 | 25.14 |
| 10 years | 19.36 | 18.36 |
| Life of fund | 20.84 | 19.61 |

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (12/18/08-9/30/20)*

| Best | Best | Worst | Worst | Average | % of 5-year | Number | Number | |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 5-year | period | 5-year | period | 5-year | periods with | of positive | of negative | |
| return | end date | return | end date | return | positive returns | 5-year periods | 5-year periods | |
| 29.61% | 9/30/20 | 9.91% | 9/30/15 | 17.00% | 100% | 28 | 0 | |

* Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The MSCI World Information Technology Index (ND) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets in the information technology sector. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

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 openended 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 32% 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 roting for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year 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 Global Technology Fund received 4, 5, and 4 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10- year periods among 195, 176, and 156 Technology funds, respectively.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging-market securities carry illiquidity and volatility risks. Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. The technology industries may be affected by technological obsolescence, short product cycles, falling prices and profits, competitive pressures, and general market conditions. The fund concentrates on a limited group of industries and is non-diversified. Because the fund may invest in fewer issuers than a diversified fund, it is vulnerable to common economic forces and may result in greater losses and volatility. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. The use of short selling may result in losses if the securities appreciate in value. Risks associated with derivatives include increased investment exposure (which may be considered leverage) and, in the case of over-the-counterinstruments, 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 value of investments in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general economic, political, or financial market conditions; investor sentiment and market perceptions; government actions; geopolitical events or changes; and factors related to a specific issuer, geography, industry, or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Our investment techniques, analyses, and judgments may not produce the outcome we intend. The investments we select for the fund may not perform as well as other securities that we do not select for the fund. We, or the fund's other service providers, may experience disruptions or operatingerrors that could have a negative effect on the fund. You can lose money by i

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