

# Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund

## Summary prospectus

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Delivery of paper fund reports**

In accordance with regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, beginning on January 1, 2021, the fund's annual and semiannual reports will no longer be sent by mail unless you specifically request it. Instead, they will be on Putnam's website, and you will be notified by mail whenever a new one is available, and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you wish to stop receiving paper reports sooner, or if you wish to continue to receive paper reports after January 1, 2021 free of charge, please see the back cover or insert for instructions. If you invest through a bank or broker, your choice will apply to all funds held in your account. If you invest directly with Putnam, your choice will apply to all Putnam funds in your account.

If you already receive these reports electronically, no action is required.

FUND SYMBOLS	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS M	CLASS P	CLASS R	CLASS R5	CLASS R6	CLASS Y
	PABAX	PABBX	AABCX	PABMX	—	PAARX	PAADX	PAAEX	PABYX

**All Putnam retail open-end funds, except for Putnam Diversified Income Trust, Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Equity Fund, George Putnam Balanced Fund, Putnam Global Income Trust, Putnam High Yield Fund, Putnam Income Fund, Putnam Mortgage Opportunities Fund, Putnam Mortgage Securities Fund and Putnam Short Term Investment Fund**

Effective November 25, 2019 (the “Effective Date”), class M shares of each fund will no longer be available for purchase. Class M shares of each fund acquired prior to the Effective Date will convert automatically to class A shares on the Effective Date.

## Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund

Summary Prospectus dated January 30, 2019

Effective March 31, 2019, the section *Your fund's management* is replaced in its entirety with the following:

### **Your fund's management**

#### **Investment advisor**

Putnam Investment Management, LLC

#### **Portfolio managers**

Robert Schoen, Chief Investment Officer, Global Asset Allocation, portfolio manager of the fund since 2002

James Fetch, Co-Head of Global Asset Allocation, portfolio manager of the fund since 2008

Brett Goldstein, Portfolio Manager, portfolio manager of the fund since 2019

Jason Vaillancourt, Co-Head of Global Asset Allocation, portfolio manager of the fund since 2008

#### **Sub-advisors**

Putnam Investments Limited\*

The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC\*

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# Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund

Before you invest, you may wish to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You may obtain the prospectus and other information about the fund, including the statement of additional information (SAI) and most recent reports to shareholders, at no cost by visiting [putnam.com/funddocuments](http://putnam.com/funddocuments), calling 1-800-225-1581, or e-mailing Putnam at [funddocuments@putnam.com](mailto:funddocuments@putnam.com).

The fund's prospectus and SAI, both dated 1/30/19, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

## Goal

Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund seeks total return. Total return is composed of capital appreciation and income.

## Fees and expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Putnam funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial advisor and in *How do I buy fund shares?* beginning on page 27 of the fund's prospectus, in the Appendix to the fund's prospectus, and in *How to buy shares* beginning on page II-1 of the fund's statement of additional information (SAI).

### Shareholder fees *(fees paid directly from your investment)*

Share class	Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower)
Class A	5.75%	1.00%*
Class B	NONE	5.00%**
Class C	NONE	1.00%***
Class M	3.50%	NONE
Class P	NONE	NONE
Class R	NONE	NONE
Class R5	NONE	NONE
Class R6	NONE	NONE
Class Y	NONE	NONE

## Annual fund operating expenses

(expenses you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Share class	Management fees	Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	Other expenses	Total annual fund operating expenses
Class A	0.52%	0.25%	0.20%	0.97%
Class B	0.52%	1.00%	0.20%	1.72%
Class C	0.52%	1.00%	0.20%	1.72%
Class M	0.52%	0.75%	0.20%	1.47%
Class P	0.52%	N/A	0.06%	0.58%
Class R	0.52%	0.50%	0.20%	1.22%
Class R5	0.52%	N/A	0.20%	0.72%
Class R6	0.52%	N/A	0.10%	0.62%
Class Y	0.52%	N/A	0.20%	0.72%

\* Applies only to certain redemptions of shares bought with no initial sales charge.

\*\* This charge is phased out over six years.

\*\*\* This charge is eliminated after one year.

## Example

The following hypothetical example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. It assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then, except as indicated, redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. It assumes a 5% return on your investment each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

Share class	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Class A	\$668	\$866	\$1,080	\$1,696
Class B	\$675	\$842	\$1,133	\$1,831
Class B (no redemption)	\$175	\$542	\$933	\$1,831
Class C	\$275	\$542	\$933	\$2,030
Class C (no redemption)	\$175	\$542	\$933	\$2,030
Class M	\$494	\$799	\$1,125	\$2,046
Class P	\$59	\$186	\$324	\$726
Class R	\$124	\$387	\$670	\$1,477
Class R5	\$74	\$230	\$401	\$894
Class R6	\$63	\$199	\$346	\$774
Class Y	\$74	\$230	\$401	\$894

## Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction-related costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or the above example, affect fund performance. The fund's turnover rate in the most recent fiscal year was 129%.

## Investments, risks, and performance

### Investments

The fund is one of three Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Funds, each of which has a unique strategic, or typical, allocation between equity and fixed-income investments. Using qualitative analysis and quantitative techniques, we adjust portfolio allocations from time to time within a certain range for each fund to try to optimize a fund's performance consistent with its goal. The strategic allocation and the range of allowable allocation for the fund are shown below.

Class	Strategic allocation	Range
Equity	60%	45-75%
Fixed Income	40%	25-55%

We invest mainly in equity securities (growth or value stocks or both) of both U.S. and foreign companies of any size. We 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 equity investments. We also invest in fixed-income investments, including U.S. and foreign government obligations, corporate obligations and securitized debt instruments (such as mortgage-backed investments). We may consider, among other factors, credit, interest rate and prepayment risks, as well as general market conditions, when deciding whether to buy or sell fixed-income investments. We may also select other investments that do not fall within these asset classes. We typically use to a significant extent derivatives, such as futures, options, certain foreign currency transactions, warrants and swap contracts, for both hedging and non-hedging purposes.

### Risks

It is important to understand that you can lose money by investing in the fund.

Our allocation of assets among asset classes may hurt performance. The value of investments in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general economic, political or financial market conditions, investor sentiment and market perceptions, government actions, geopolitical events or changes, and factors related to a specific issuer, asset class, geography, industry or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. These risks are generally greater for small and midsize companies.

Bond investments are subject to interest rate risk, which means the value of the fund's bond investments is likely to fall if interest rates rise. Bond investments also are subject to credit risk, which is the risk that the issuer of the bond may default on payment of interest or principal. Interest rate risk is generally greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is generally greater for below-investment-grade bonds (sometimes referred to as "junk bonds"), which may be considered speculative. Mortgage-backed investments, unlike traditional debt investments, are also subject to

prepayment risk, which means that they may increase in value less than other bonds when interest rates decline and decline in value more than other bonds when interest rates rise. We may have to invest the proceeds from prepaid investments, including mortgage- and asset-backed investments, in other investments with less attractive terms and yields.

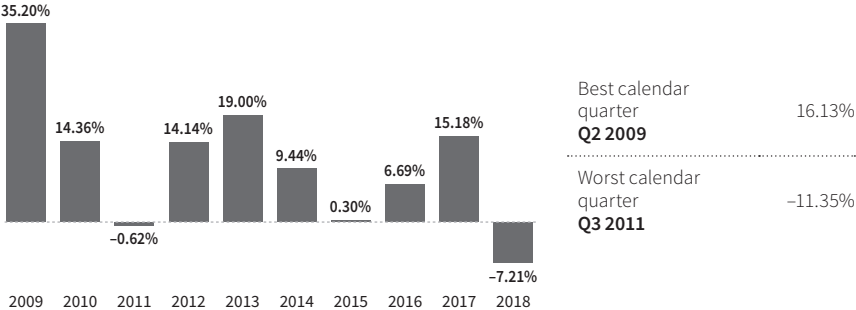
The value of international investments traded in foreign currencies may be adversely impacted by fluctuations in exchange rates. International investments, particularly investments in emerging markets, may carry risks associated with potentially less stable economies or governments (such as the risk of seizure by a foreign government, the imposition of currency or other restrictions, or high levels of inflation), and may be or become illiquid. Our use of derivatives may increase the risks of investing in the fund by increasing investment exposure (which may be considered leverage) or, in the case of many over-the-counter instruments, because of the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions and the potential failure of the other party to the instrument to meet its obligations.

The fund may not achieve its goal, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Performance**

The performance information below gives some indication of the risks associated with an investment in the fund by showing the fund’s performance year to year and over time. The bar chart does not reflect the impact of sales charges. If it did, performance would be lower. Please remember that past performance is not necessarily an indication of future results. Monthly performance figures for the fund are available at putnam.com.

**Annual total returns for class A shares before sales charges**



## Average annual total returns after sales charges (for periods ended 12/31/18)

Share class	1 year	5 years	10 years
Class A before taxes	-12.54%	3.36%	9.43%
Class A after taxes on distributions	-14.42%	1.72%	8.07%
Class A after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares	-6.43%	2.34%	7.37%
Class B before taxes	-12.19%	3.48%	9.43%
Class C before taxes	-8.77%	3.81%	9.26%
Class M before taxes	-10.92%	3.34%	9.14%
Class P before taxes*	-6.81%	4.93%	10.40%
Class R before taxes	-7.43%	4.32%	9.80%
Class R5 before taxes*	-6.95%	4.86%	10.37%
Class R6 before taxes*	-6.86%	4.97%	10.44%
Class Y before taxes	-6.95%	4.86%	10.37%
Russell 3000 Index** (no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-5.24%	7.91%	13.18%
Putnam Balanced Blended Benchmark (no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes, other than withholding taxes on reinvested dividends in the case of the MSCI EAFE Index (ND))	-3.90%	5.24%	9.22%

\* Performance for class R5 and class R6 shares prior to their inception (7/2/12) and for class P shares prior to their inception (8/31/16) is derived from the historical performance of class Y shares and has not been adjusted for the lower investor servicing fees applicable to class R5, class R6 and class P shares; had it, returns would have been higher.

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The Putnam Balanced Blended Benchmark is an unmanaged index administered by Putnam Management, 50% of which is the Russell 3000 Index, 35% of which is the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 10% of which is the MSCI EAFE Index (ND) and 5% of which is the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index.

After-tax returns reflect the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are shown for class A shares only and will vary for other classes. These after-tax returns do not apply if you hold your fund shares through a 401(k) plan, an IRA, or another tax-advantaged arrangement.

Class B share performance reflects conversion to class A shares after eight years.

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## **Purchase and sale of fund shares**

You can open an account, purchase and/or sell fund shares, or exchange them for shares of another Putnam fund by contacting your financial advisor or by calling Putnam Investor Services at 1-800-225-1581. Purchases of class B shares are closed to new and existing investors except by exchange from class B shares of another Putnam fund or through dividend and/or capital gains reinvestment.

When opening an account, you must complete and mail a Putnam account application, along with a check made payable to the fund, to: Putnam Investments, P.O. Box 219697, Kansas City, MO 64121-9697. The minimum initial investment of \$500 is currently waived, although Putnam reserves the right to reject initial investments under \$500 at its discretion. There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

Class P shares are only available to other Putnam funds and other accounts managed by Putnam Management or its affiliates.

You can sell your shares back to the fund or exchange them for shares of another Putnam fund any day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. Shares may be sold or exchanged by mail, by phone, or online at [putnam.com](http://putnam.com). Some restrictions may apply.

## **Tax information**

The fund's distributions will be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you hold the shares through a tax-advantaged arrangement, in which case you will generally be taxed only upon withdrawal of monies from the arrangement.

## **Financial intermediary compensation**

If you purchase the fund through a broker/dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or financial advisor), the fund and its related companies may pay that intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. Please bear in mind that these payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker/dealer or other intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your advisor or visit your advisor's website for more information.

## **Information about the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and SAI**

The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI for a fund provide information concerning the fund. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI are updated at least annually and any information provided in a summary prospectus, prospectus, or SAI can be changed without a shareholder vote unless specifically stated otherwise. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and the SAI are not contracts between the fund and its shareholders and do not give rise to any contractual rights or obligations or any shareholder rights other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

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