Three reasons to consider Putnam as your Stable Value manager

Putnam has nearly 25 years of experience managing stable value portfolios, and today manages more than $6 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 and integrates Putnam's new ways of thinking into 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 utilize the full opportunity set within the stable value universe. The portfolio includes cash, traditional GICs, insurance separate accounts, and synthetic GICS. Our strategy generally reflects larger traditional GIC and separate account allocations 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 3/31/17

	Putnam Stable Value Fund	BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month Treasury Bill Index
1 year	1.75%	0.36%
3 years	1.74	0.17
5 years	1.77	0.14
10 years	2.80	0.68

Data is as of 3/31/17 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. The BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure the performance of U.S. Treasury bills available in the marketplace. Indexes are unmanaged and used as a broad measure of market performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Yield (25 bps) as of 3/31/17

Putnam Stable Value Fund current net crediting rate	1.89%

Market-to-book ratio

Putnam Stable Value Fund market-to-book ratio	100.53%

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	16	1	1.17%	75
Putnam Stable Value (75 bps)	74686Q504	75	16	1	0.92%	50
Putnam Stable Value (50 bps)	74686Q405	50	16	1	0.67%	25
Putnam Stable Value (45 bps)	74686Q868	45	16	1	0.62%	20
Putnam Stable Value (35 bps)	74686Q306	35	16	1	0.52%	10
Putnam Stable Value (30 bps)	74686Q553	30	16	1	0.47%	5
Putnam Stable Value (25 bps)	74686Q207	25	16	1	0.42%	0

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

The fund is a collective trust managed and distributed by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company, a non-depository New Hampshire trust company. However, it is not FDIC insured; it is not a deposit or other obligation of, and is not guaranteed by, Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company or any of its affiliates. The fund is not a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and its units are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The fund is only available for investment by eligible, qualified retirement plan trusts, as defined in the declaration of trust and participation agreement.

Consider these risks before investing: The fund seeks capital preservation, but there can no assurances that it will achieve this goal. The fund's returns will fluctuate with interest rates and market conditions. The fund is not insured or guaranteed by any governmental agency. Funds that invest in bonds are subject to certain risks including interest-rate risk, credit risk, and inflation risk. As interest rates rise, the prices of bonds fall. Long-term bonds are more exposed to interest-rate risk than short-term bonds. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have ongoing fees and expenses. Lower-rated bonds may offer higher yields in return for more risk. Funds that invest in government securities are not guaranteed. Mortgage-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk. The use of derivatives involves additional risks, such as 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 be exposed to risks associated with the providers of any wrap contracts (synthetic GICs) covering with the fund's assets, including credit risk and capacity risk.

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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