



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 3/31/23 among 576 funds in the Small Growth category (R6 shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)



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(industry since 1996)

#### Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

#### Morningstar category

Small Growth

#### Lipper category

Small-Cap Growth

#### Benchmark

Russell 2000 Growth Index

#### Fund symbols

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Class A  | PNSAX |
| Class B  | PNSBX |
| Class C  | PNSCX |
| Class R  | PSGRX |
| Class R6 | PLKGX |
| Class Y  | PSYGX |

#### Net assets

\$913.64M

#### Number of holdings

91

#### Turnover

39%

# Putnam Small Cap Growth Fund

Uncovering high-quality and fast-growing small-cap companies

#### Combining quality and aggressive growth

We believe portfolios that balance exposure to high-quality and aggressive growth small-cap stocks can offer strong risk-adjusted return potential.

#### Research-intensive process

Our fundamental investment process focuses on identifying growth opportunities where the market has undervalued the duration or magnitude of a company's growth potential.

#### Long-term investment horizon

We seek to invest over a multiyear horizon to harness the power of compounding growth and embed risk management at multiple levels.

#### Top 10 holdings

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| TFI International     | 2.60% |
| Lantheus              | 2.45  |
| WillScot Mobile Mini  | 2.31  |
| Kinsale Capital Group | 2.28  |
| Churchill Downs       | 2.00  |
| Nova                  | 1.98  |
| Manhattan Associates  | 1.95  |
| Five Below            | 1.95  |
| Verra Mobility        | 1.93  |
| WNS Global Services   | 1.84  |

Holdings represent 21.29% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

#### Risk (R6 shares, as of 3/31/23)

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Beta               | 0.90    |
| Tracking error     | 6.91%   |
| Up capture ratio   | 100.60% |
| Down capture ratio | 80.03%  |

#### Sector weightings

|                        | Underweight | Overweight | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Industrials            |             | 4.1        | 23.7%     | 19.6%     |
| Consumer discretionary |             | 2.4        | 13.9      | 11.5      |
| Information technology |             | 2.1        | 20.7      | 18.6      |
| Real estate            | -0.1        |            | 2.0       | 2.1       |
| Energy                 | -0.2        |            | 6.3       | 6.5       |
| Consumer staples       | -0.6        |            | 4.1       | 4.7       |
| Communication services | -0.8        |            | 1.7       | 2.5       |
| Financials             | -1.6        |            | 5.0       | 6.6       |
| Materials              | -1.6        |            | 3.1       | 4.7       |
| Utilities              | -1.7        |            | 0.0       | 1.7       |
| Health care            | -3.2        |            | 18.4      | 21.6      |

Cash and net other assets represent 0.9% 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.

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

**Capture ratios** 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. **Tracking error** 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.

**Morningstar rankings**

(R6 shares, based on total return)

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 1 year  | 22% (109/607) |
| 3 years | 40% (184/576) |
| 5 years | 8% (31/534)   |

**Total expense ratio**

(R6 shares)

0.85%

**Adjustable management fee examples**

Based on performance versus benchmark

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Base fee                            | 0.62%    |
| Higher fee after 1% outperformance  | 0.65%    |
| Lower fee after 1% underperformance | 0.59%    |
| Maximum performance adjustment      | +/-0.18% |

**Annual performance (all distributions reinvested)**

|                              | 2014  | 2015   | 2016  | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | 2022    | 2023 YTD |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| R6 shares at net asset value | 2.24% | -2.51% | 8.95% | 20.72% | -2.13% | 38.15% | 48.24% | 14.56% | -27.82% | 7.07%    |
| Benchmark                    | 5.60  | -1.38  | 11.32 | 22.17  | -9.31  | 28.48  | 34.63  | 2.83   | -26.36  | 6.07     |

**Annualized total return performance**

|                               | Q1    | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| R6 shares (Inception 6/29/15) | 7.07% | -8.37% | 16.93%  | 11.09%  | 11.81%   |
| Benchmark                     | 6.07  | -10.60 | 13.36   | 4.26    | 8.49     |

**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 11/3/03), 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](http://putnam.com).**

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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 3-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 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% 3-year rating for 36–59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60–119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-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 3-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 Small Cap Growth Fund received 3, 5, and 5 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 576, 534, and 401 Small Growth funds, respectively.

Morningstar rankings for class R6 shares are based on total return without sales charge relative to all share classes of funds with similar objectives as determined by Morningstar. Morningstar rankings may differ significantly from Morningstar's risk-adjusted star ratings. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

**Consider these risks before investing:** Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and the market may not favor growth-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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