

Portfolio Managers

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Objective

The fund seeks as high a level of current income as Putnam Management believes is consistent with preservation of capital.

Morningstar category

Nontraditional Bond

Lipper category

Alternative Credit Focus

Benchmark

ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index

Average effective duration

4.88

3-year average duration

2.10

Not FDIC insured
May lose value
No bank guarantee

Putnam Diversified Income Trust

Offering a diversified portfolio of income opportunities since 1988

Broad diversification

The fund seeks multiple sources of return outside the constraints of its benchmark, investing across traditional and alternative bond markets.

Flexible risk allocations

The fund takes a unique approach to asset allocation, dynamically establishing diversified risk exposures rather than sector exposures.

Active duration management

As the fund's duration is independent of any index, the fund employs strategies that seek to reduce interest-rate risk.

Portfolio quality

AAA	15.1%
AA	1.9
A	2.3
BBB	9.6
BB	16.8
B	7.0
CCC and below	6.7
Not rated	12.0
Net cash	28.7

Holdings represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Sector breakdown

Agency pass-through	37.4%
High-yield corp bonds	20.6
Agency CMO	15.1
Emerging market bonds	13.7
Residential MBS (non-agency)	10.1
Commercial MBS	9.1
Investment-grade corp bonds	6.1
Convertible securities	3.2
Bank loans	1.6
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	0.8

Net cash represents 28.7% of the portfolio.

13.9% of the portfolio is invested internationally.

Allocations will vary over time.

Fund allocations may not total 100% of net assets because the table includes notional value of the derivatives (the economic value for purposes of calculating periodic payment obligations), in addition to the market value of securities.

Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher is considered investment grade. This table reflects the highest security rating provided by one or more of Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings and portfolio credit quality will vary over time. Net cash represents the market value weights of cash, derivatives, and short-term securities in the portfolio. **The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

The fund's strategy has resulted in low correlations to a variety of bond indexes

Correlation of Putnam Diversified Income Trust (Y shares) versus:

	1 year	3 years	5 years
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	0.92	0.72	0.43
Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index	0.88	0.64	0.12
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index	0.91	0.72	0.54

Source: Bloomberg Index Services Limited.

Correlation is a measure of how similar the historical performances of two different asset classes or securities have been. The maximum correlation is 1.0 and the minimum is 0 with values between 0 and -1 indicating negative correlation. A positive correlation close to 1.0 indicates that the historical returns of the two asset classes being compared have been very similar. A negative correlation close to -1.0 indicates that the historical returns of the two asset classes being compared have been opposite each other; for example, when one gained 5%, the other declined 5%. Correlations near zero indicate that there has been little discernible relationship between the two asset classes being compared.

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Fund symbols

Class A	PDINX
Class B	PSIBX
Class C	PDVCX
Class M	PDVMX
Class R	PDVRX
Class R6	PDVGX
Class Y	PDVYX

Morningstar rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	77% (246/308)
3 years	83% (231/286)
5 years	78% (189/251)
10 years	74% (112/160)

Total expense ratio

(Y shares)

0.76%

(A shares)

1.01%

Net assets

\$1,221.98M

Number of holdings

897

Dividend frequency

Monthly

Standard deviation

(Y shares)

5.22

Average effective maturity

5.08

30-day SEC yield

(Y shares)

6.16%

Standard deviation measures how widely a set of values varies from the mean. It is a historical measure of the variability of return earned by an investment portfolio. **Average effective maturity** depends on the maturity of the underlying bonds within each fund. The longer the maturity, the greater the interest-rate risk. **Average effective duration** provides a measure of a fund's interest-rate sensitivity. The longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. **3-year average duration** is an arithmetic average of month-end values over the previous 3-year period.

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Annual performance (all distributions reinvested)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Y shares at net asset value	1.15%	-2.67%	5.37%	6.70%	-1.01%	12.51%	0.11%	-6.80%	-3.11%	5.03%
A shares before sales charge	0.96	-2.92	5.10	6.52	-1.38	12.26	-0.23	-6.93	-3.27	4.55
Benchmark	0.06	0.09	0.37	0.81	1.88	2.35	0.74	0.05	1.33	5.08

Annualized total return performance

	Q4	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Y shares (Inception 7/1/96)	6.65%	5.03%	-1.75%	1.33%	1.59%
A shares (Inception 10/3/88) before sales charge	6.52	4.55	-2.00	1.06	1.33
A shares after sales charge	2.26	0.37	-3.32	0.24	0.91
Benchmark	1.40	5.08	2.13	1.90	1.26

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (10/3/88–12/31/23)*

	Best 5-year return	Best period end date	Worst 5-year return	Worst period end date	Average 5-year return	% of 5-year periods with positive returns	Number of positive 5-year periods	Number of negative 5-year periods
Y shares	16.24%	12/31/13	-4.32%	12/31/08	5.50%	95%	115	6
A shares	15.94	12/31/13	-4.49	12/31/08	5.30	93	113	8

* Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

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