

Putnam Large Cap Value Fund

Class Y: PEIYX Class A: PEYAX

Commentary | as of June 30, 2025

Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** Broad US equity markets delivered strong gains for the second quarter, while value stocks posted a solid, yet more muted, gain.
- **Contributors:** Stock selection in financials, utilities, information technology, and consumer staples
- **Detractors:** Stock selection in health care, industrials, and communication services
- **Outlook:** Although uncertainty remains, as value investors, we recognize that market disruptions can also present attractive investment opportunities.

Performance Review

- The fund posted a positive return and outperformed its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Value Index. Stock selection was the main driver of relative outperformance, while sector allocation decisions had a marginally negative impact.
- Stock selection was strongest in the financials, utilities, information technology, and consumer staples sectors. Stock decisions in health care, industrials, and communication services detracted modestly.
- From a sector allocation perspective, an overweight position in information technology was additive, while an underweight position in industrials, a top-performing sector, weighed marginally on relative results.
- From an individual stock perspective, top contributors included an overweight position in NRG Energy (utilities) and out-of-benchmark positions in technology companies Microsoft and Seagate. Avoidance of Berkshire Hathaway (financials) also contributed to performance.
- Top individual detractors included an out-of-benchmark position in Sanofi (health care) and overweight exposure to health-care companies UnitedHealth Group, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, and Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Outlook

- Uncertainty continues to surround Trump administration actions, such as the tariff proposals that shook global equity markets early in the second quarter.
- The US economy has remained resilient, investors shrugged off the volatility, and equity markets climbed to all-time highs by the midpoint of the year.
- Equity valuations are on the rich side of history, leaving stocks vulnerable to negative developments that are likely at this stage of the economic cycle.
- The labor market is expected to soften, consumer sentiment remains fragile, and proposed tariffs could reintroduce inflation. We expect market volatility to return when the pause on tariffs expires.
- Corporate earnings have remained strong and are expected to continue to grow, albeit at a slower pace than previously anticipated. The implementation of meaningful tariffs could have a significant impact on earnings growth, stressing already expensive multiples.
- Financials make up a considerable portion of the value universe, and we are watching for proposals that could ease the regulatory burden on banks and boost long-term return potential for the sector.
- Although uncertainty remains, as value investors, we recognize that market disruptions can also present attractive investment opportunities.

Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of June 30, 2025

★★★★★ (5-Star) Class Y

★★★★★ (5-Star) Class A

As of 06/30/2025 the fund's Class A and Class Y shares received a 5 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 1088, 1023 and 821 Large Value 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.

Top Equity Issuers (% of Total)

Holding	Fund
Citigroup	3.36
Philip Morris International	2.94
Microsoft	2.84
Amazon	2.55
Coca-Cola	2.53
Exxon Mobil	2.49
Alphabet	2.48
Cisco Systems	2.42
Capital One Financial	2.41
Walmart	2.39

Sector Allocation (% of Total)

Sector	Fund
Financials	20.97
Industrials	11.89
Health Care	11.52
Consumer Staples	11.03
Information Technology	9.43
Consumer Discretionary	7.66
Materials	6.57
Communication Services	5.54
Other	12.00
Cash & Other Net Assets	3.39

Average annual total returns and fund expenses (%) - as of June 30, 2025

Class	CUSIP	Ticker	Without Sales Charge							With Maximum Sales Charge							Expenses		Sales Charges		Inception
			3-Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	3-Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Gross	Net	Initial Charge	CDSC	Date
Class Y	746745405	PEIYX	4.61	7.07	11.90	16.83	17.09	11.63	10.71	4.61	7.07	11.90	16.83	17.09	11.63	10.71	0.63	0.63	—	—	6/15/1977
Class A	746745108	PEYAX	4.55	6.94	11.59	16.54	16.80	11.35	10.56	-1.46	0.79	5.18	14.26	15.42	10.69	10.42	0.88	0.88	5.75	—	6/15/1977
Benchmark	—	—	3.79	6.00	13.70	12.76	13.93	9.19	—	3.79	6.00	13.70	12.76	13.93	9.19	—	—	—	—	—	—

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =Russell 1000 Value Index

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. The fund began offering Class Y shares on 10/1/1998. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) Class Y periods prior to 10/1/1998 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; (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. Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Net expenses are capped under a contractual agreement, which cannot be terminated prior to 02/28/2026 without Board consent. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns.

What are the Risks?

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The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. Source: FTSE.

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