# Putnam PanAgora ESG International Equity ETF

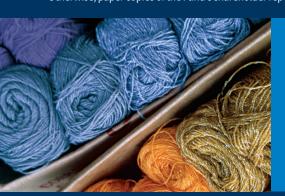
# **Annual report**

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The Securities and Exchange Commission has adopted new regulations that will result in changes to the design and delivery of annual and semiannual shareholder reports beginning in July 2024.

If you have previously elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will continue to do so and need not take any action.

Otherwise, paper copies of the Fund's shareholder reports will be mailed to you beginning in July 2024.



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FUND SYMBOL PPIE

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# **Message from the Trustees**

June 13, 2024

## Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to report that on January 1, 2024, Franklin Resources, Inc., a leading global asset management firm operating as Franklin Templeton, acquired Putnam Investments. With complementary capabilities and an established infrastructure serving over 150 countries, Franklin Templeton enhances Putnam's investment, risk management, operations, and technology platforms. Together, our firms are committed to delivering strong fund performance and more choices for our investors.

We are also pleased to welcome Jane E. Trust and Gregory G. McGreevey to your Board of Trustees. Ms. Trust is an interested trustee who has served as Senior Vice President, Fund Board Management, at Franklin Templeton since 2020. Mr. McGreevey joins the Board as an independent trustee, most recently serving as Senior Managing Director, Investments, at Invesco Ltd., until 2023.

As we enter this new chapter, you can rest assured that your fund continues to be actively managed by the same experienced investment professionals. Your investment team is exploring new and attractive opportunities for your fund while monitoring changing market conditions.

Thank you for investing with Putnam.

Respectfully yours,

**Robert L. Reynolds**President, The Putnam Funds

Kenneth R. Leibler Chair, Board of Trustees

# Performance history as of 4/30/24

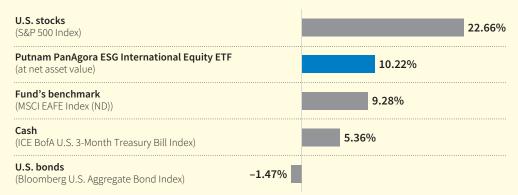
# Annualized total return (%) comparison



Data are historical. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Share price, principal value, and return will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance of fund shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Fund returns in the bar chart are at net asset value (NAV). See below and pages 7–8 for additional performance information, including fund returns at market price. For a portion of the periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower. Index results should be compared with fund performance at NAV. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com or franklintempleton.com or call 1-833-228-5577 (toll free).

All MSCI indices are provided by MSCI.

# Recent broad market index and fund performance



This comparison shows your fund's performance in the context of broad market indexes for the 12 months ended 4/30/24. See above and pages 7-8 for additional fund performance information. Index descriptions can be found on page 11.

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# Interview with your fund's portfolio managers

George Mussalli and Richard Tan discuss the investing environment and fund performance for the 12 months ended April 30, 2024, and provide an outlook for the fund.

# **George D. Mussalli, CFA** Portfolio Manager

George is Chief Investment Officer of Equity Investments and Head of Equity Research at PanAgora Asset Management. He has an M.B.A. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.S. from Tufts University. George joined PanAgora in 2004 and has been in the investment industry since 1995.

# **Richard Tan, CFA**Portfolio Manager

Richard is a Managing Director and Head of Stock Selector Equity Investments at PanAgora Asset Management. He has an M.B.A. from Boston College, an M.S. in Computer Science from Rutgers University, and a B.A. from Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Richard joined PanAgora in 2008 and has been in the investment industry since 1997.

# Please describe investing conditions during the reporting period.

During the period, investors closely monitored inflation data, economic growth, and Federal Reserve policy. A big concern was whether the Fed could raise interest rates enough to lower inflation without causing a recession. The Fed made two interest-rate increases during the period. At its meeting in July 2023, the Fed raised rates to a 22-year high of 5.25%–5.50% and held rates steady thereafter.

The U.S. economy showed resilience against the Fed's restrictive monetary policy. The annual rate of U.S. inflation declined from 4.9% in April 2023 to 3.5% in March 2024, according to data from the Consumer Price Index. Despite higher borrowing costs, the U.S. unemployment rate remained relatively low at 3.8% as of April 2024. Appetite for risk assets was generally strong over the period.

Along with central bank policy, economic and geopolitical tensions contributed to market volatility. In March 2023, the failure of three U.S. regional banks, followed by government intervention, weighed on investor sentiment in the months that followed. Geopolitical turmoil, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War and a Hamas-led attack on Israel in October 2023.

# **Global composition**

• Japan	23.8%
<ul><li>United Kingdom</li></ul>	14.0
• France	13.1
<ul><li>Germany</li></ul>	8.9
• Australia	6.1
<ul><li>Switzerland</li></ul>	5.8
• Denmark	5.3
<ul><li>Netherlands</li></ul>	4.6
• Other countries	17.6
<ul> <li>Cash and net other assets</li> </ul>	0.8



Allocations are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets as of 4/30/24. Cash and net other assets, if any, represent the market value weights of cash, derivatives, short-term securities, and other unclassified assets in the portfolio. Summary information may differ from the information in the portfolio schedule notes included in the financial statements due to the inclusion of derivative securities, any interest accruals, the exclusion of as-of trades, if any, and rounding. Holdings and allocations may vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%.

# Top 10 holdings

HOLDING (PERCENTAGE OF FUND'S NET ASSETS)	COUNTRY
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B (4.0%)	Denmark
Novartis AG (2.8%)	Switzerland
Sony Group Corp. (2.8%)	Japan
Vinci SA (2.7%)	France
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (2.6%)	Japan
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA (2.5%)	Italy
3i Group PLC (2.5%)	United Kingdom
Hermes International (2.4%)	France
Swiss Re AG (2.3%)	Switzerland
Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (2.3%)	Japan

This table shows the fund's top 10 individual holdings and the percentage of the fund's net assets that each represented as of 4/30/24. Short-term investments, to-be-announced (TBA) commitments, and derivatives, if any, are excluded. Holdings may vary over time.

also caused concern. Despite these risks, stocks rallied at the end of calendar 2023 when the Fed signaled it would begin cutting interest rates in early calendar 2024. However, an uptick in inflation in February 2024 prompted the Fed to hold interest rates higher for longer than anticipated.

A handful of mega-cap technology companies with interests in artificial intelligence caused a surge in the U.S. stock market, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, in the first quarter of 2024. In the months that followed, U.S. stocks posted gains more broadly across sectors, and the S&P 500 Index returned 22.66% for the 12-month reporting period.

A generationally weak Japanese yen and positive earnings results provided a tailwind for Japanese stocks, and the MSCI Japan Index [ND] returned 19.23% for the reporting period. Emerging market stocks, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index [ND], returned 9.88%. China's worsening economic outlook and the influence of a growing group of retail traders weakened performance of Chinese and emerging market stocks over the period.

# How did the fund perform in this environment?

For the 12-month period ended April 30, 2024, the fund returned 10.22%, outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index [ND], which returned 9.28%.

# Can you discuss some of the fund's top contributors and detractors from performance relative to the benchmark for the reporting period?

Our alpha model performed well over the period, driven by strong performance from companies ranked in our top alpha deciles. Our underlying factor composites provided mixed results over the period. Our ESG [environment, social, and governance] factor composite performed well, aided by the strength of our Governance factor. The Management & Governance factor composite was mixed,

# **66** We believe that ESG investment opportunities offered by the fund continue to be strong. **33**

with strong performance from our proprietary Growth factor and weaker performance from our Quality factor. Within our Market Intelligence factor composite, our Momentum and Value factors performed best.

On a country basis, Japan was the fund's top contributor for the period. Within Japan, an overweight position in Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. was a top performer. Shares of this Tokyo-based multinational engineering company appreciated in the first quarter of calendar 2024. The company reported robust quarterly earnings fueled by a 51% year-over-year increase in order inflows. The fund's overweight position in Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was due to its favorable rankings in our Momentum and Quality factors.

By country, Australia was the fund's top detractor for the period. Within Australia, the fund's overweight position in mining company IGO Ltd. hindered fund returns. IGO shares declined over the period due to a significant drop in nickel prices. This caused the company to adjust the valuation of its mines and halt progress on current projects. Shares of IGO faced sell-offs at the end of February 2024. We exited our position in the stock during the reporting period.

By sector, health care was the top contributor, while energy was the top detractor. Within health care, an overweight position in Novo Nordisk was a top performer. Shares of the Danish pharmaceutical company rose sharply in August 2023 after announcing its popular weight management drug Wegovy was shown to ease heart failure in obese people. The fund's overweight position in Novo was due to its favorable ESG-related metrics. Within energy, the fund's overweight position in Neste Oyj, a Finland-based oil refining company, was a top detractor. Shares of Neste declined sharply in

February 2024 after the company reported a lower-than-expected operating profit and a downbeat outlook. Neste is held overweight in the portfolio due to its favorable rankings in our proprietary Social factor.

# What is your outlook and portfolio strategy for the coming months?

The fund seeks to generate an above-benchmark alpha return and an above-benchmark sustainability profile. Management deploys a systematic investment process that seeks to generate excess returns relative to the benchmark. The investment team uses a bottom-up, quantitative-oriented approach to stock selection. This process seeks to quantify fundamental metrics that are predictive of a company's business strengths and weaknesses, in our view

Our research has shown that by incorporating a company's attributes along certain sustainability dimensions, we can complement other fundamental metrics and enhance the portfolio's alpha model. In addition to using quantitative ESG and sustainability factors to generate alpha, we utilize a proprietary portfolio construction methodology that seeks to optimize both the return and ESG objectives. We believe that ESG investment opportunities offered by the fund continue to be strong.

# Thank you both for your time and insights today.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results

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# Your fund's performance

This section shows your fund's performance, price, and distribution information for periods ended April 30, 2024, the end of its most recent fiscal year. We also include performance information as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. Performance should always be considered in light of a fund's investment strategy. Data represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment return, net asset value, and market price will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com or call 1-833-228-5577 (toll free).

# Annualized fund performance Total return for periods ended 4/30/24

	Life of fund (since 1/19/23)	1 year
Net asset value	11.43%	10.22%
Market price	11.74	10.26

Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes.

Performance includes the deduction of management fees.

For a portion of the periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower.

## Comparative annualized index returns For periods ended 4/30/24

	Life of fund (since 1/19/23)	1 year
MSCI EAFE Index (ND)	11.10%	9.28%

Index results should be compared with fund performance at net asset value. All MSCI indices are provided by MSCI.

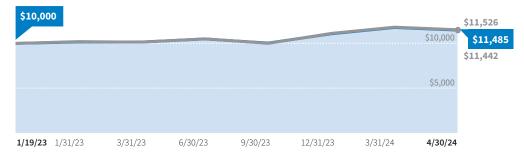
# Change in the value of a \$10,000 investment

Cumulative total return from 1/19/23 (commencement of fund operations) to 4/30/24

✓ Putnam PanAgora ESG International Equity ETF at net asset value — \$11,485

✓ Putnam PanAgora ESG International Equity ETF at market price — \$11,526

.... MSCI EAFE Index (ND) — \$11,442



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# Fund price and distribution information For the 12-month period ended 4/30/24

Distributions				
Number		1		
Income	\$0	).710		
Capital gains		_		
Total	\$0	\$0.710		
Share value Share value	Net asset value	Market price		
4/30/23	\$20.84	\$20.91		
4/30/24	22.23	22.31		

The classification of distributions, if any, is an estimate. Final distribution information will appear on your year-end tax forms.

# Annualized fund performance as of most recent calendar quarter

Total return for periods ended 3/31/24

	Life of fund (since 1/19/23)	1 year
Netassetvalue	14.60%	15.91%
Market price	14.95	16.54

See the discussion following the fund performance table on page 7 for information about the calculation of fund performance.

# Your fund's expenses

As an investor, you pay ongoing expenses, such as management fees, and other expenses (with certain exceptions). In the most recent six-month period, your fund's expenses were limited; had expenses not been limited, they would have been higher. Using the following information, you can estimate how these expenses affect your investment and compare them with the expenses of other funds. You may also pay brokerage commissions in connection with your purchase or sale of shares of the fund, which are not shown in this section and would have resulted in higher total expenses. The expenses shown in the example also do not reflect transaction costs, which would have resulted in higher total expenses. For more information, see your fund's prospectus or talk to your financial representative.

## **Expense ratios**

Estimated total annual operating expenses for the fiscal year ended 4/30/24*	0.49%
Annualized expense ratio for the six-month period ended 4/30/24 <sup>†</sup>	0.49%

Estimated fiscal year expense information in this table is taken from the most recent prospectus, is subject to change, and may differ from that shown for the annualized expense ratio and in the financial highlights of this report. Expenses are shown as a percentage of average net assets.

# Expenses per \$1,000

The following table shows the expenses you would have paid on a \$1,000 investment in the fund from 11/1/23 to 4/30/24. It also shows how much a \$1,000 investment would be worth at the close of the period, assuming *actual returns* and expenses.

Expenses paid per \$1,000*†	\$2.65
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,179.20

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses are calculated using the fund's annualized expense ratio, which represents the ongoing expenses as a percentage of average net assets for the six months ended 4/30/24.

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

<sup>†</sup> Expense ratio is for the fund's most recent fiscal half year. As a result of this, the ratio may differ from the expense ratio based on one-year data in the financial highlights.

<sup>†</sup> Expenses are calculated by multiplying the expense ratio by the average account value for the period; then multiplying the result by the number of days in the period (182); and then dividing that result by the number of days in the year (366).

### Estimate the expenses you paid

To estimate the ongoing expenses you paid for the six months ended 4/30/24, use the following calculation method. To find the value of your investment on 11/1/23, call 1-833-228-5577.

How to calculate the expenses you paid						
Value of your investment on 11/1/23	<u>.</u>	\$1,000	X	Expenses paid per \$1,000	=	Total expenses paid
<b>Example</b> Based on a \$10,000 investment in your fund.						
\$10,000	•	\$1,000	X	\$2.65 (see preceding table)	=	\$26.50

## Compare expenses using the SEC's method

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has established guidelines to help investors assess fund expenses. Per these guidelines, the following table shows your fund's expenses based on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a *hypothetical 5% annualized return*. You can use this information to compare the ongoing expenses (but not transaction expenses or total costs) of investing in the fund with those of other funds. All shareholder reports will provide this information to help you make this comparison. Please note that you cannot use this information to estimate your actual ending account balance and expenses paid during the period.

Expenses paid per \$1,000*†	\$2.46
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,022.43

<sup>\*</sup>Expenses are calculated using the fund's annualized expense ratio, which represents the ongoing expenses as a percentage of average net assets for the six months ended 4/30/24.

<sup>†</sup> Expenses are calculated by multiplying the expense ratio by the average account value for the six-month period; then multiplying the result by the number of days in the six-month period (182); and then dividing that result by the number of days in the year (366).

# **Comparative index definitions**

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of U.S. investment-grade fixed income securities.

ICE BofA (Intercontinental Exchange Bank of America) U.S. 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure the performance of U.S. Treasury bills available in the marketplace.

MSCI EAFE Index (ND) is an unmanaged index of equity securities from developed countries in Western Europe, the Far East, and Australasia. Calculated with net dividends (ND), this total return index reflects the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (ND) is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. Calculated with net dividends (ND), this total return index reflects the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

MSCI Japan Index (ND) is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the Japanese market. Calculated with net dividends (ND), this total return index reflects the reinvestment of dividends after the

deduction of withholding taxes, using a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**S&P 500® Index** is an unmanaged index of common stock performance.

Indexes assume reinvestment of all distributions and do not account for fees. Securities and performance of a fund and an index will differ. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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# Other information for shareholders

# Important notice regarding delivery of shareholder documents

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations, your fund's manager sends a single notice of internet availability, or a single printed copy, of annual and semiannual shareholder reports, prospectuses, and proxy statements to shareholders who share the same address, unless a shareholder requests otherwise. If you prefer to receive your own copy of these documents, please call 1-800-225-1581 or, for exchange-traded funds only, 1-833-228-5577. We will begin sending individual copies within 30 days.

# **Proxy voting**

The Putnam Funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures, as well as information regarding how your fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the period from January 19, 2023 (commencement of operations) to June 30, 2023, are available in the Individual Investors section of putnam.com and on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. If you have questions about finding forms on the SEC's website, you may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also obtain The Putnam Funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures at no charge by calling Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-1581 or, for exchange-traded funds only, 1-833-228-5577.

## Fund portfolio holdings

The fund will file a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT within 60 days of the end of such fiscal quarter. Shareholders may obtain the fund's Form N-PORT on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

# Liquidity risk management program

Putnam Investment Management, LLC ("Putnam Management"), as the administrator of the fund's liquidity risk management program (appointed by the Board of Trustees), presented the most recent annual report on the program to the Trustees in April 2024. The report covered the structure of the program, including the program documents and related policies and procedures adopted to comply with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and reviewed the operation of the program from January 2023 through December 2023. The report included a description of the annual liquidity assessment of the fund that Putnam Management performed in November 2023. The report noted that there were no material compliance exceptions identified under Rule 22e-4 during the period. The report included a review of the governance of the program and the methodology for classification of the fund's investments. Putnam Management concluded that the program has been operating effectively and adequately to ensure compliance with Rule 22e-4.

# Important notice regarding Putnam's privacy policy

In order to conduct business with our shareholders, we must obtain certain personal information such as account holders' names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth. Using this information, we are able to maintain accurate records of accounts and transactions.

It is our policy to protect the confidentiality of our shareholder information, whether or not a shareholder currently owns shares of our funds. In particular, it is our policy not to sell information about you or your accounts to outside marketing firms. We have safeguards in place designed to prevent unauthorized access to our computer systems and procedures to protect personal information from unauthorized use.

Under certain circumstances, we must share account information with outside vendors who provide services to us, such as mailings and proxy solicitations. In these cases, the service providers enter into confidentiality agreements with us, and we provide only the information necessary to process transactions and perform other services related to your account. Finally, it is our policy to share account information with your financial representative, if you've listed one on your Putnam account.

# **Audited financial statements**

These sections of the report, as well as the accompanying Notes, preceded by the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, constitute the fund's audited financial statements.

**The fund's portfolio** lists all the fund's investments and their values as of the last day of the reporting period. Holdings are organized by asset type and industry sector, country, or state to show areas of concentration and diversification

Statement of assets and liabilities shows how the fund's net assets and share price are determined. All investment and non-investment assets are added together. Any unpaid expenses and other liabilities are subtracted from this total. The result is divided by the number of shares to determine the net asset value per share, which is calculated separately for each class of shares. (For funds with preferred shares, the amount subtracted from total assets includes the liquidation preference of preferred shares.)

**Statement of operations** shows the fund's net investment gain or loss. This is done by first adding up all the fund's earnings — from dividends and interest income — and subtracting its operating expenses to determine net investment income

(or loss). Then, any net gain or loss the fund realized on the sales of its holdings — as well as any unrealized gains or losses over the period — is added to or subtracted from the net investment result to determine the fund's net gain or loss for the fiscal period.

Statement of changes in net assets shows how the fund's net assets were affected by the fund's net investment gain or loss, by distributions to shareholders, and by changes in the number of the fund's shares. It lists distributions and their sources (net investment income or realized capital gains) over the current reporting period and the most recent fiscal year-end. The distributions listed here may not match the sources listed in the Statement of operations because the distributions are determined on a tax basis and may be paid in a different period from the one in which they were earned.

Financial highlights provide an overview of the fund's investment results, per-share distributions, expense ratios, net investment income ratios, and portfolio turnover (not required for money market funds) in one summary table, reflecting the five most recent reporting periods. In a semiannual report, the highlights table also includes the current reporting period.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees of Putnam ETF Trust and Shareholders of Putnam PanAgora ESG International Equity ETF:

## Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the fund's portfolio, of Putnam PanAgora ESG International Equity ETF (one of the funds constituting Putnam ETF Trust, referred to hereafter as the "Fund") as of April 30, 2024, the related statement of operations for the year ended April 30, 2024 and the statement of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the year ended April 30, 2024 and for the period January 19, 2023 (commencement of operations) through April 30, 2023, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of April 30, 2024, the results of its operations for the year ended April 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for the year ended April 30, 2024 and for the period January 19, 2023 (commencement of operations) through April 30, 2023 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of April 30, 2024 by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agent. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Boston, Massachusetts June 13, 2024

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the Putnam Funds family of funds since at least 1957. We have not been able to determine the specific year we began serving as auditor.

# The fund's portfolio 4/30/24

COMMON STOCKS (99.2%)*	Shares	Value
Air freight and logistics (1.8%)		
DHL Group (Germany)	69,305	\$2,902,727
		2,902,727
Automobile components (2.7%)		
Bridgestone Corp. (Japan)	53,800	2,374,577
CIE Generale Des Etablissements Michelin SCA (France)	42,699	1,640,654
FORVIA SE (France) †	19,280	303,548
Automobiles (0.4%)		4,318,779
Isuzu Motors, Ltd. (Japan)	52,900	670,578
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Banks (9.9%)		610,516
BAWAG Group AG (Austria)	11,463	685,335
Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Australia)	16,665	1,229,642
Erste Group Bank AG (Czech Republic)	47,157	2,196,545
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA (Italy)	1,090,262	4,090,928
Japan Post Bank Co., Ltd. (Japan)	59,400	601,181
NatWest Group PLC (United Kingdom)	809,531	3,048,961
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (Japan)	74,700	4,240,477
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Beverages (2.3%)		.,,
Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd. (Japan)	51,002	1,742,879
Diageo PLC ADR (United Kingdom)	11,136	1,538,550
Kirin Holdings Co., Ltd. (Japan)	35,500	517,238
		3,798,667
Biotechnology (1.6%)		
CSL, Ltd. (Australia)	7,045	1,259,327
Genmab A/S (Denmark) †	3,169	878,135
Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB (Sweden) †	17,801	460,427
		2,597,889
Broadline retail (0.3%)		
Wesfarmers, Ltd. (Australia)	12,789	551,624
		551,624
Capital markets (3.1%)		
3i Group PLC (United Kingdom)	114,529	4,082,065
Julius Baer Group, Ltd. (Switzerland)	16,950	912,766
		4,994,831
Chemicals (2.2%)		
Akzo Nobel NV (Netherlands)	19,538	1,291,936
Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corp. (Japan)	217,100	1,264,040
Nutrien, Ltd. (Canada)	8,734	460,539
Yara International ASA (Norway)	18,031	515,224
Commonwiel commisses and commisses (0.00%)		3,531,739
Commercial services and supplies (0.9%)	157 170	1 470 100
Brambles, Ltd. (Australia)	157,170	1,476,132
		1,476,132
Communications oquinment (0.704)		
Communications equipment (0.7%) Nokia Oyj ADR (Finland)	299,564	1,093,409

COMMON STOCKS (99.2%)* cont.	Shares	Value
Construction and engineering (2.7%)		
Vinci SA (France)	37,661	\$4,407,829
		4,407,829
Construction materials (1.7%)		
CRH PLC (Ireland)	35,392	2,736,214
		2,736,214
Consumer staples distribution and retail (3.2%)		
Kesko Oyj Class B (Finland)	50,317	857,251
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV (Netherlands)	34,596	1,049,552
Tesco PLC (United Kingdom)	878,608	3,241,854
D: (6.00)		5,148,657
Diversified telecommunication services (1.2%)	205 172	1 100 000
Koninklijke KPN NV (Netherlands)	305,173	1,109,668
Telstra Group, Ltd. (Australia)	390,602	927,790
		2,037,458
Electric utilities (0.6%)	250 405	040.705
Energias de Portugal (EDP) SA (Portugal)	250,495	942,795
Floatrical aguinment /2 40/.)		942,795
Electrical equipment (2.4%)	11.002	1 120 007
Legrand SA (France)	11,002	1,130,887
Schneider Electric SE (France)	12,243	2,788,268
Electronic equipment, instruments, and components (0.6%)		3,919,155
Halma PLC (United Kingdom)	33,712	922,782
Hallia FEC (Officed Kingdoff)	33,112	922,782
Energy equipment and services (0.2%)		322,182
Technip Energies NV (France)	12,114	287,018
reening Energies IVV (France)	12,111	287,018
Food products (1.8%)		201,020
Danone SA (France)	31,959	1,998,536
Glanbia PLC (Ireland)	27,371	521,918
Orkla ASA (Norway) †	63,888	434,150
		2,954,604
Health care equipment and supplies (1.4%)		_,,
ConvaTec Group PLC (United Kingdom)	100,646	314,221
Hoya Corp. (Japan)	17,300	2,010,050
		2,324,271
Health care providers and services (0.9%)		
Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA (Germany)	47,768	1,425,073
		1,425,073
Hotels, restaurants, and leisure (1.4%)		
Amadeus IT Holding SA (Spain)	25,280	1,603,995
Sodexo SA (France)	7,565	659,429
		2,263,424
Household durables (4.3%)		
Berkeley Group Holdings PLC (The) (United Kingdom)	3,173	185,514
Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd. (Japan)	49,400	718,651
Sekisui House, Ltd. (Japan)	28,600	655,444
Sony Group Corp. (Japan)	54,500	4,501,821
Taylor Wimpey PLC (United Kingdom)	566,896	925,150
	•	6,986,580

COMMON STOCKS (99.2%)* cont.	Shares	Valu
Household products (0.6%)		
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA Vorzug (Germany)	14,743	\$1,055,998
		1,055,998
Independent power and renewable electricity producers (0.2%)		
Meridian Energy, Ltd. (New Zealand)	114,283	403,72
		403,72
Industrial conglomerates (1.2%)		
Hitachi, Ltd. (Japan)	15,365	1,414,83
Keppel, Ltd. (Singapore)	93,100	466,50
		1,881,33
Industrial REITs (0.4%)		
CapitaLand Ascendas REIT (Singapore) R	338,400	642,38
		642,38
Insurance (6.7%)		
Aegon, Ltd. (Netherlands)	149,441	930,18
Aviva PLC (United Kingdom)	153,356	888,78
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft		
AG in Muenchen (Germany)	8,313	3,653,29
QBE Insurance Group, Ltd. (Australia)	143,080	1,640,99
Swiss Re AG (Switzerland)	34,604	3,736,26
		10,849,52
Interactive media and services (0.4%)		
Auto Trader Group PLC (United Kingdom)	80,630	698,23
		698,23
IT Services (3.1%)	0.504	
Capgemini SE (France)	6,534	1,372,76
NEC Corp. (Japan)	42,200	3,060,31
Sopra Steria Group SACA (France)	2,483	543,45
M 1: (0.70/)		4,976,53
Machinery (2.7%)	50 500	171010
FANUC Corp. (Japan)	58,500	1,712,10
GEA Group AG (Germany)	12,882	520,98
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (Japan)	186,790	1,667,92
Wartsila Oyj Abp (Finland)	22,918	421,57
M. II. (0.00)		4,322,58
Media (0.6%)	0.000	001.10
Publicis Groupe SA (France)	8,968	991,16
M. I. I. I. (0.70/)		991,16
Metals and mining (2.7%)	F2 FF7	700.00
BlueScope Steel, Ltd. (Australia)	53,557	790,06
Boliden AB (Sweden)	51,482	1,704,24
Northern Star Resources, Inc. (Australia)	204,504	1,952,71
A4 IV. (1991) (4 00/)		4,447,01
Multi-utilities (1.8%)	200.002	461.10
Centrica PLC (United Kingdom)	289,893	461,46
E.ON SE (Germany)	187,775	2,479,90
		2,941,37

COMMON STOCKS (99.2%)* cont.	Shares	Value
Oil, gas, and consumable fuels (3.7%)		
Equinor ASA ADR (Norway)	57,635	\$1,532,515
Neste Oyj (Finland)	39,000	888,014
Shell PLC (United Kingdom)	101,783	3,627,200
		6,047,729
Pharmaceuticals (9.7%)		
Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC (United Kingdom)	21,244	510,263
Novartis AG (Switzerland)	47,495	4,587,587
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B (Denmark)	50,689	6,514,321
Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Japan)	22,631	1,057,756
UCB SA (Belgium)	22,811	3,023,050
		15,692,977
Professional services (1.1%)		
RELX PLC (United Kingdom)	42,680	1,754,211
		1,754,211
Retail REITs (1.0%)		
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust (CITC) (Singapore) R	499,100	713,973
Klepierre SA (France) R	18,305	492,809
Link REIT (The) (Hong Kong) R	107,700	464,193
		1,670,975
Semiconductors and semiconductor equipment (5.4%)		
Advantest Corp. (Japan)	43,500	1,337,144
ASML Holding NV (NY Reg Shares) (Netherlands)	3,614	3,153,107
Infineon Technologies AG (Germany)	67,948	2,371,367
Renesas Electronics Corp. (Japan)	113,700	1,873,442
		8,735,060
Technology hardware, storage, and peripherals (0.2%)		
Logitech International SA (Switzerland)	3,161	245,720
		245,720
Textiles, apparel, and luxury goods (3.2%)		
Hermes International (France)	1,640	3,942,738
Pandora A/S (Denmark)	7,846	1,194,231
		5,136,969
Trading companies and distributors (4.6%)		
AerCap Holdings NV (Ireland) †	19,956	1,686,082
Ferguson PLC (United Kingdom)	2,260	476,722
ITOCHU Corp. (Japan)	35,100	1,569,529
Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Japan)	76,735	3,698,056
		7,430,389
Transportation infrastructure (0.4%)		
Getlink SE (France)	39,502	671,843
		671,843
Wireless telecommunication services (1.2%)		
KDDI Corp. (Japan)	42,325	1,177,563
SoftBank Corp. (Japan)	67,100	812,857
		1,990,420
Total common stocks (cost \$148,049,597)		\$160,971,470

SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (-%)*	Shares	Value
Putnam Government Money Market Fund Class P 5.04% L	47,901	\$47,901
Total short-term investments (cost \$47,901)		\$47,901

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	
Total investments (cost \$148,097,498)	\$161,019,371

### Key to holding's abbreviations

ADR American Depository Receipts: Represents ownership of foreign securities on deposit with a custodian bank.

#### Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 (the reporting period). Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "Putnam Management" represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc., and references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.

- \* Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$162,287,267.
- † This security is non-income-producing.
- L Affiliated company (Note 6). The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.
- R Real Estate Investment Trust.

### **DIVERSIFICATION BY COUNTRY**

Distribution of investments by country of risk at the close of the reporting period, excluding collateral received, if any (as a percentage of Portfolio Value):

Japan	24.0%
United Kingdom	14.1
France	13.2
Germany	8.9
Australia	6.1
Switzerland	5.9
Denmark	5.3
Netherlands	4.7
Ireland	3.1
Italy	2.5

Total	100.0%
Other	1.4
Portugal	0.6
Spain	1.0
Singapore	1.1
Sweden	1.3
Czech Republic	1.4
Norway	1.5
Belgium	1.9
Finland	2.0%

ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the fund's investments. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices for identical securities in active markets.

 $Level\ 2: Valuations\ based\ on\ quoted\ prices\ in\ markets\ that\ are\ not\ active\ or\ for\ which\ all\ significant\ inputs\ are\ observable,\ either\ directly\ or\ indirectly.$ 

 $Level\ 3: Valuations\ based\ on\ inputs\ that\ are\ unobservable\ and\ significant\ to\ the\ fair\ value\ measurement.$ 

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the fund's net assets as of the close of the reporting period:

#### Valuation inputs

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Investments in securities:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Common stocks*:			
Communication services	\$-	\$5,717,275	\$—
Consumer discretionary	_	19,927,954	_
Consumer staples	1,538,550	11,419,376	_
Energy	1,532,515	4,802,232	_
Financials	_	31,937,420	_
Health care	_	22,040,210	_
Industrials	1,686,082	27,080,125	_
Information technology	4,246,516	11,726,992	_
Materials	460,539	10,254,433	_
Real estate	_	2,313,358	_
Utilities	_	4,287,893	_
Total common stocks	9,464,202	151,507,268	_
Short-term investments	47,901	_	_
Totals by level	\$9,512,103	\$151,507,268	\$-

<sup>\*</sup> Common stock classifications are presented at the sector level, which may differ from the fund's portfolio presentation.

# Statement of assets and liabilities 4/30/24

ASSETS	
Investment in securities, at value (Note 1): Unaffiliated issuers (identified cost \$148,049,597) Affiliated issuers (identified cost \$47,901) (Note 6)	\$160,971,470 47,901
Foreign currency (cost \$574,975) (Note 1)	571,891
Dividends, interest and other receivables	441,318
Foreign tax reclaim	383,563
Total assets	162,416,143
LIABILITIES	
Payable for compensation of Manager (Note 2)	128,876
Total liabilities	128,876
Net assets	\$162,287,267

# COMPUTATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Total distributable earnings (Note 1)

Paid-in capital (Unlimited shares authorized) (Notes 1, 4 and 5)

Total — Representing net assets applicable to capital shares outstanding

**REPRESENTED BY** 

Net asset value per share (\$162,287,267 divided by 7,300,000 shares)

\$22.23

\$148,331,630

\$162,287,267

13,955,637

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# **Statement of operations** Year ended 4/30/24

INVESTMENT INCOME	
Dividends (net of foreign tax of \$429,329)	\$4,005,701
Interest (including interest income of \$23,431 from investments in affiliated issuers) (Note 6)	23,643
Total investment income	4,029,344

EXPENSES	
Compensation of Manager (Note 2)	673,668
Fees waived and reimbursed by Manager (Note 2)	(1,453)
Total expenses	672,215
Net investment income	3,357,129

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Securities from unaffiliated issuers (Notes 1 and 3)	856,869
Foreign currency transactions (Note 1)	(34,332)
Securities from in-kind transactions (Notes 1 and 3)	195
Total net realized gain	822,732
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Securities from unaffiliated issuers	9,862,078
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	(24,513)
Total change in net unrealized appreciation	9,837,565
Net gain on investments	10,660,297
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$14,017,426

# Statement of changes in net assets

		For the period 1/19/23 (commencement of operations)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	Year ended 4/30/24	to 4/30/23
Operations		
Net investment income	\$3,357,129	\$1,664,214
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	822,732	(171,631)
Change in net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	9,837,565	3,059,161
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	14,017,426	4,551,744
Distributions to shareholders (Note 1): From ordinary income		
Net investment income	(4,613,700)	
Proceeds from shares sold (Note 4)	24,183,564	127,598,690
Decrease from shares redeemed (Note 4)		(5,542,610)
Other capital (Note 4)	12,268	79,885
Total increase in net assets	33,599,558	126,687,709
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of period (Note 5)	128,687,709	2,000,000
End of period	\$162,287,267	\$128,687,709
NUMBER OF FUND SHARES		
Shares outstanding at beginning of period (Note 5)	6,175,000	100,000
Shares sold (Note 4)	1,125,000	6,350,000
Shares redeemed (Note 4)	_	(275,000)
Shares outstanding at end of period	7,300,000	6,175,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Financial highlights

(For a common share outstanding throughout the period)

PER-SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE		
	Year ended 4/30/24	For the period 1/19/23 (commencement of operations) to 4/30/23
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$20.84	\$20.00
Investment operations:		
Net investment income (loss) a	.52	.35
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.58	.47
Total from investment operations	2.10	.82
Less distributions:		
From net investment income	(.71)	_
Total distributions	(.71)	_
Other capital .	_f	.02
Net asset value, end of period	\$22.23	\$20.84
Total return at net asset value (%) b	10.22	4.20 *

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA		
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$162,287	\$128,688
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) c,d	.49	.14*
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%) d	2.44	1.73*
Portfolio turnover (%) e	111	42*

<sup>\*</sup> Not annualized.

 $<sup>{\</sup>tt d}$  Reflects waivers of certain fund expenses in connection with investments in Putnam Government Money Market Fund during the period. As a result of such waivers, the expenses of the fund reflect a reduction of the following amounts (Notes 2 and 6):

Percentage of average net assets
<0.01%
<0.01

e Portfolio turnover excludes securities received or delivered in-kind, if any.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Per share net investment income (loss) has been determined on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Total return assumes dividend reinvestment.

c Excludes acquired fund fees and expenses, if any.

f Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

# Notes to financial statements 4/30/24

Unless otherwise noted, the "reporting period" represents the period from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. The following table defines commonly used references within the Notes to financial statements:

References to	Represent
ESG	Environmental, social and/or corporate governance
ETF	Exchange-traded fund
Franklin Templeton	Franklin Resources, Inc.
JPMorgan	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
OTC	Over-the-counter
PanAgora	PanAgora Asset Management, Inc., an affiliate of Putnam Management
Putnam Management	Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Templeton
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
State Street	State Street Bank and Trust Company

Putnam PanAgora ESG International Equity ETF (the fund) is a diversified, open-end series of Putnam ETF Trust (the Trust), a Delaware statutory trust organized under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The fund is an actively managed ETF. The fund's investment objective is to seek long term capital appreciation. The fund invests mainly in common stocks (growth or value stocks or both) of companies of any size outside the United States with a focus on companies that the fund's subadviser, PanAgora, believes offer attractive benchmark-relative returns and exhibit positive ESG metrics. In evaluating and selecting investments for the fund, PanAgora employs a proprietary framework using quantitative models that identify companies that offer above-market return potential based on their ESG metrics, together with other proprietary factors measuring a company's financial and operational health, and then construct a portfolio that integrates return potential and ESG metrics.

PanAgora uses advanced statistical and machine learning techniques, together with third-party and proprietary data sources, in evaluating companies' ESG metrics and return potential. Metrics designed to evaluate companies' environmental practices may include third-party or proprietary data sources, including those regarding a company's environmental footprint or its environmental efficiencies. Metrics designed to evaluate companies' social practices may include third-party or proprietary data sources, including those regarding board diversity levels at a company. Metrics designed to evaluate companies' governance practices may include third-party or proprietary data sources, including those regarding a company's shareholder structure. Additionally, PanAgora's quantitative model may also use third-party and/or proprietary data sources to identify companies exhibiting improved ESG profiles or those investing in ESG initiatives. The ESG metrics and information used in the portfolio construction process may change over time and may not be relevant to all companies that are eligible for investment by the fund.

In addition, the fund will not invest in securities of companies that PanAgora, based on third-party data, determines at the time of investment to have a severe ESG risk rating (which measures a company's exposure to industry-specific material ESG risks and how well a company is managing those risks), to have a category 5 controversy rating (an assessment of a company's involvement in incidents with negative ESG implications), to be classified as non-compliant under the United Nations Global Compact principles, or to be substantially engaged in Arctic drilling or in the thermal coal, palm oil, controversial weapons or tobacco industries (each, a "Restricted Company"). In addition, at the time of any periodic rebalancing of the fund's portfolio, the fund will dispose of its position in any security that, at that time, PanAgora determines to be a Restricted Company.

Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of companies that meet PanAgora's ESG criteria, as described above. PanAgora will assign each company an ESG rating using proprietary ESG scores. In order to meet PanAgora's ESG criteria, a company must have an ESG score above 0, reflecting more positive characteristics, and, on or after June 12, 2023, must also not be a Restricted Company. A negative ESG score indicates a lower (or worse) rating. PanAgora assigns companies an ESG score that ranges from –2 to +2, although the range of scores may change over time. This policy is non-fundamental and may be changed only after 60 days' notice to shareholders. PanAgora may not apply ESG criteria to investments that are not subject to the fund's 80% policy, and such investments may not meet PanAgora's ESG criteria.

The fund's equity investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, American Depository Receipts ("ADRs") and Global Depository Receipts ("GDRs"). The fund invests mainly in developed countries but may also invest in emerging markets.

PanAgora may consider, among other factors, a company's valuation, financial strength, growth potential, competitive position in its industry, projected future earnings, cash flows and dividends when deciding whether to buy or sell investments. While PanAgora may consider independent third-party data as a part of its analytical process (and currently uses third-party data in applying certain of the fund's investment policies), the portfolio management team performs its own independent analysis of issuers, through its quantitative model and proprietary scoring system, and does not rely solely on third-party screens.

From time to time, the fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in companies in one or more related industries or sectors. The fund may also invest a significant portion of its assets in one or more related geographic regions, such as European and Asian countries.

In the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts that may include agreements to indemnify another party under given circumstances. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be, but have not yet been, made against the fund. However, the fund's management team expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

The fund has entered into contractual arrangements with an investment adviser, administrator, distributor, transfer agent and custodian, who each provide services to the fund. Unless expressly stated otherwise, shareholders are not parties to, or intended beneficiaries of these contractual arrangements, and these contractual arrangements are not intended to create any shareholder right to enforce them against the service providers or to seek any remedy under them against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the fund.

Under the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, any claims asserted by a shareholder against or on behalf of the Trust (or its series), including claims against Trustees and Officers, must be brought in courts of the State of Delaware.

#### Note 1: Significant accounting policies

The fund follows the accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, Financial Services – Investment Companies (ASC 946) and applies the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP), including, but not limited to, ASC 946. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Subsequent events after the Statement of assets and liabilities date through the date that the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Security valuation** Portfolio securities and other investments are valued using policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have formed a Pricing Committee to oversee the implementation of these procedures and have delegated responsibility for valuing the fund's assets in accordance with these procedures to Putnam Management. Putnam Management has established an internal Valuation Committee that is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the pricing policies of the fund and reporting to the Pricing Committee.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last reported sales price on their principal exchange, or official closing price for certain markets, and are classified as Level 1 securities under Accounting Standards Codification 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820). If no sales are reported, as in the case of some securities that are traded OTC, a security is valued at its last reported bid price and is generally categorized as a Level 2 security.

Investments in open-end investment companies (excluding exchange-traded funds), if any, which can be classified as Level 1 or Level 2 securities, are valued based on their net asset value. The net asset value of such investment companies equals the total value of their assets less their liabilities and divided by the number of their outstanding shares.

Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the scheduled close of the New York Stock Exchange and therefore the closing prices for securities in such markets or on such exchanges may not fully

reflect events that occur after such close but before the scheduled close of the New York Stock Exchange. Accordingly, on certain days, the fund will fair value certain foreign equity securities taking into account multiple factors including movements in the U.S. securities markets, currency valuations and comparisons to the valuation of American Depository Receipts, exchange-traded funds and futures contracts. The foreign equity securities, which would generally be classified as Level 1 securities, will be transferred to Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy when they are valued at fair value. The number of days on which fair value prices will be used will depend on market activity and it is possible that fair value prices will be used by the fund to a significant extent. At the close of the reporting period, fair value pricing was used for certain foreign securities in the portfolio. Securities quoted in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate. Short-term securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued using an independent pricing service approved by the Trustees, and are classified as Level 2 securities.

To the extent a pricing service or dealer is unable to value a security or provides a valuation that Putnam Management does not believe accurately reflects the security's fair value, the security will be valued at fair value by Putnam Management, which has been designated as valuation designee pursuant to Rule 2a–5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Trustees. Certain investments, including certain restricted and illiquid securities and derivatives, are also valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. These valuations consider such factors as significant market or specific security events such as interest rate or credit quality changes, various relationships with other securities, discount rates, U.S. Treasury, U.S. swap and credit yields, index levels, convexity exposures, recovery rates, sales and other multiples and resale restrictions. These securities are classified as Level 2 or as Level 3 depending on the priority of the significant inputs.

To assess the continuing appropriateness of fair valuations, the Valuation Committee reviews and affirms the reasonableness of such valuations on a regular basis after considering all relevant information that is reasonably available. Such valuations and procedures are reviewed periodically by the Trustees. The fair value of securities is generally determined as the amount that the fund could reasonably expect to realize from an orderly disposition of such securities over a reasonable period of time. By its nature, a fair value price is a good faith estimate of the value of a security in a current sale and does not reflect an actual market price, which may be different by a material amount.

**Security transactions and related investment income** Security transactions are recorded on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Gains or losses on securities sold are determined on the identified cost basis.

Interest income, net of any applicable withholding taxes, if any, is recorded on the accrual basis. Amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts on debt securities, if any, is recorded on the accrual basis.

Dividend income, net of any applicable withholding taxes, is recognized on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities, if any, are recognized as soon as the fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair value of the securities received. Dividends representing a return of capital or capital gains, if any, are reflected as a reduction of cost and/or as a realized gain.

Foreign currency translation The accounting records of the fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. The fair value of foreign securities, currency holdings, and other assets and liabilities is recorded in the books and records of the fund after translation to U.S. dollars based on the exchange rates on that day. The cost of each security is determined using historical exchange rates. Income and withholding taxes are translated at prevailing exchange rates when earned or incurred. The fund does not isolate that portion of realized or unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the foreign exchange rate on investments from fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of the securities. Such gains and losses are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments. Net realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net realized exchange gains or losses on disposition of foreign currencies, currency gains and losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amount of investment income and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities other than investments at the period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate.

**Lines of credit** The fund participates, along with other Putnam funds, in a \$320 million syndicated unsecured committed line of credit, provided by State Street (\$160 million) and JPMorgan (\$160 million), and a \$235.5 million unsecured uncommitted line of credit, provided by State Street. Borrowings may be made for temporary or emergency purposes, including the funding of shareholder redemption requests and trade settlements. Interest

is charged to the fund based on the fund's borrowing at a rate equal to 1.25% plus the higher of (1) the Federal Funds rate and (2) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate for the committed line of credit and 1.30% plus the higher of (1) the Federal Funds rate and (2) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate for the uncommitted line of credit. A closing fee equal to 0.04% of the committed line of credit and 0.04% of the uncommitted line of credit has been paid by the participating funds and a \$75,000 fee has been paid by the participating funds to State Street as agent of the syndicated committed line of credit. In addition, a commitment fee of 0.21% per annum on any unutilized portion of the committed line of credit is allocated to the participating funds based on their relative net assets and paid quarterly. During the reporting period, the fund had no borrowings against these arrangements.

**Federal taxes** It is the policy of the fund to distribute all of its taxable income within the prescribed time period and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), applicable to regulated investment companies. It is also the intention of the fund to distribute an amount sufficient to avoid imposition of any excise tax under Section 4982 of the Code.

The fund is subject to the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 740 *Income Taxes* (ASC 740). ASC 740 sets forth a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The fund did not have a liability to record for any unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements. No provision has been made for federal taxes on income, capital gains or unrealized appreciation on securities held nor for excise tax on income and capital gains. The fund's federal tax return for the prior period remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

The fund may also be subject to taxes imposed by governments of countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on either income or gains earned or repatriated. The fund accrues and applies such taxes to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized gains as income and/or capital gains are earned. In some cases, the fund may be entitled to reclaim all or a portion of such taxes, and such reclaim amounts, if any, are reflected as an asset on the fund's books. In many cases, however, the fund may not receive such amounts for an extended period of time, depending on the country of investment.

**Distributions to shareholders** Distributions to shareholders from net investment income, if any, are recorded by the fund on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid at least annually. The amount and character of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. These differences include temporary and/or permanent differences from losses on wash sale transactions, from a basis adjustment due to corporate actions and from realized and unrealized gains and losses on passive foreign investment companies. Reclassifications are made to the fund's capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryovers) under income tax regulations. At the close of the reporting period, the fund reclassified \$2,432,494 to increase undistributed net investment income, \$167 to decrease paid-in capital and \$2,432,327 to decrease accumulated net realized gain.

Tax cost of investments includes adjustments to net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) which may not necessarily be final tax cost basis adjustments, but closely approximate the tax basis unrealized gains and losses that may be realized and distributed to shareholders. The tax basis components of distributable earnings and the federal tax cost as of the close of the reporting period were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$15,550,217
Unrealized depreciation	(4,965,884)
Net unrealized appreciation	10,584,333
Undistributed ordinary income	3,062,224
Undistributed long-term gains	334,227
Undistributed short-term gains	_
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$150,435,038

**Expenses of the Trust** Expenses directly charged or attributable to any fund will be paid from the assets of that fund. Generally, expenses of the Trust will be allocated among and charged to the assets of each fund on a basis that the Trustees deem fair and equitable, which may be based on the relative assets of each fund or the nature of the services performed and relative applicability to each fund.

#### Note 2: Management fee, administrative services and other transactions

The fund pays the Manager an annual all-inclusive management fee of 0.49% based on the fund's average daily net assets computed and paid monthly. The management fee covers investment management services and all of the fund's organizational and other operating expenses with certain exceptions, including but not limited to: payments under distribution plans, interest expenses, taxes, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, fund proxy expenses, litigation expenses, extraordinary expenses and acquired fund fees and expenses.

The fund invests in Putnam Government Money Market Fund, an open-end management investment company managed by Putnam Management. Management fees paid by the fund are reduced by an amount equal to the management fees paid by Putnam Government Money Market Fund with respect to assets invested by the fund in Putnam Government Money Market Fund. During the reporting period, management fees paid were reduced by \$1,453 relating to the fund's investment in Putnam Government Money Market Fund.

PanAgora is authorized by the Trustees to make investment decisions for the assets of the fund as determined by Putnam Management. Putnam Management (and not the fund) pays a quarterly sub-advisory fee to PanAgora for its services at an annual rate of 0.17% of the average net assets of the fund.

On January 1, 2024, a subsidiary of Franklin Templeton acquired Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC ("Putnam Holdings"), the parent company of Putnam Management, in a stock and cash transaction (the "Transaction"). As a result of the Transaction, Putnam Management became an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Templeton. PanAgora, the fund's subadviser, was not acquired in the Transaction and remains an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Great-West Lifeco Inc., which, prior to the Transaction, was the parent company of Putnam Holdings. The Transaction also resulted in the automatic termination of the investment management contract between the fund and Putnam Management and the sub-advisory contract for the fund between Putnam Management and PanAgora that were in place before the Transaction (together, the "Previous Advisory Contracts"). However, Putnam Management and PanAgora continue to provide uninterrupted services with respect to the fund pursuant to new investment management and sub-advisory contracts that were approved by fund shareholders at a shareholder meeting held in connection with the Transaction and that took effect on January 1, 2024 (together, the "New Advisory Contracts"). The terms of the New Advisory Contracts are substantially similar to those of the Previous Advisory Contracts, and the fee rates payable under the New Advisory Contracts are the same as the fee rates under the Previous Advisory Contracts.

Effective June 1, 2024, under an agreement with Putnam Management, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Templeton and an affiliate of Putnam Management, will provide certain administrative services to the fund. The fee for those services will be paid by Putnam Management based on the costs incurred by Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, and is not an additional expense of the fund.

The fund has adopted a distribution and service plan pursuant to Rule 12b–1 under the 1940 Act that authorizes the fund to pay distribution fees in connection with the sale and distribution of its shares and service fees in connection with the provision of ongoing shareholder support services. No Rule 12b–1 fees are currently paid by the fund.

## Note 3: Purchases and sales of securities

During the reporting period, the cost of purchases and the proceeds from sales, excluding short-term investments and in-kind transactions, were as follows:

	Cost of purchases	Proceeds from sales
Investments in securities (Long-term)	\$172,203,776	\$152,442,281
U.S. government securities (Long-term)	_	_
Total	\$172,203,776	\$152,442,281

Portfolio securities received or delivered through in-kind transactions were \$3,736,865 and \$2,315, respectively.

The fund may purchase or sell investments from or to other Putnam funds in the ordinary course of business, which can reduce the fund's transaction costs, at prices determined in accordance with SEC requirements and policies approved by the Trustees. During the reporting period, purchases or sales of long-term securities from or to other Putnam funds, if any, did not represent more than 5% of the fund's total cost of purchases and/or total proceeds from sales.

#### Note 4: Capital shares

Shares of the fund are listed and traded on NYSE Arca, Inc., and individual fund shares may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker or dealer at market price. These transactions, which do not involve the fund, are made at market prices that may vary throughout the day, rather than at net asset value (NAV). Shares of the fund may trade at a price greater than the fund's NAV (premium) or less than the fund's NAV (discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares (ask) when buying or selling fund shares in the secondary market (the "bid-ask spread"). The fund will issue and redeem shares in large blocks of 25,000 shares called "Creation Units" on a continuous basis, at NAV, with authorized participants who have entered into agreements with the fund's distributor. The fund will generally issue and redeem Creation Units in return for a designated portfolio of securities (and an amount of cash) that the fund specifies each day. The fund generally imposes a transaction fee on investors purchasing or redeeming Creation Units. Investors transacting in Creation Units for cash may also pay an additional variable charge to compensate the fund for certain transaction costs and market impact expenses relating to investing in portfolio securities. Such variable charges, if any, are included in Other capital in the Statement of changes in net assets.

# Note 5: Initial capitalization and offering of shares

The fund was established as a series of the Trust on May 10, 2022. The fund had no operations other than those related to organizational matters, including the initial capital contribution of \$2,000,000 by Putnam Investment Holdings, LLC and the issuance of 100,000 shares on January 19, 2023.

#### Note 6: Affiliated transactions

Transactions during the reporting period with any company which is under common ownership or control were as follows:

Name of affiliate	Fair value as of 4/30/23	Purchase cost	Sale proceeds	Investment income	Shares outstanding and fair value as of 4/30/24
Short-term investments					
Putnam Government Money Market Fund Class P <sup>†</sup>	\$732,289	\$28,154,690	\$28,839,078	\$23,431	\$47,901
Total Short-term investments	\$732,289	\$28,154,690	\$28,839,078	\$23,431	\$47,901

<sup>†</sup> Management fees paid by the fund are reduced by an amount equal to the management fees paid by Putnam Government Money Market Fund with respect to assets invested by the fund in Putnam Government Money Market Fund (Note 2). There were no realized or unrealized gains or losses during the period.

#### Note 7: Market, credit and other risks

In the normal course of business, the fund trades financial instruments and enters into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to changes in the market (market risk) or failure of the contracting party to the transaction to perform (credit risk). The fund may be exposed to additional credit risk that an institution or other entity with which the fund has unsettled or open transactions will default. Investments in foreign securities involve certain risks, including those related to economic instability, unfavorable political developments, and currency fluctuations.

Investing in companies or issuers that exhibit a commitment to ESG factors may result in the fund investing in certain types of companies or issuers that underperform the market as a whole. In evaluating an investment opportunity, Putnam Management may make investment decisions based on information and data that is incomplete or inaccurate. Due to changes in the products or services of the companies and issuers in which the fund invests, the fund may temporarily hold securities that are inconsistent with its ESG investment criteria.

# Federal tax information (Unaudited)

Pursuant to \$852 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, the fund hereby designates \$367,650 as a capital gain dividend with respect to the taxable year ended April 30, 2024, or, if subsequently determined to be different, the net capital gain of such year.

For the reporting period, total interest and dividend income from foreign countries were \$4,435,688 and taxes paid to foreign countries were \$429,329.

For the reporting period, the fund hereby designates \$3,990,999, or the maximum amount allowable, of its taxable ordinary income earned as qualified dividends taxed at the individual net capital gain rates.

The Form 1099 that will be mailed to you in January 2025 will show the tax status of all distributions paid to your account in calendar 2024.

# **Shareholder meeting results (Unaudited)**

# October 20, 2023 special meeting

At the meeting, a new Management Contract for your fund with Putnam Investment Management, LLC was approved, as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions/Votes withheld
6,134,297	_	_

At the meeting, a new Sub-Advisory Agreement for your fund between Putnam Investment Management, LLC and PanAgora Asset Management, Inc. was approved, as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions/Votes withheld
6,134,297	_	_

All tabulations are rounded to the nearest whole number.

# **About the Trustees**

#### INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES



Liaquat Ahamed
Born 1952, Trustee since 2012
Principal occupations during past
five years: Author; won Pulitzer Prize for
Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke

the World

**Other directorships:** Chair of the Sun Valley Writers Conference, a literary not-for-profit organization, and a Trustee of the Journal of Philosophy.



**Barbara M. Baumann** Born 1955, Trustee since 2010, Vice Chair since 2022

**Principal occupations during past five years:** President of Cross Creek

Energy Corporation, a strategic consultant to domestic energy firms and direct investor in energy projects.

Other directorships: Director of Devon Energy Corporation, a publicly traded independent natural gas and oil exploration and production company; Director of National Fuel Gas Company, a publicly traded energy company that engages in the production, gathering, transportation, distribution, and marketing of natural gas; Senior Advisor to the energy private equity firm First Reserve; member of the Finance Committee of the Children's Hospital of Colorado; member of the Investment Committee of the Board of The Denver Foundation; and previously a Director of publicly traded companies Buckeye Partners LP, UNS Energy Corporation, CVR Energy Company, and SM Energy Corporation.



Katinka Domotorffy

Born 1975, Trustee since 2012

Principal occupations during past five years: Voting member of the Investment Committees of the Anne Ray

Foundation and Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, part of the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies.

Other directorships: Director of the Great Lakes Science Center and of College Now Greater Cleveland.



Catharine Bond Hill Born 1954. Trustee since 2017

**Principal occupations during past five years:** Managing Director of Ithaka
S+R, a not-for-profit service that helps

the academic community navigate economic and technological change. From 2006 to 2016, Dr. Hill served as the 10th president of Vassar College.

**Other directorships:** Director of Yale-NUS College and Trustee of Yale University.



Kenneth R. Leibler

Born 1949, Trustee since 2006, Vice Chair from 2016 to 2018, Chair since 2018

## Principal occupations during past

**five years:** Vice Chair Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Member of the Investment Committee of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation.

Other directorships: Director of Eversource Corporation, which operates New England's largest energy delivery system; previously the Chairman of the Boston Options Exchange, an electronic marketplace for the trading of listed derivatives securities; previously the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Boston Stock Exchange; and previously the President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Stock Exchange.



Gregory G. McGreevey

Born 1962, Trustee since 2024

**Principal occupations during past five years:** Until 2023, Senior Managing Director, Investments, Invesco Ltd.,

a global investment firm.

**Other directorships:** Previously, a Director of Invesco Mortgage Capital, Inc., a publicly traded real estate investment trust.



Jennifer Williams Murphy\*

Born 1964, Trustee since 2022

**Principal occupations during past five years:** Chief Executive Officer and
Founder of Runa Digital Assets, LLC, an

institutional investment advisory firm specializing in active management of digital assets. Until 2021, Chief Operating Officer of Western Asset Management, LLC, a global investment adviser, and Chief Executive Officer and President of Western Asset Mortgage Capital Corporation, a mortgage finance real estate investment trust.

**Other directorships:** Previously, a Director of Western Asset Mortgage Capital Corporation.



Marie Pillai Born 1954, Trustee since 2022

**Principal occupations during past five years:** Senior Advisor, Hunter Street
Partners, LP, an asset-oriented private

investment firm; Director of Choice Bank, a private, community bank based in North Dakota. Until 2019, Vice President, Chief Investment Officer, and Treasurer of General Mills, Inc., a global food company.

Other directorships: Member of the Investment Committee of the Bush Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting community problem-solving in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Member of the Finance Council and Corporate Board of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis; Member of the Center for Board Certified Fiduciaries, a public benefit corporation providing coursework for developing fiduciaries; previously a Board Member of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis; former Director of the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota; and former Investment Advisory Board Member of the University of Minnesota.



**George Putnam III**Born 1951, Trustee since 1984

Principal occupations during past five years: Chair of New Generation Research, Inc., a publisher of financial

advisory and other research services, and President of New Generation Advisors, LLC, a registered investment adviser to private funds.

**Other directorships:** Director of The Boston Family Office, LLC, a registered investment adviser; a Director of the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute; a Trustee of the Lowell Observatory Foundation; and previously a Trustee of the Marine Biological Laboratory.



Manoj P. Singh

Born 1952, Trustee since 2017

**Principal occupations during past five years:** Until 2015, Chief Operating
Officer and Global Managing Director at

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ltd., a global professional services organization, serving on the Deloitte U.S. Board of Directors and the boards of Deloitte member firms in China, Mexico, and Southeast Asia.

Other directorships: Director of ReNew Energy Global Plc, a publicly traded renewable energy company; Director of Abt Associates, a global research firm working in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, and international development; Trustee of Carnegie Mellon University; Director of Pratham USA, an organization dedicated to children's education in India; member of the advisory board of Altimetrik, a business transformation and technology solutions firm; and Director of DXC Technology, a global IT services and consulting company.



Mona K. Sutphen

Born 1967, Trustee since 2020

Principal occupations during past five years: Partner, Investment Strategies, at The Vistria Group, a private

investment firm focused on middle-market companies in the health care, education, and financial services industries. From 2014 to 2018, Partner at Macro Advisory Partners, a global consulting firm.

Other directorships: Director of Spotify Technology S.A., a publicly traded audio content streaming service; Director of Unitek Learning, a private nursing and medical services education provider in the United States; Board Member of International Rescue Committee; Board Member of Human Rights First; Trustee of Mount Holyoke College; member of the Advisory Board for the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs; previously Director of Pattern Energy and Pioneer Natural Resources, publicly traded energy companies; and previously Managing Director of UBS AG.

#### INTERESTED TRUSTEES



Robert L. Reynolds†
Born 1952, Trustee since 2008

Principal occupations during past five years: Chair of Great-West Lifeco U.S. LLC. Prior to 2019, also President

and Chief Executive Officer of Great-West Financial, a financial services company that provides retirement savings plans, life insurance, and annuity and executive benefits products, and of Great-West Lifeco U.S. LLC, a holding company that owns Putnam Investments and Great-West Financial, and a member of Great-West Financial's Board of Directors. Until 2023, President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Investments, President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Management, and member of Putnam Investments' Board of Directors.

Other directorships: Director of the Concord Museum; Director of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Director of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Foundation; Chair of the Boston Advisory Board of the American Ireland Fund; Council Co-Chair of the American Enterprise Institute; Member of U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness; Chair of Massachusetts High Technology Council; Member of the Chief Executives Club of Boston; Member of the Massachusetts General Hospital President's Council; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ron Burton Training Village; Director and former Chair of the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership; former Chair of the West Virginia University Foundation; and former Executive Committee Member of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.



Jane E. Trust<sup>‡</sup> Born 1962, Trustee since 2024

Principal occupations during past five years: Since 2020, Senior Vice President. Fund Board Management.

Franklin Templeton. Since 2015, Officer and/or Trustee/Director of 123 funds associated with Franklin Templeton Fund Advisor, LLC ("FTFA") or its affiliates, and President and Chief Executive Officer of FTFA. From 2018 to 2020, Senior Managing Director of Legg Mason & Co., LLC ("Legg Mason & Co."). From 2016 to 2018, Managing Director of Legg Mason & Co. In 2015, Senior Vice President of FTFA.

Other directorships: None.

- \* Ms. Murphy is the founder, controlling member, and Chief Executive Officer of Runa Digital Assets, LLC ("RDA"), the investment manager of Runa Digital Partners, LP ("RDP"), a private investment fund. Ms. Murphy also holds a controlling interest in RDP's general partner and is a limited partner in RDP. A subsidiary of Franklin Templeton and certain individuals employed by Franklin Templeton or its affiliates have made passive investments as limited partners in RDP (one of whom serves on the advisory board for RDA, which has no governance or oversight authority over RDA), representing in the aggregate approximately 33% of RDP as of October 31, 2023. In addition, if certain conditions are met, Franklin Templeton will be entitled to receive a portion of any incentive compensation allocable to RDP's general partner. For so long as Franklin Templeton maintains its investment in RDP, Ms. Murphy also has agreed upon request to advise and consult with Franklin Templeton and its affiliates on the market for digital assets. Ms. Murphy provides similar service to other limited partners in RDP that request her advice. Ms. Murphy also is entitled to receive deferred cash compensation in connection with her prior employment by an affiliate of Franklin Templeton, which employment ended at the end of 2021. With regard to Ms. Murphy, the relationships described above may give rise to a potential conflict of interest with respect to the Funds.
- † Mr. Reynolds is an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the fund and Putnam Management. He is President of your fund and each of the other Putnam funds and holds direct beneficial interest in shares of Franklin Templeton, of which Putnam Management is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary.
- \$\text{ Ms. Trust is an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the fund and Putnam Management by virtue of her positions with certain affiliates of Putnam Management.

The address of each Trustee is 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110.

As of April 30, 2024, the Putnam family of funds included 89 mutual funds, 4 closed-end funds, and 12 exchange-traded funds. Each Trustee serves as Trustee of all funds in the Putnam family of funds. Ms. Trust also serves as Trustee of 123 other funds that are advised by one or more affiliates of Putnam Management.

 $Each\ Trustee\ serves\ for\ an\ indefinite\ term, until\ his\ or\ her\ resignation, retirement\ at\ age\ 75, removal,\ or\ death.$ 

# **Officers**

In addition to Robert L. Reynolds, the other officers of the fund are shown below:

#### Kevin R. Blatchford (Born 1967)

Vice President and Assistant Treasurer Since 2023

Director, Financial Reporting, Putnam Holdings

#### James F. Clark (Born 1974)

Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer Since 2016

Chief Compliance Officer, Putnam Management and Putnam Holdings

# Michael J. Higgins (Born 1976)

Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk Since 2010

### Jonathan S. Horwitz (Born 1955)

Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer, and Compliance Liaison

Since 2004

#### Kelley Hunt (Born 1984)

AML Compliance Officer Since 2023

Manager, U.S. Financial Crime Compliance, Franklin Templeton

#### Martin Lemaire (Born 1984)

Vice President and Derivatives Risk Manager Since 2022

Risk Manager and Risk Analyst, Putnam Management

#### Denere P. Poulack (Born 1968)

Assistant Vice President, Assistant Clerk, and Assistant Treasurer
Since 2004

#### Janet C. Smith (Born 1965)

Vice President, Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer, and Assistant Treasurer Since 2007

Head of Fund Administration Services, Putnam Holdings and Putnam Management

#### Stephen J. Tate (Born 1974)

Vice President and Chief Legal Officer Since 2021

Deputy General Counsel, Franklin Templeton, and Secretary, Putnam Holdings, Putnam Management, and Putnam Retail Management

The principal occupations of the officers for the past five years have been with the employers as shown above, although in some cases they have held different positions with such employers. The address of each officer, other than Ms. Hunt, is 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110. Ms. Hunt's address is 100 Fountain Parkway, St. Petersburg, FL 33716.

# **Fund information**

#### **Investment Manager**

Putnam Investment Management, LLC 100 Federal Street Boston, MA 02110

#### **Investment Sub-Advisor**

PanAgora Asset Management, Inc. One International Place, 24th Floor Boston, MA 02110

#### **Distribution Services**

Foreside Fund Services, LLC Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland. ME 04101

#### Custodian

State Street Bank and Trust Company

#### Legal Counsel

Ropes & Gray LLP

# Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

#### **Trustees**

Kenneth R. Leibler, Chair
Barbara M. Baumann, Vice Chair
Liaquat Ahamed
Katinka Domotorffy
Catharine Bond Hill
Gregory G. McGreevey
Jennifer Williams Murphy
Marie Pillai
George Putnam III
Robert L. Reynolds
Manoj P. Singh
Mona K. Sutphen
Jane E. Trust

#### Officers

Robert L. Reynolds President, The Putnam Funds

Kevin R. Blatchford Vice President and Assistant Treasurer

James F. Clark Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer Michael J. Higgins Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk

Jonathan S. Horwitz Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer, and Compliance Liaison

Kelley Hunt AML Compliance Officer

Martin Lemaire Vice President and Derivatives Risk Manager

Denere P. Poulack Assistant Vice President, Assistant Clerk, and Assistant Treasurer

Janet C. Smith Vice President, Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer, and Assistant Treasurer

Stephen J. Tate Vice President and Chief Legal Officer