

Three reasons to consider Putnam as your stable value manager

Putnam has over 30 years of experience managing stable value portfolios, and today manages nearly \$15 billion in stable value assets. Over the past decade, we have seen stable value investment guidelines change substantially, becoming more condensed and restrictive. In this context, we believe our investment philosophy and practice — which favor liquidity and a rigorous investment process — make our stable value offering particularly attractive.

1. We have expertise across multiple fixed income asset classes.

Putnam has one of the largest fixed income investment management organizations in the industry, with over 90 investment professionals covering all market sectors. The group takes an independent view of risk that guides its fundamental research on markets and macroeconomics.

The stable value team is fully integrated within this organization and benefits from the skills of our sector specialist teams:

- Sector rotation
- Duration management
- Security selection
- Yield curve positioning

2. The portfolio provides liquidity.

Our stable value portfolio is structured to create a stream of cash flows to satisfy liquidity needs. Generally, the management team seeks to have a portion of the portfolio — 1.5% to 3% — mature each quarter to replenish the cash buffer. This feature enables us to provide ample liquidity to fund any participant activity and allow for greater flexibility with the 12-month put.

3. The strategy pursues diversification.

We believe that a diversified investment strategy utilizing multiple stable value investment options is optimal for managing stable value portfolios. This includes cash alternatives, traditional GICs, and wrapped, actively managed strategies. Our strategy generally reflects a larger traditional GIC allocation than other strategies available in the marketplace. These features of our portfolio construction help us pursue consistent liquidity, as well as robust diversification, portfolio stability, and attractive levels of income.

ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE as of 9/30/22

| | Putnam Stable Value Fund | ICE BofA U.S. 3-Month Treasury Bill Index |
|----------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 year | 2.23% | 0.62% |
| 3 years | 2.31 | 0.59 |
| 5 years | 2.30 | 1.15 |
| 10 years | 2.03 | 0.68 |

Data is as of 9/30/22 and is historical. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment returns will fluctuate. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Performance data reflects the impact of a 0.25% management fee. In certain cases, your plan's management fee may be lower and your return higher. For the most recent month-end performance, please call your plan's toll-free number.

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Yield (25 bps) as of 9/30/22

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| Putnam Stable Value Fund current net crediting rate | 2.64% |
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Market-to-book ratio

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| Putnam Stable Value Fund market-to-book ratio | 93.02% |
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Putnam offers transparent and flexible pricing options.

| Fund name and class | CUSIP | Management fee (bps) | Wrap fee (bps) | Admin/Other (bps) | Expense ratio | Recordkeeper/plan fees (bps) [†] |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---|
| Putnam Stable Value (100 bps) | 74686Q603 | 100 | 10 | 1 | 1.11% | 75 |
| Putnam Stable Value (75 bps) | 74686Q504 | 75 | 10 | 1 | 0.86% | 50 |
| Putnam Stable Value (50 bps) | 74686Q405 | 50 | 10 | 1 | 0.61% | 25 |
| Putnam Stable Value (45 bps) | 74686Q868 | 45 | 10 | 1 | 0.56% | 20 |
| Putnam Stable Value (35 bps) | 74686Q306 | 35 | 10 | 1 | 0.46% | 10 |
| Putnam Stable Value (25 bps) | 74686Q207 | 25 | 10 | 1 | 0.36% | 0 |
| Putnam Stable Value (20 bps)* | 74686Q876 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 0.31% | 0 |
| Putnam Stable Value (15 bps)* | 74686Q801 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 0.26% | 0 |

* This share class has restrictions, and its use is subject to Putnam's approval on a plan-by-plan basis.

† Servicing fees are paid by Putnam for administrative services provided by the recordkeeper to the plan with respect to fund holdings.

Putnam Stable Value Fund is available on most open-architecture platforms. For inquiries, call 1-866-4PUTNAM (1-866-478-8626).

Putnam Stable Value Fund is NSCC registered. Please note that the expense information above is for the fund's fiscal year ended 12/31/21 and is calculated in accordance with Department of Labor requirements, which require that wrap fees be reflected as a separate expense item. Expense information in the Fund's annual report, which is prepared under U.S. general accounting principles, does not reflect these fees, and will differ as result. More recent expenses may differ.

Wrap fees are calculated based on total synthetic wrap fees (in dollars) divided by the Fund's average assets. Synthetic wrap contracts account for only a part of the overall portfolio. As a result, the Fund's blended expense is 0.11% for the twelve-month period ended 12/31/21, although the average wrap fee, on a contract basis, is higher. For example, if the Fund had half its assets in synthetic wrap contracts over the period, and the contracts had wrap fees of 0.20%, the Fund's reported wrap fees would be 0.10% of assets. Current wrap fees may be higher than the fees shown. Implicit expenses associated with traditional guaranteed investment contracts and other portfolio investments that do not charge an explicit wrap fee are not included in the table, but are reflected in the Fund's performance and crediting rate. The Fund (or any other fund in which it invests) also bears its other operating expenses, such as custody, middle office services and accounting fees, audit fees, legal expenses, and any other miscellaneous expenses, which may vary overtime.

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or ensure against loss. It is possible to lose money in a diversified portfolio.

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To request the offering document for the fund, visit putnam.com. The offering document includes investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing.

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