

Category

Taxable Income

Objective

The Fund seeks high current income. Capital growth is a secondary goal when consistent with achieving high current income.

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Symbols**Retail classes:****CUSIP**

A units G73008 206
B units G73008 321
C units G7300B 415

ISIN

A units IE0001478001
B units IE0001481047
C units IE0034054977

Institutional classes:**CUSIP**

E units G73008 545
I units G73008 446
S units G7300B 183

ISIN

E units IE0030390896
I units IE0001480411
S units IE0034055495

NAV (YTD high/YTD low)**Retail classes:****Class A units**

\$6.79 (\$6.85/\$6.65)

Class B units

\$6.77 (\$6.83/\$6.63)

Class C units

\$8.60 (\$8.67/\$8.42)

Institutional classes:**Class E units**

€7.27 (€7.41/€7.23)

Class I units

\$2.59 (\$2.62/\$2.54)

Class S units

£4.83 (£4.90/£4.78)

Deal closing time

4:00 p.m. (EST)

Daily valuation point

4:00 p.m. (EST)

Putnam Global High Yield Bond Fund

Seeking attractive bond investments across world markets

Extensive capabilities

The fund's long-tenured managers are backed by the deep experience of Putnam's U.S. and European high-yield research team.

Active approach

The managers constantly evaluate changing global bond markets and uncover opportunities through a combination of fundamental and quantitative analysis.

Diversified exposure

The fund is diversified across countries, industries, sectors, companies, and credit ratings within the global high-yield universe to help reduce volatility.

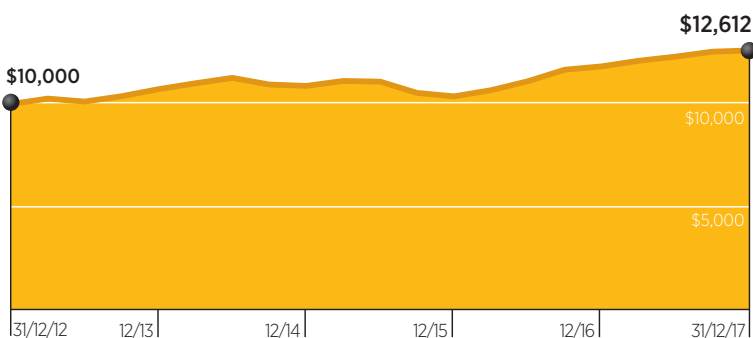
Diversification across market sectors

● Consumer cyclicals	17.1%
● Basic materials	13.9
● Communication services	13.0
● Energy	11.9
● Financials	10.9
● Capital goods	7.3
● Consumer staples	6.8
● Health care	6.5
● Technology	4.9
● Utilities	3.1
● Transportation	0.3
● Non-cash investments	-1.7
● Net cash	4.3

Allocations may not total 100% of net assets because the table includes the notional value of derivatives (the economic value for purposes of calculating periodic payment obligations), in addition to the market value of securities.

Growth of a US\$10,000 investment over a five-year period

Class A unit performance at net asset value

4.8% annualised return for 5 years**TOP TEN ISSUERS**

Sprint Communications
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International
HCA
Ally Financial
Cequel Communications
Altice Numericable
Charter Communications
T-Mobile
Virgin Media
Royal Bank of Scotland

Holdings represent 12.6% of the portfolio and will vary over time. Unitholders may obtain information about portfolio holdings from time to time by contacting the Fund's manager. Portfolio holdings information will only be provided for legitimate purposes as determined by the manager, and will be subject to a reasonable delay intended to protect the Funds.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (%)

North America	81.6%
Europe	17.2
Asia Pacific	0.6
Japan	0.6
Latin America	0.1

Data is historical. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. More recent returns may be more or less than those shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your units. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes or sales charges. The payment of any sales charge will reduce performance.

QUALITY BREAKDOWN (%)

BBB	5.4%
BB	41.0
B	33.8
CCC and below	12.9
Not rated	2.6
Net cash	4.3



The Fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 31/12/17 among 438 funds in the Global High Yield Bond category (A shares, based on risk adjusted returns)

Issuers in portfolio

321

Net assets

\$319.68M

Portfolio Characteristics

Average duration: 3.80

Average maturity: 5.08

Yield to worst: 5.04%

Average coupon: 6.03%

Dividend frequency

Monthly

Standard deviation

5.05

Standard deviation measures how widely a set of values varies from the mean. It is a historical measure of the variability of return earned by an investment portfolio over a 5-year period.

Domicile

Ireland

Registration

Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom

Institutional classes (E, I, S) offer lower fees, but are subject to investment minimums. See the Prospectus for details. For a portion of the periods, the fund may have benefited from a subsidy provided by the manager.

The BofA Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Investment Grade Country Constrained Index is an unmanaged, USD-hedged index of high yield corporate bonds from those countries that issue investment-grade government bonds. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AT NET ASSET VALUE (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Retail Classes											
Class A units	0.37%	-25.52%	48.13%	13.47%	0.78%	17.10%	7.25%	1.48%	-4.66%	14.07%	6.55%
Class B units	-0.12	-25.88	47.43	12.67	0.42	16.58	6.56	0.94	-4.95	13.48	6.00
Class C units	0.02	-25.79	47.59	12.93	0.32	16.78	6.69	1.04	-4.92	13.57	6.23
Institutional Classes											
Class E units (Euro)	-1.05	-24.82	52.34	14.42	0.92	17.37	7.72	2.33	-4.99	13.68	5.25
Class I units	0.72	-25.34	48.99	13.88	1.45	18.09	8.29	2.18	-4.23	15.11	7.31
Class S units (Sterling)	0.33	-23.27	49.62	14.11	1.35	18.20	8.01	2.52	-3.97	14.94	5.82
ICE BofAML Global High Yield Investment Grade Country Constrained Index (Hedged to USD)	2.09	-26.63	60.91	15.26	3.16	18.29	7.27	3.00	-3.07	15.69	7.82

ANNUALISED TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE BEFORE SALES CHARGE (RETAIL CLASSES)

	RETAIL CLASSES			INSTITUTIONAL CLASSES			ICE BofAML Global High Yield Investment Grade Country Constrained Index (Hedged to USD)
	Class A units Inception 01/10/98	Class B units Inception 01/10/98	Class C units Inception 27/02/04	Class E units (Euro) Inception 23/05/03	Class I units Inception 08/06/00	Class S units (Sterling) Inception 30/01/04	
1 year	6.55%	6.00%	6.23%	5.25%	7.31%	5.82%	7.82%
3 years	5.03	4.56	4.68	4.36	5.76	5.31	6.53
5 years	4.75	4.22	4.34	4.61	5.53	5.28	5.96
10 years	6.42	5.89	6.01	6.88	7.10	7.34	8.29

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The Fund is a subfund of Putnam World Trust, an umbrella unit trust domiciled in Ireland. Prior to 22 February 2000, the Fund was domiciled in the Cayman Islands and Class A units were subject to lower fees and expenses. The trust is established as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended).

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prices of the fund's bond investments are 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, which may be considered speculative. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have ongoing fees and expenses. The prices of bonds in the fund's portfolio may fall or rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including both general financial market conditions and factors related to a specific issuer.

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