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Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

Morningstar category Small Value

Lipper category Small-Cap Value

Benchmark

Russell 2000 Value Index

Fund symbols

| Class A | PSLAX |
|----------|-------|
| Class B | PSLBX |
| Class C | PSLCX |
| Class R | PSCRX |
| Class R6 | PSCMX |
| Class Y | PYSVX |
| | |

Net assets \$256.83M

Number of holdings

Turnover



Putnam Small Cap Value Fund

Pursuing capital appreciation through undervalued small companies

Small companies

Often overlooked by Wall Street analysts, the stocks of small companies can be attractive opportunities.

Active value strategy

The strategy seeks undervalued companies with improving fundamentals or catalysts that may unlock potential.

Rigorous research

The portfolio manager and a team of senior research analysts combine the collaboration of a boutique with the extensive resources of a large global firm.

Top 10 holdings

| Magnolia Oil Gas | 1.81% |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Vista Outdoor | 1.79 |
| SM Energy | 1.78 |
| UniFi | 1.43 |
| Oriental Financial Group | 1.42 |
| Newpark Resources | 1.39 |
| Tronox | 1.37 |
| Major Drilling | 1.29 |
| Lakeland Bancorp | 1.26 |
| Willscot Mobile Mini Holdings | 1.24 |

Holdings represent 14.78% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

| Sector weightings | Underweight | Overweight | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Industrials | | 4.1 | 18.8% | 14.7% |
| Materials | | 4.1 | 8.8 | 4.7 |
| Information technology | | 3.0 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| Financials | | 2.0 | 28.2 | 26.2 |
| Consumer discretionary | | 1.7 | 9.7 | 8.0 |
| Energy | | 0.3 | 7.4 | 7.1 |
| Consumer staples | -1.0 | | 1.8 | 2.8 |
| Utilities | -2.8 | | 1.8 | 4.6 |
| Communication services | -3.5 | | 0.8 | 4.3 |
| Health care | -3.9 | | 7.3 | 11.2 |
| Real estate | -4.7 | | 6.4 | 11.1 |

Cash and net other assets represent 0.5% of the portfolio.

Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%. The unclassified sector, where applicable, includes exchange-traded funds and other securities not able to be classified by sector.

| Risk | Beta | Tracking error | Up capture ratio | Down capture ratio |
|--------------------------|------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| R6 share (as of 9/30/21) | 1.10 | 5.64% | 103.54% | 102.53% |

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Captureratios are used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during specific periods (periods of positive return in the case of up capture, negative return in the case of down capture). The ratio is calculated by dividing the manager's returns by the returns of the index during the period and multiplying that factor by 100. Turnover is the rate at which the fund buys and sells securities each year. For example, if a fund's assets total \$100 million and the fund bought and sold \$100 million of securities that year, its portfolio turnover rate would be 100%. 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. Trackingerror assesses how closely a fund's performance tracks that of the fund's benchmark by calculating the standard deviation of the difference between the fund's returns and its benchmark returns over a given time period, typically 5 years.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Not FDIC insured May lose value No bank guarantee

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Morningstar rankings

| (R6 shares, based on total | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| return) | | | | |
| 1 year | 11% (42/433) | | | |
| 3 years | 22% (86/405) | | | |
| 5 years | 22% (75/382) | | | |

Total expense ratio

(R6 shares) 1.20%

Market-cap breakdown

| Over \$5B | 11.50% |
|-----------------------|--------|
| \$3B-\$5B | 12.28% |
| \$1B-\$3B | 33.67% |
| \$500M-\$1B | 23.80% |
| Less than \$500M | 18.23% |
| Cash and other assets | 0.53% |

"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.

Annual performance (all distributions reinvested)

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 YTD |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|----------|
| R6 shares at net asset value | 17.2% | 38.3% | 3.9% | -3.5% | 27.2% | 8.3% | -19.5% | 24.4% | 4.1% | 33.2% |
| Benchmark | 18.1 | 34.5 | 4.2 | -7.5 | 31.7 | 7.8 | -12.9 | 22.4 | 4.6 | 22.9 |

| Annualized total return performance | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | Life of fund |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|
| R6 shares (Inception 11/1/13) | 78.84% | 9.88% | 11.68% | 13.63% | 10.02% |
| Benchmark | 63.92 | 8.58 | 11.03 | 13.22 | 9.89 |

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 R6 shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Class R6 shares, available to qualified employee-benefit plans only, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. Performance for class R6 shares prior to their inception is derived from the historical performance of class Y shares (inception 1/3/01), and has not been adjusted for the lower investor servicing fees applicable to class R6 shares; had it, returns would have been higher. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

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Consider these risks before investing investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. Value stocks may fail to rebound, and the market may not favor value-style investing.

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. 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.

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 operating errors that could have a negative effect on the fund. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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