

Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund

Class Y: PABYX

Commentary | as of March 31, 2026

Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** Global equity markets experienced a volatile first quarter of 2026. Non-US markets began the year strongly, helped by a weaker US dollar, improving sentiment toward Europe, continued enthusiasm for semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI) and renewed investor interest in lower-valued markets. By contrast, the United States lagged as the market broadened away from a concentration in large growth stocks.
- **US Treasury (UST) yields** moved higher across the curve. The yield on the benchmark 10-year UST note rose 15 basis points higher to 4.32%.
- **Contributors:** Security selection was a key contributor to positive relative returns, led by two equity strategies. Tactical asset allocation also strengthened performance.
- **Detractors:** Security selection in two equity strategies detracted, although both strategies posted positive results on an absolute return basis.
- **Outlook:** Our approach to risk remains cautious moving into April, as conflict in the Middle East continues to drive markets. Headlines and developments continue to change often.

Performance Review

- Over the first quarter, Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund (Class Y without sales charges) posted a small decline but performed better than its benchmark.
- Security selection strengthened relative returns, led by two equity strategies – quantitative US large-cap and quantitative international. The fundamental US large-cap growth equity and fundamental international equity strategies also delivered favorable security selection.
- In contrast, security selection in the fundamental large-cap value equity and small-cap quantitative equity strategies detracted, although both strategies posted positive results on an absolute return basis.
- Tactical asset allocation lifted relative performance. With respect to interest-rate risk, the Fund remained underweight duration, and this supported returns during a rising yield backdrop. We viewed the environment of sticky core inflation and energy price concerns as challenges to market expectations for Fed easing. Long positioning in commodities also supported relative returns. Commodity markets in the first quarter of 2026 were supported by elevated geopolitical and macroeconomic risks, uneven supply/demand dynamics and financial market volatility.
- In contrast, we maintained overweight US equity exposure through S&P futures, which detracted from relative performance. Our favorable view of US stocks reflected resilient economic growth and solid earnings results.

Outlook

- Our approach to equity markets remains cautious moving into April, as conflict in the Middle East continues to drive markets. Headlines and developments continue to change often.
- Disruption of energy supplies is a main reason for tensions in financial markets at the time of writing. A complete resolution of hostilities is unlikely, in our view, meaning some challenges will likely remain, albeit reduced from current levels.
- With geopolitical events, outcomes are much more difficult to predict than events tied to traditional factors such as growth, inflation and policy. Although macro indicators remain resilient, we have seen some weakening recently that supports our neutral view for equities. Softer leading economic indicators and purchasing managers' index (PMI) data point to slowing growth, and sticky core inflation remains a concern.
- Market expectations for monetary policy have pivoted around the energy price adjustment, as expectations for rate cuts have been priced out in most major economies. This may have a negative impact on growth by adding to borrowing costs and influencing business and consumer sentiment.
- Conflict in the Middle East has not affected the positive outlook for corporate earnings as of early April. At the same time, we are mindful that earnings expectations tend to lag equity prices by roughly three to four months. An analysis of fast-moving economic indicators bears close-watching.

Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of March 31, 2026



(4-Star) Class Y

As of 03/31/2026 the fund's Class Y shares received a 4 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.

Top Securities (% of Total)

Holding	Fund
Nvidia Corp	4.36
Apple	3.69
Microsoft Corp	2.64
Amazon.com	2.17
Alphabet Inc-Cl A	2.07
FNMA FN30 TBA UMBS 05.0000 04/01/2056	1.57
Meta Platforms Inc-Class A	1.54
FNMA FN30 TBA UMBS 02.5000 04/01/2056	1.49
Broadcom	1.37
Tesla	1.02

Average annual total returns and fund expenses (%) - as of March 31, 2026

Class	CUSIP	Ticker	Without Sales Charge						With Maximum Sales Charge						Expenses		Sales Charges		Inception Date		
			3-Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	3-Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Gross	Net	Initial Charge		CDSC	
Class Y	746444884	PABYX	-1.42	-1.42	14.54	13.93	7.72	8.60	7.58	-1.42	-1.42	14.54	13.93	7.72	8.60	7.58	0.65	0.65	—	—	2/7/1994
Benchmark 1	—	—	-3.96	-3.96	18.09	17.86	10.87	13.72	10.43	-3.96	-3.96	18.09	17.86	10.87	13.72	—	—	—	—	—	
Benchmark 2	—	—	-2.12	-2.12	13.00	11.98	6.67	8.75	—	-2.12	-2.12	13.00	11.98	6.67	8.75	—	—	—	—	—	

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark 1=Russell 3000 Index

Benchmark 2=Putnam Balanced Blended Benchmark

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What are the Risks?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. The allocation of assets among different strategies, asset classes and investments may not prove beneficial or produce the desired results. **International investments** are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets**. The **investment style** may become out of favor, which may have a negative impact on performance. **Small- and mid-cap stocks** involve greater risks and volatility than large-cap stocks. **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. **Low-rated, high-yield bonds** are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. **Asset-backed, mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities** are subject to prepayment and extension risks. **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. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

Glossary

A **basis point (bp, or bps)** is one one-hundredth of one percent (1/100% or 0.01%).

Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates.

Important Information

Effective 2/1/2026, the fund changed the Putnam Balanced Blended Benchmark component index allocations to include more foreign exposure and less high yield exposure.

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The **Russell 3000 Index** measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization. The **Putnam Balanced Blended Benchmark** reflects the performance of 50% Russell 3000 Index, 35% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, 10% MSCI EAFE Index-NR, and 5% JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index from fund inception through 1/31/2026 and 48% Russell 3000 Index, 32% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, 12% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index-NR, 6% Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index Hedged USD NR, 2% Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index thereafter.

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