

## Investment overview

The Putnam Sustainable Leaders SMA seeks to identify large-cap companies whose businesses benefit from sustainability leadership. Companies demonstrating leadership in business-relevant sustainability issues can enhance long-term success through improved growth, effectiveness, and risk mitigation.

## Investment objective

The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Investment philosophy and process

We believe sustainability analysis is critical to unlocking alpha potential. Our process integrates relevant and forward-looking sustainability analysis into a high-quality fundamental research process, which can potentially lead to superior rates of return and mitigate risk for investors over the long term.

### Leadership focus

Invests in companies that have demonstrated leadership in key sustainability issues that are financially material to their business context.

### Active research process

Integrates relevant and forward-looking sustainability analysis with high-quality fundamental research to drive investment decisions.

### Experienced team

Managed by dedicated and experienced sustainable investing team embedded within Putnam's equity research and quantitative/risk analysis groups.

## Key differentiators

- Large Cap growth-oriented sustainable equity portfolio, diversified across sectors and key sustainability themes. Designed to serve as a core investment solution, providing differentiated sources of return relative to peers and the benchmark.
- A differentiated inclusionary approach that looks for companies where business-relevant sustainability leadership is driving fundamental outperformance, at a reasonable valuation.
- Dedicated investment team with deep fundamental experience plus deep sustainability experience, led since inception by Katherine Collins and Stephanie Dobson.

## Management team

Putnam is a diversified equity-only asset manager serving investors worldwide. The firm has roots dating back to 1937, decades of experience in changing markets, and a tenured portfolio management team. Putnam offers a range of stock-driven portfolios designed to pursue consistent outperformance while managing downside risk.

## Investment management team

**Katherine Collins, CFA, MTS**  
**Portfolio Manager**  
Industry since 1990

**Stephanie Dobson**  
**Portfolio Manager**  
Industry since 2011

No assurance can be given that the investment objective will be achieved or that an investor will receive a return of all or part of their initial investment. Actual results could be materially different from the stated goals. As with any investment, there is a potential for profit as well as the possibility of loss. Use of models and analytical, quantitative and risk management tools and techniques is no guarantee of investment success or positive performance.

## Investment process

### STEP 1

#### Idea generation

- Utilize an inclusionary approach to identify investment candidates, no automatic exclusions
- Filter for appropriate capitalization and liquidity

### STEP 2

#### Fundamental research

- Employ an integrated research process that focuses on three elements: sustainability, fundamentals, and valuation
- Conduct company-specific sustainability research to complement and extend the fundamental work of the core research team and that allows us to uncover opportunities before they have been fully appreciated by the market
- Embed materiality and forward-looking thematic research into the fundamental research process, as relevant sustainability issues will typically vary by sector, geography, asset class and company

### STEP 3

#### Risk management and portfolio construction

- Build a high-conviction, 50-80 stock portfolio, focused on delivering strong risk-adjusted returns primarily through stock-specific risk
- Aim for 2%–6% tracking error
- Focus on long-term performance

The investment process may change over time. The characteristics set forth above are intended as a general illustration of some of the criteria the strategy team considers in selecting securities for client portfolios. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

## Portfolio Information†

As of March 31, 2025

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio
Apple	8.87
Microsoft	7.33
Amazon	5.66
NVIDIA	4.51
JPMorgan Chase	2.50
Broadcom	2.42
Mastercard	2.33
Bank of America	2.20
Eli Lilly	2.10
Walmart	2.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.00</b>

### Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio	BM
Information Technology	34.23	29.63
Consumer Discretionary	14.04	10.31
Health Care	13.07	11.18
Financials	11.89	14.68
Consumer Staples	6.54	6.05
Materials	5.97	2.02
Industrials	5.55	8.47
Utilities	2.64	2.54
Real Estate	1.99	2.27
Communication Services	1.17	9.20
Energy	0.00	3.66
Cash & Other Net Assets	2.91	0.00

### Characteristics

	Portfolio	BM
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth	12.59%	12.70%
Price to Earnings (12-Month Forward)	21.82x	20.61x
Price to Cash Flow	21.78x	18.66x
Price to Book	4.80x	4.51x
Dividend Yield	1.18%	1.38%
Median Market Cap (Millions USD)	\$104,419	\$36,136
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (Millions USD)	\$917,995	\$905,779
Active Share	61.71%	-
Portfolio Turnover	39.18%	0.00%
Cash Weight	2.91%	0.00%
Total strategy assets (Millions USD)	\$7,752	-

### Market Capitalization (%)

	Portfolio	BM
\$1.7B - \$6.3B	0.00	0.01
\$6.3B - \$36.6B	10.51	10.01
\$36.6B - \$155.9B	31.55	27.91
Over \$155.9B	55.03	62.07
Cash and other assets	2.91	0.00

†Source: Putnam Investments. Portfolio characteristics are for a representative account and are shown for illustrative purposes only. Each account is managed individually. Accordingly, characteristics may vary.

## Performance

### Annualized Rates of Return – Gross and Net of Fees (%) as of March 31, 2025

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Yrs	Since Incept
Sustainable Leaders–Gross of Fees—(USD)	-7.89	-7.64	-7.64	0.46	7.86	16.90	13.62	13.62
Sustainable Leaders–Net of Fees—(USD)	-8.14	-8.34	-8.34	-2.48	4.73	13.52	10.33	10.33
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	-5.63	-4.27	-4.27	8.25	9.06	18.59	13.25	13.25

### Calendar-Year Total Returns – Gross and Net of Fees (%) ending December 31

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Sustainable Leaders–Gross of Fees—(USD)	24.10	27.41	-22.06	24.55	29.87	37.29
Sustainable Leaders–Net of Fees—(USD)	20.53	23.76	-24.39	20.98	26.15	33.38
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49

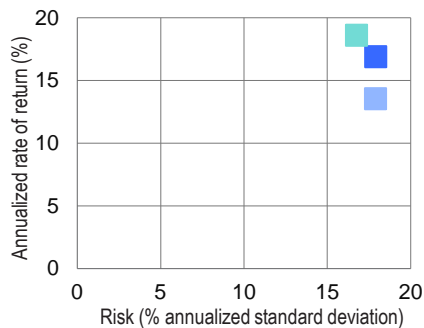
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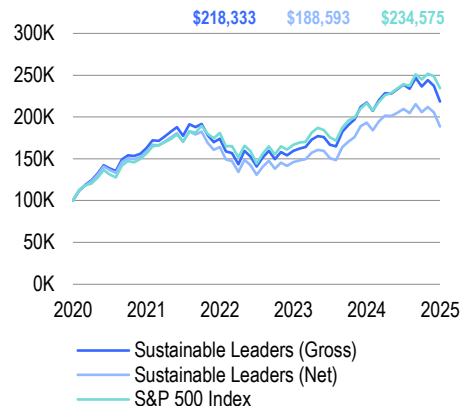
### Composite Performance Statistics<sup>1</sup> (based on 5-year period ending March 31, 2025)

#### Risk/Return profile (%)

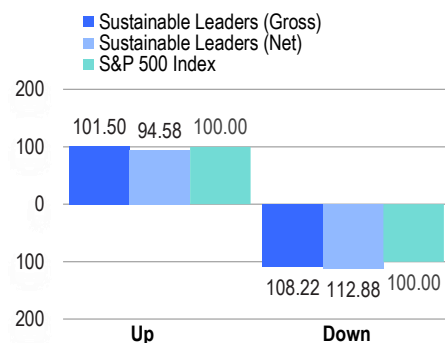


<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Sustainable Leaders (Gross)	
Annualized Return (%)	16.90
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	17.91
<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Sustainable Leaders (Net)	
Annualized Return (%)	13.52
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	17.91
<span style="color: teal;">■</span> S&P 500 Index	
Annualized Return (%)	18.59
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	16.76

#### Growth of \$100,000\*



#### Up/Down market capture ratios (%)



#### Modern portfolio statistics

	Portfolio (Gross)	Portfolio (Net)	BM
Sharpe Ratio	0.82	0.65	N/A
Beta	1.04	1.04	N/A
Alpha (%)	-1.83	-4.70	N/A
R-Squared	0.96	0.96	N/A

	(+) Months	(-) Months
Gross:	39	21
Net:	39	21

<sup>1</sup> Source: Putnam Investments.

\*For illustrative purposes only. Assumes no withdrawals or contributions. These statistics are based on gross and net-of-fees quarterly composite returns, were calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income, and take into account both realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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## Terms and definitions:

**Dividend yield** is determined by dividing a stock's annual dividends per share by the current market price per share. Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends.

**P/E (Year 1)** is the previous day's closing price of the stock divided by the consensus earnings per share (EPS) of fiscal year 1 (FY1) provided by I/B/E/S. Forecasts are inherently limited and should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

The **price-to-book ratio (P/B)** is a stock's price divided by the stock's per share book value. Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of a common stock.

**Weighted median market capitalization** represents the value at which half the portfolio's market capitalization weight falls above, and half falls below.

**Weighted average market capitalization** represents the average value of the companies held in the portfolio. When that figure is weighted, the impact of each company's capitalization on the overall average is proportional to the total market value of its shares.

**Market capitalization** measures the number of outstanding common shares of a given corporation multiplied by the latest price per share.

**Standard deviation** measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

The **up-capture ratio** measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An up-capture ratio of more than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

The **down-capture ratio** is the ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A down-capture ratio of less than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

**Alpha** is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance measuring sensitivity to index movements.

**Beta** measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark.

**Sharpe ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between a fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1.00 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

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**All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal.** The investment style may become out of favor, which may have a negative impact on performance.

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