

# George Putnam Balanced Fund

Class Y: PGEYX Class A: PGE0X Class C: PGPCX Class R6: PGEJX

Balanced | Factsheet as of March 31, 2026

## Investment Overview

The fund seeks to provide a balanced investment composed of a well-diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds that produces both capital growth and current income. One of the pioneering mutual funds, it offers exposure to high-quality bonds to help manage volatility, and high-conviction stocks to drive relative returns.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	Without Sales Charges					With Sales Charges					Inception Date
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	
Class Y	14.98	14.17	8.21	10.15	8.82	14.98	14.17	8.21	10.15	8.82	11/5/1937
Class A	14.68	13.90	7.94	9.87	8.72	8.09	11.68	6.67	9.22	8.65	11/5/1937
Class C	13.83	13.05	7.13	9.22	8.65	12.83	13.05	7.13	9.22	8.65	11/5/1937
Class R6	15.06	14.27	8.29	10.25	8.84	15.06	14.27	8.29	10.25	8.84	11/5/1937
Benchmark	12.68	12.52	7.58	9.46	—	12.68	12.52	7.58	9.46	—	—

## Cumulative Total Returns (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class Y	-2.07	-2.07	14.27	17.03	20.17	-15.72	14.17	15.78	24.44	-2.93	15.31	8.16
Class A	-2.12	-2.12	13.99	16.69	19.92	-15.92	13.91	15.41	24.11	-3.14	15.02	7.93
Class C	-2.30	-2.30	13.15	15.84	19.00	-16.57	13.09	14.54	23.18	-3.85	14.16	7.06
Class R6	-2.03	-2.03	14.37	17.06	20.32	-15.67	14.30	15.82	24.56	-2.77	15.45	8.28
Benchmark	-2.59	-2.59	14.02	15.14	17.82	-15.56	15.89	15.68	22.16	-2.28	14.25	8.41

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results.** Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com).

The fund began offering Class Y shares on 3/31/1994, the fund began offering Class C shares on 7/26/1999, and the fund began offering Class R6 shares on 12/2/2013. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) Class Y periods prior to 3/31/1994 are based on the fund's Class A performance, which has not been adjusted for the lower operating expenses; had it been adjusted, performance would be higher; for Class C periods prior to 7/26/1999, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A performance; for Class R6 periods prior to 12/2/2013 are based on the fund's Class Y performance, which has not been adjusted for the lower operating expenses; had it been adjusted, performance would be higher; The restated performance for Class C was adjusted to take into account differences in class-specific operating expenses and maximum sales charges. (b) For periods after the share class offering, performance for the specific share class is used, reflecting the expenses and maximum sales charges applicable to that class. Class C share performance reflects conversion to class A shares after eight years.

## Share Class Details

	CUSIP	Ticker	Sales Charges (%)		Expenses (%)		30-Day SEC Yield (%)	
			Max	CDSC	Gross	Net	Without Waiver	With Waiver
Class Y	37252M603	PGEYX	0.00	—	0.66	0.66	1.75	1.75
Class A	37252M108	PGE0X	5.75	—	0.91	0.91	1.42	1.42
Class C	37252M306	PGPCX	0.00	1.00	1.66	1.66	0.75	0.75
Class R6	37252M801	PGEJX	0.00	—	0.60	0.60	1.79	1.79

The total annual operating expenses are as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of March 31, 2026

★★★★★ Class Y

★★★★★ Class A

As of 03/31/2026 the fund's Class Y and Class A shares received a 5 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 465, 445 and 371 Moderate Allocation funds over the 3-, 5- and 10- year periods, respectively. A fund's overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics. The number of funds in the category for the Overall Rating are listed under the 3-year period.

## Growth of \$10,000

Class Y Shares—Inception through March 31, 2026

Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



## Fund Overview

Dividend Frequency, if any	Quarterly
Morningstar Category	Moderate Allocation
Lipper Classification	Mixed-Asset Target Allocation
Turnover (fiscal yr)	97%

## Benchmark(s)

George Putnam Blended Index

## Fund Characteristics

Total Net Assets	\$2.20 Billion
Number of Holdings	729

## Risk Statistics (3-Year—Class Y)

Beta	1.04
R-Squared	0.98
Sharpe Ratio	1.05
Standard Deviation (%)	8.95
Alpha (%)	1.35

**Asset Allocation (% of Total)**

	Fund
Equity	61.67
Fixed Income	36.68
Cash & Other Net Assets	1.65

**Top Securities (% of Total)**

	Fund
Nvidia Corp	4.11
Microsoft Corp	3.40
Alphabet Inc-Cl A	3.12
Apple	2.92
Amazon.com	2.58
Broadcom	1.91
US Treasury N/B 02.3750 03/31/2029	1.87
US Treasury N/B 04.2500 06/30/2029	1.77
LAM Research Corp	1.70
Meta Platforms Inc-Class A	1.39

**Sector Allocation (% of Equity)**

	Fund
Information Technology	33.10
Financials	12.42
Health Care	10.44
Communication Services	9.99
Consumer Discretionary	9.27
Industrials	7.71
Consumer Staples	5.36
Energy	4.69
Utilities	2.63
Other	4.40

**Market Cap Breakdown (% of Equity) (USD)**

	Fund
\$1.7B - \$6.3B	0.09
\$6.3B - \$36.6B	8.06
\$36.6B - \$155.9B	23.95
Over \$155.9B	67.90

**Portfolio Data Information**

Holdings are provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell any security.

**Portfolio Management**

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Kate Lakin	14	17
Andrew C Benson	17	17

**What should I know before investing?**

**All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal.** The **investment style** may become out of favor, which may have a negative impact on performance. **Fixed income securities** involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls. **Derivative instruments** can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance. **Active management** does not ensure gains or protect against market declines. The manager may consider **environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria** in the research or investment process; however, ESG considerations may not be a determinative factor in security selection. In addition, the manager may not assess every investment for ESG criteria, and not every ESG factor may be identified or evaluated. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

**Glossary**

**Beta:** A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. **R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. **Sharpe Ratio** refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. **Standard Deviation:** Measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. **Alpha** is the annualized percentage difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance given its level of market risk, as measured by beta. The **30-day SEC yield** is calculated using the net income (interest and dividends) per share earned over a trailing 30-day period (annualized), divided by the fund's share price at the end of that period. It may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders. **Turnover** is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover.

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