

Commentary | as of September 30, 2025

# **Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund**

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## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of September 30, 2025



(4-Star) Class Y

As of 09/30/2025 the fund's Class Y shares received a 4 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 466, 439 and 363 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.

### **Top Securities (% of Total)**

	Fund
Nvidia Corp	4.75
Microsoft Corp	3.99
Apple	3.78
Amazon.com	2.44
Meta Platforms Inc-Class A	1.80
Alphabet Inc-Cl A	1.79
FNMA FN30 TBA UMBS 05.0000 10/01/2055	1.48
Tesla	1.48
Broadcom	1.42
FNMA FN30 TBA UMBS 02 5000 10/01/2055	1.41

### **Key Takeaways**

**Class Y: PABYX** 

- Markets: Financial market sentiment improved and global equity markets advanced through the third quarter of 2025
  as tariff anxieties gradually eased, central banks tilted more accommodative and technology leadership persisted. July's
  tone improved on clearer trade signals and resilient US earnings; August added gains despite episodic volatility around
  new tariff measures and September capped the quarter with a US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cut that steadied ratesensitive assets and lifted risk appetite.
- Contributors: Security selection benefited relative results, led by our quantitative US large-capitalization equity, fundamental international equity and fundamental US large-cap value equity strategies. Overall allocation effects benefited relative returns.
- Detractors: Selection in our large-cap growth equity strategy weighed on relative performance.
- Outlook: We upgraded our view of equities ahead of the final quarter of 2025 as we weighed equity valuations against a generally positive macro environment, strong corporate fundamentals and monetary policy easing.

#### **Performance Review**

- Over the third quarter, Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund (Class Y without sales charges) posted positive results and modestly outperformed its Balanced benchmark.
- Security selection strengthened relative results. Our quantitative US large-capitalization equity, fundamental international
  equity, fundamental US large-cap value equity and quantitative international equity strategies led contributors during the
  third quarter. In contrast, our large-cap growth equity strategy weighed on relative performance.
- Overall allocation effects were muted. Within tactical asset allocation, we raised our equity exposure to overweight late in the
  third quarter, and the position did not have a material impact. With respect to interest-rate exposure, we maintained
  underweight duration positioning in USTs. We preferred a shorter-duration profile amid upward pressure on US longer-term
  yields. We also initiated a position in commodities late in the quarter, though this too had little impact on quarterly
  performance.

#### **Outlook**

- We upgraded our view of equities as we entered the final quarter of 2025, as we weighed extended equity valuations against
  a generally positive macro environment, strong corporate fundamentals and monetary policy easing.
- The strength of the current global equity rally has surprised many market participants, considering stocks have brushed off tariff uncertainty, inflation concerns and labor market weakness to post gains close to 30% since a post-Liberation Day nadir in early April. US technology stocks have done even better, with the Nasdaq Composite Index rising almost 50% in the same period. Such a powerful advance naturally brings some caution.
- However, we prefer to take a more measured approach, examining the underlying macro and corporate environment. Our
  analysis finds a broadly positive setup for equities, where improving business activity and solid economic growth have
  provided the platform for a strong second-quarter earnings season.
- Against this background, forward earnings-per-share growth forecasts for global stocks have risen into double digits, led by US companies, while there is also a clear improvement in the magnitude and breadth of earnings revisions.
- We still believe that growth could slow against the backdrop of tariff uncertainty, but that forecast has not yet manifested in
  weaker corporate guidance. This strengthens our conviction in a responsibly bullish approach to risk as we move into the
  final quarter of 2025.
- We prefer a shorter duration profile within our fixed income portfolio. We see market expectations for Fed easing are too lofty.
   Markets are currently expecting at least three more cuts between October 2025 and June 2026—a move that would, at a
   minimum, bring the federal funds rate down from 4%-4.25% to 3.25%-3.5%. This feels like an ambitious target to us, with core
   inflation above 3% and the prospect of further upside pressure from tariffs on the horizon.

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

			Without Sales Charge							With Maximum Sales Charge								ses	Sales Charges		Inception
Class	CUSIP	Ticker	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	746444884	PABYX	5.45	12.53	12.18	17.67	10.06	8.83	7.68	5.45	12.53	12.18	17.67	10.06	8.83	7.68	0.68	0.68	_	_	2/7/1994
Benchmark 1	_	_	8.18	14.40	17.41	24.12	15.74	14.71	10.67	8.18	14.40	17.41	24.12	15.74	14.71	_	_	_	_	_	_
Benchmark 2	_	_	5.38	12.25	11.62	16.39	9.13	9.26	_	5.38	12.25	11.62	16.39	9.13	9.26	_	_	_	_	_	_

#### Benchmark(s)

Benchmark 1=Russell 3000 Index

Benchmark 2=Putnam Balanced Blended Benchmark

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#### Glossary

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

The **federal funds rate** is the interest rate at which a depository institution lends funds maintained at the Federal Reserve to another depository institution overnight. Also known as the "fed funds rate".

**Forward earnings** are an estimate of a next period's earnings of a company.

Nasdaq Composite Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index that is designed to represent the performance of NASDAQ securities and includes over 3,000 stocks. Source: Nasdaq OMX.

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