



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 9/30/22 among 701 funds in the Foreign Large Blend category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)



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Portfolio Manager  
(industry since 1994)

#### Objective

The fund seeks capital appreciation.

#### Morningstar category

Foreign Large Blend

#### Lipper category

International Multi-Cap Core

#### Benchmark

MSCI EAFE Index (ND)

#### Fund symbols

Class A	POVSX
Class B	POVBX
Class C	PIGCX
Class R	PIERX
Class R6	POVEX
Class Y	POVYX

#### Net assets

\$597.88M

#### Number of holdings

54

#### Turnover

89%

# Putnam International Equity Fund

Pursuing the growth potential of overseas markets since 1991

#### International companies

The fund invests in established large and midsize companies, mainly in developed markets to benefit from opportunities outside the United States.

#### A flexible strategy

Pursuing Putnam's blend strategy, the fund can own growth- or value-style stocks to participate when either style leads international markets.

#### A disciplined process

The portfolio manager invests using fundamental research and quantitative tools supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction.

#### Top 10 holdings

AstraZeneca	3.68%
Shell	3.25
Deutsche Boerse	2.97
DBS Group	2.94
Diageo	2.85
LVMH	2.73
Mitsubishi	2.69
London Stock Exchange Group	2.67
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	2.55
Merck	2.53

Holdings represent 28.86% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

#### Market-cap breakdown

Over \$33B	51.00%
\$7.6B-\$33B	34.61
\$1.5B-\$7.6B	10.44
\$350M-\$1.5B	0.00
Less than \$350M	0.00
Cash and other assets	3.95

"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.

#### Risk (Y shares, as of 9/30/22)

Beta	0.95
Tracking error	3.65%
Up capture ratio	103.85%
Down capture ratio	100.00%

#### Country weightings

	Underweight	Overweight	Portfolio	Benchmark
United Kingdom		6.8	22.3%	15.5%
Ireland		5.4	6.1	0.7
Canada		3.7	3.7	0.0
South Korea		2.8	2.8	0.0
United States		2.8	2.8	0.0
Denmark	-2.6		0.0	2.6
Japan	-2.8		19.8	22.6
Sweden	-3.2		0.0	3.2
Australia	-5.9		2.0	7.9
Switzerland	-8.7		2.0	10.7
Other countries			34.6	36.7

Cash and net other assets represent 4.0% of the portfolio.  
Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%.

#### Top active weights

Top 5 overweights	Portfolio	Benchmark	Over/under
Deutsche Boerse	3.0%	0.3%	2.7%
DBS Group	2.9	0.3	2.6
London Stock Exchange Group	2.7	0.2	2.5
Mitsubishi	2.7	0.3	2.4
Bank of Ireland Group	2.4	0.0	2.4

Top 5 underweights	Portfolio	Benchmark	Over/under
Nestle	0.0%	2.5%	-2.5%
Roche	0.0	2.0	-2.0
Novo Nordisk	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Novartis	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Toyota	0.0	1.1	-1.1

**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 3-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.

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

**Morningstar rankings**

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	68% (493/750)
3 years	27% (213/701)
5 years	64% (364/610)
10 years	29% (113/419)

**Total expense ratio**

(Y shares)

0.98%

(A shares)

1.23%

**Adjustable management fee examples**

(Y shares, based on performance versus benchmark)

Base fee	0.69%
Higher fee after 1% outperformance	0.72%
Lower fee after 1% underperformance	0.66%

Maximum performance adjustment

+/-0.15%

Morningstar rankings for class Y 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.

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**Annual performance (all distributions reinvested)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 YTD
Y shares at net asset value	28.26%	-6.63%	0.39%	-2.44%	26.76%	-19.13%	25.78%	12.01%	8.98%	-27.15%
A shares before sales charge	27.94	-6.87	0.17	-2.70	26.47	-19.36	25.50	11.74	8.72	-27.29
Benchmark	22.78	-4.90	-0.81	1.00	25.03	-13.79	22.01	7.82	11.26	-27.09

**Annualized total return performance**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Life of fund
Y shares (Inception 7/12/96)	-26.97%	-0.94%	-1.37%	3.70%	6.16%
A shares (Inception 2/28/91) before sales charge	-27.16	-1.19	-1.61	3.44	5.93
A shares after sales charge	-31.35	-3.12	-2.77	2.83	5.73
Benchmark	-25.13	-1.83	-0.84	3.67	4.30

**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 A and Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. After-sales-charge returns for class A reflect a maximum 5.75% load. Returns for class Y shares prior to their inception are derived from the historical performance of class A shares, which have not been adjusted for their lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. Class Y shares, available to investors through an asset-based fee program or for institutional clients, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. Recent performance may have benefited from one or more legal settlements. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit [putnam.com](http://putnam.com).**

**Highlights of five-year performance periods (2/28/91–9/30/22)\***

	Best 5-year return	Best period end date	Worst 5-year return	Worst period end date	Average 5-year return	% of 5-year periods with positive returns	Number of positive 5-year periods	Number of negative 5-year periods
Y shares	26.70%	3/31/00	-7.81%	6/30/12	7.25%	83%	89	18
A shares	26.45	3/31/00	-8.05	6/30/12	7.02	83	89	18

\* Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The MSCI EAFE Index (ND) is an unmanaged index of equity securities from developed countries in Western Europe, the Far East, and Australasia. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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 International Equity Fund received 4, 3, and 4 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 701, 610, and 419 Foreign Large Blend funds, respectively.

**Consider these risks before investing:** International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging market securities carry illiquidity and volatility risks. Investments focused in a single region may be affected by common economic forces and other factors. In addition, events in any one country within the region may impact the other countries or the region as a whole. Because the fund currently, and may in the future, invest significantly in European companies, the fund is particularly susceptible to economic, political, regulatory, or other events or conditions affecting issuers in Europe.

European financial markets have in recent years experienced increased volatility due to concerns with some countries' high levels of sovereign debt, budget deficits, and unemployment. Investments in small and/or midsize companies increase the risk of greater price fluctuations. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. 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. Risks associated with derivatives include increased investment exposure (which may be considered leverage) and, in the case of over-the-counter instruments, the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions and the potential failure of the other party to the instrument to meet its obligations.

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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