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## Fi360 Fiduciary Score<sup>®</sup>: Top ranked Putnam funds

At Putnam Investments, we take a proactive approach to achieving superior risk-adjusted performance. These Putnam funds scored the highest rankings of 50 or lower (a score of 0 is most favorable) in fi360’s proprietary investment ranking system.\*

Retirement Advantage Target-Date Funds	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compared with the average target-date fund glide path, Putnam’s glide path favors more equities for younger savers and more fixed income for savers near retirement</li> </ul>	I	—	74674P104	41
	X	—	74674P-765	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Global Asset Allocation team takes a comprehensive approach — maintaining full control of every aspect of the funds’ investments</li> </ul>	I	—	746751106	41
	X	—	74674P-781	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GAA team has flexibility to dynamically adjust asset allocation</li> </ul>	I	—	746751171	44
	X	—	74674P-799	44
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retirement Advantage Funds are collective investment trusts, a structure with lower expenses than a mutual fund and unavailable to retail investors</li> </ul>	I	—	746751247	43
	X	—	74674P-815	31
	I	—	746751312	50
	X	—	74674P-823	46
	I	—	746751387	43
	X	—	74674P-831	43
	I	—	746751452	42
	X	—	74674P-849	29
	I	—	746751528	41
	I	—	746751809	0
	X	—	74674P-773	12

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Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Funds		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Global Asset Allocation team takes a comprehensive approach — maintaining full control of every aspect of the funds' investments</li> <li>The funds have globally diversified benchmark indexes and strategic allocations intended to improve risk-adjusted returns</li> <li>The portfolio managers proactively research and determine the most efficient implementation for each asset class</li> </ul>	Balanced Fund	R6	PAAEX	746444769	35
	Balanced Fund	Y	PABYX	746444884	44
	Growth Fund	R6	PAEEX	746444728	35
	Growth Fund	Y	PAGYX	746444702	35
	Conservative Fund	R6	PCCEX	746444744	14
	Conservative Fund	Y	PACYX	746444801	14

George Putnam Balanced Fund		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This balanced fund has offered a mix of stocks and bonds for more than 80 years</li> <li>The fund focuses on high-quality stocks and bonds designed to reduce volatility for conservative and income-oriented investors</li> <li>Experienced portfolio managers use rigorous fundamental investment research to find opportunities and manage risk</li> </ul>		R6	PGEJX	37252M801	0
		Y	PGEYX	37252M603	0

Putnam Equity Income Fund (Value)		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund focuses on large companies whose stocks are priced below their long-term potential, and where there may be a catalyst for positive change</li> <li>The fund places a distinct emphasis on companies that can grow their dividends and that are able and willing to return cash to their shareholders</li> <li>The portfolio managers invest using fundamental research and quantitative tools supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction</li> </ul>		R6	PEQSX	746745801	0
		Y	PEIYX	746745405	0

Putnam International Value Fund (Value)		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund provides broad exposure to established large-cap non-U.S. companies trading at a discount to their intrinsic value</li> <li>Focuses on companies that the managers believe possess a catalyst for positive change</li> <li>The portfolio managers invest using fundamental research and quantitative tools supported by strong risk controls in portfolio construction</li> </ul>		R6	PIGWX	74676P375	50
		Y	PNGYX	746763614	50

Putnam Stable Value Fund (Stable Value)		Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund seeks to maintain the stability of a money market fund while offering returns similar to those of intermediate-term bonds: 50–75 basis points above the benchmark over a full interest-rate cycle</li> <li>Liquidity, stability, and consistency are essential to the portfolio construction process, which emphasizes diversifying the sources of returns, industries, and issuers within the portfolio</li> <li>The fund utilizes the full opportunity set within the stable value universe, including cash alternatives, GICs, insurance separate accounts, and wrapped actively managed strategies</li> </ul>		25 bps	—	74686Q207	0

Putnam Emerging Markets Equity Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emerging markets offer the potential for continued growth due to attractive demographics, rising wealth, and increased investment in infrastructure in developing countries</li> <li>By integrating multiple perspectives into portfolio construction, the fund manager is able to better evaluate individual companies within the context of changing local and global influences</li> <li>The manager leverages Putnam's global research platform to identify opportunities across emerging and select frontier markets</li> </ul>	R6	PEMQX	74676P391	15
	Y	PEMYX	746764694	15

Putnam International Capital Opportunities Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests in small to midsize companies located outside the United States, which are frequently overlooked by Wall Street</li> <li>Fund managers take a core investment focus that seeks to minimize exposure to single factors, such as value or equity</li> <li>The portfolio managers use a disciplined bottom-up fundamental investment process that seeks stocks with the potential for price and earnings momentum.</li> </ul>	R6	PICOX	74680L378	46
	Y	PNOYX	746802495	46

Putnam Multi-Cap Core Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests in stocks of U.S. companies of all sizes and has the flexibility to own both growth and value stocks</li> <li>The portfolio managers use a disciplined, fundamental investment process with three buckets of idea generation: legacy companies, smart-money indicators, and special situations</li> <li>Backed by the Equity Research team, the portfolio managers use their stock-picking expertise to identify opportunities and manage risk</li> </ul>	R6	PMYTX	74676P342	24
	Y	PMYYX	74676P839	24

Putnam Research Fund (Blend)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests in stocks that represent the highest conviction ideas from Putnam's Equity Research team</li> <li>Managed with a sector-neutral approach, with the flexibility to own both growth and value stocks</li> <li>The portfolio managers select stocks in a collaborative effort that emphasizes non-consensus critical thinking</li> </ul>	R6	PLJMX	74680L733	0
	Y	PURYX	746802487	0

Putnam Growth Opportunities Fund (Growth)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests in large U.S. companies with a competitive edge and strong earnings and cash flows that can lead to better growth potential</li> <li>The portfolio managers combine top-down investment themes with bottom-up research to select securities that can benefit from growth trends</li> <li>Backed by fundamental research, the portfolio managers seek to take advantage of market opportunities and differentiated views</li> </ul>	R6	PGOEX	74680A208	31
	Y	PGOYX	746802586	31

Putnam Small Cap Growth Fund (Growth)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund seeks capital appreciation</li> <li>The fund focuses on small companies since they tend to be flexible and innovative, and can often expand their earnings at faster rates than larger companies</li> <li>The portfolio manager uses a disciplined bottom-up fundamental investment process that focuses on quality and growth</li> </ul>	R6	PLKGX	74676A519	36
	Y	PSYGX	746763499	36

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Putnam Sustainable Leaders Fund (Growth)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests in growth companies with the goal of delivering positive financial and ESG performance</li> <li>The managers utilize bottom-up research to identify companies with attractive sustainability, fundamental, and valuation characteristics</li> <li>A dedicated sustainable investing team is backed by Putnam's equity research and quantitative/risk analysis groups</li> </ul>	R6	PSLGX	746916709	36
	Y	PNOYX	746916709	36

Putnam Global Consumer Fund (Global Sector)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests in industries that can profit from the global demand for consumer products and services.</li> <li>The fund manager has the flexibility to invest in stocks from around the world.</li> <li>The manager, supported by experienced research analysts, combines rigorous fundamental research with macroeconomic views to pinpoint opportunities across the sector</li> </ul>	Y	PGCYX	746764786	25

Putnam Global Industrials Fund (Global Sector)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From aerospace to trucking to infrastructure, the fund invests in industries that can profit from the global demand for industrial products and services</li> <li>The fund's manager has the flexibility to invest in stocks from around the world</li> <li>The manager, supported by experienced research analysts, combines rigorous fundamental research with macroeconomic views to pinpoint opportunities across the sector</li> </ul>	R6	PGWTX	74676P375	0
	Y	PGILX	746764588	0

Putnam Global Technology Fund (Global Sector)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From software and computers to Internet services and storage, the fund invests in industries that can profit from the global demand for technology products and services</li> <li>To seek the best opportunities, the fund has the flexibility to invest in stocks from around the world</li> <li>The fund, supported by experienced research analysts, combine rigorous fundamental research with macroeconomic views to pinpoint opportunities across the sector</li> </ul>	R6	PTTEX	74676P367	23
	Y	PGTYX	746764521	23

Putnam Global Income Trust (Fixed Income)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund's managers search for attractive income securities from a broad range of sectors in the U.S. and international markets</li> <li>The fund takes a unique approach to asset allocation, dynamically establishing diversified risk exposures rather than sector exposures</li> <li>Security selection is the primary driver of returns, with sub-sector allocations and macro strategies also serving as potential alpha generators</li> </ul>	R6	PGGEX	74677Q802	29
	Y	PGGYX	74677Q604	33

Putnam High Yield Fund (Fixed Income)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio managers strive for a higher level of income than most bonds offer by investing in higher-yielding, lower-rated corporate bonds</li> <li>Portfolio managers can adjust the fund's holdings to capitalize on market opportunities, such as emphasizing bonds with higher credit quality when credit risk increases</li> <li>Managers, supported by Putnam's fixed-income research division, analyze a range of bonds to build a diversified portfolio</li> </ul>	R6	PHYUX	74678J807	39
	Y	PHAYX	74678J401	12

Putnam Income Fund (Fixed Income)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund invests across all sectors of the U.S. bond market, including mortgage-backed securities, corporate bonds, and other government obligations</li> <li>Takes a unique approach to asset allocation, dynamically establishing diversified risk exposures rather than sector exposures</li> <li>Security selection is the primary driver of returns, with sub-sector allocations and macro strategies also serving as potential alpha generators</li> </ul>	R6	PINHX	746792803	0
	Y	PNCYX	746792407	0

Putnam Fixed Income Absolute Return (Absolute Return)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund can invest across global fixed-income sectors and can adjust dynamically as opportunities change</li> <li>The portfolio managers have the flexibility to mitigate a variety of risks, and are not constrained by traditional benchmarks</li> <li>The fund's hedging and market neutral strategies can offer volatility dampening benefits to client portfolios</li> </ul>	R6	PTREX	74676A402	24
	Y	PYTRX	746764323	24

Putnam Multi-Asset Absolute Return (Absolute Return)	Class	Ticker	CUSIP	Fiduciary Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund seeks positive returns with a similar level of volatility over a full market cycle</li> <li>The strategy dynamically combines efficient beta and uncorrelated alpha strategies to create a well-diversified portfolio</li> <li>Less influenced by traditional market risk, the fund can be an effective choice to improve portfolio efficiency</li> </ul>	R6	PDMEX	74676A808	19
	Y	PDMYX	746764257	23

\* The fi360 Fiduciary Score is a peer percent ranking of an investment against a set of quantitative due diligence criteria selected to reflect prudent fiduciary management. The fi360 Fiduciary Score is calculated on a monthly basis for investments with at least a three-year history. The Score is calculated for open-end mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), and group retirement plan annuities ("GRPAs").

The Mutual Fund and ETF fi360 Fiduciary Score is calculated against a combined peer group, including both databases. The GRPA fi360 Fiduciary Score is calculated against a combined peer group including mutual funds, ETFs, and GRPAs. (All investment data is sourced from Morningstar.) The GRPA database is limited in size and, because these investments are used interchangeably in the marketplace with mutual funds, the combined peer group provides a better analysis of the GRPA data. Each investment is then evaluated against a set of factors and thresholds and allotted points as described in the Criteria section of this document. The points are totaled and compared with all other investments within the peer group. Investments with 0 points are automatically given an fi360 Fiduciary Score of 0. Every other investment is then given a Score of 1-100, representing their percent ranking based on its placement in the distribution of their peer group.

Each Retirement Advantage Fund has a different target date indicating when the fund's investors expect to retire and begin withdrawing assets from their account, typically at retirement. The funds are generally weighted more heavily toward more aggressive, higher-risk investments when the target date of the fund is far off, and more conservative, lower-risk investments when the target date of the fund is near. This means that both the risk of your investment and your potential return are reduced as the target date of the particular fund approaches, although there can be no assurance that any one fund will have less risk or more reward than any other fund. The principal value of the funds is not guaranteed at any time, including the target date.

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