

# Putnam Core Equity Fund

Class Y: PMYYX Class A: PMYAX

Commentary | as of June 30, 2025

## Key Takeaways

- **Markets:** After a turbulent start, US equities had a remarkable rebound in the second quarter, with the S&P 500 Index and Nasdaq reaching record highs.
- **Contributors:** Stock selection in financials, utilities, and real estate
- **Detractors:** Stock selection in industrials, consumer discretionary, and health care
- **Outlook:** Much uncertainty remains around the macroeconomic environment, but we believe investment opportunities are expanding.

## Performance Review

- The fund posted a strong absolute return, but underperformed its benchmark, the Russell 3000 Index, for the second quarter.
- Stock selection was strongest in the financials, utilities, and real estate sectors. Stock selection in industrials, consumer discretionary, and health care detracted modestly.
- As of quarter-end, the portfolio was most overweight in the financials sector and most underweight in industrials.

## Outlook

- Despite a significant recovery for equities in the second quarter, the Trump administration's tariff policy remains fluid, which is creating hesitation for company managements and investors.
- Much uncertainty remains around the macroeconomic environment, but we believe investment opportunities are expanding.
- Artificial intelligence advances are creating adjacent demand in the energy complex. The software application business is likely to follow, with many new AI applications to improve efficiency.
- Through this year's whipsaw movements in the equity markets, we remain focused on our goal of building a diversified core portfolio that can outperform over the medium- and long term.

## 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 Y and Class A shares received a 4 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 1265, 1161 and 894 Large Blend 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	6.67
NVIDIA	6.46
Apple	5.09
Amazon	3.82
Meta	3.37
Alphabet	3.25
Broadcom	2.23
Mastercard	1.96
Berkshire Hathaway	1.94
JPMorgan Chase	1.63

## Sector Allocation (% of Total)

Sector	Fund
Information Technology	28.58
Financials	18.23
Consumer Discretionary	10.89
Communication Services	10.24
Health Care	8.41
Industrials	7.01
Consumer Staples	5.19
Utilities	2.57
Other	6.70
Cash & Other Net Assets	2.19

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	74676P839	PMYYX	9.85	4.58	13.45	20.74	18.51	13.55	15.32	9.85	4.58	13.45	20.74	18.51	13.55	15.32	0.73	0.73	—	—	9/24/2010
Class A	74676P888	PMYAX	9.76	4.46	13.14	20.43	18.21	13.27	15.03	3.45	-1.55	6.64	18.08	16.82	12.60	14.57	0.98	0.98	5.75	1.00	9/24/2010
Benchmark	—	—	10.99	5.75	15.30	19.08	15.96	12.96	—	10.99	5.75	15.30	19.08	15.96	12.96	—	—	—	—	—	—

Benchmark(s)

Benchmark =Russell 3000 Index

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What are the Risks?

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Glossary

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