

# Putnam Large Cap Growth Fund

Class Y: PGOYX Class A: POGAX

Commentary | as of June 30, 2025

## Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** Large-cap growth stocks posted solid returns, with the Russell 1000 Growth returning over 17%.
- **Contributors:** Stock selection in consumer discretionary and communication services
- **Detractors:** Stock selection in financials and industrials
- **Outlook:** Market leadership could expand beyond the Magnificent 7 to other growth sectors.

## Performance Review

- For the quarter, the strategy posted solid absolute returns but slightly lagged its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index.
- A small cash position (under 2%) detracted from performance given the robust performance of US large-cap growth equities.
- Stock selection in consumer discretionary and communication services proved additive while positions in financials and industrials lagged. Underweight exposure to the lagging consumer staples sector contributed to performance.
- Individual contributors to relative performance included overweight positions in Broadcom (communication services) and Netflix (communication services). Underweight exposure to weak performer Apple (information technology) also helped, as did avoiding Merck (health care) and Pepsi (consumer staples).
- Detractors included a modest overweight position in UnitedHealth Group (health care) and an underweight position in Palantir (information technology). Also detracting from performance were overweight positions in financials, notably Mastercard and Progressive.

## Outlook

- The prevailing consensus expectation is that companies outside of the "Magnificent 7" will experience more growth than they have in prior years, while earnings growth for the largest companies will subside. This dynamic should allow growth rates for both groups to converge.
- We have some reservations about a material broadening of growth, but are open to the idea that market leadership could expand beyond the Magnificent 7 to other growth sectors.
- It is important to remember that while heightened volatility can bring risks, it can also present attractive opportunities for long-term, fundamental investors.
- We continue to see structural tailwinds and exciting multi-year trends that we believe can drive sustained growth for many businesses.
- More broadly, we believe that innovation in the economy will come from traditional growth sectors in the next five years. These sectors include information technology, health care, consumer discretionary, and industrials.

## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of June 30, 2025



**(4-Star)** Class Y



**(4-Star)** Class A

As of 06/30/2025 the fund's Class A and Class Y shares received a 4 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 1033, 954 and 754 Large Growth 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  |
|------------|-------|
| Microsoft  | 13.00 |
| NVIDIA     | 12.66 |
| Apple      | 8.25  |
| Amazon     | 7.28  |
| Broadcom   | 5.75  |
| Meta       | 4.44  |
| Alphabet   | 3.49  |
| Mastercard | 3.27  |
| Netflix    | 2.97  |
| Eli Lilly  | 2.79  |

## Sector Allocation (% of Total)

| Sector                  | Fund  |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Information Technology  | 47.62 |
| Consumer Discretionary  | 14.14 |
| Communication Services  | 12.76 |
| Financials              | 8.08  |
| Health Care             | 6.45  |
| Industrials             | 5.76  |
| Real Estate             | 2.63  |
| Materials               | 1.36  |
| Consumer Staples        | 0.30  |
| Cash & Other Net Assets | 0.89  |

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 Date |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|------|----------------|------|----------------|
|           |           |        | 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 |                |
| Class Y   | 746802586 | PGOYX  | 17.29                | 4.71 | 14.72 | 25.77 | 16.03 | 16.70 | 10.48     | 17.29                     | 4.71  | 14.72 | 25.77 | 16.03 | 16.70 | 10.48     | 0.67     | 0.67 | —              | —    | 10/2/1995      |
| Class A   | 746802800 | POGAX  | 17.21                | 4.59 | 14.43 | 25.45 | 15.74 | 16.40 | 10.23     | 10.47                     | -1.42 | 7.85  | 23.00 | 14.38 | 15.72 | 10.01     | 0.92     | 0.92 | 5.75           | —    | 10/2/1995      |
| Benchmark | —         | —      | 17.84                | 6.09 | 17.22 | 25.76 | 18.15 | 17.01 | —         | 17.84                     | 6.09  | 17.22 | 25.76 | 18.15 | 17.01 | —         | —        | —    | —              | —    | —              |

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =Russell 1000 Growth Index

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