

Fund domicile/type

Ireland/UCITS

Class S inception

30 November 2006

Fund assets

£140.58 million

Base currency (Class S)

Sterling

Benchmark (Class S)

ICE BofAML 1-month LIBOR

Registered countries

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

Minimum initial investment

£ 10 million

Subsequent investment

£ 25,000

Symbols**ISIN**

S Units IE00B16D7086

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S Units PUTTRFS ID

Income distribution

Annually

Available Unit classes /currencies

E (Euro), I (USD), S (Sterling)

Deal closing time

4:00 p.m. (EST)

Daily valuation point

4:00 p.m. (EST)

Fee structure

Management fee for Class S units: 0.75%

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Putnam Total Return Fund

FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

Putnam World Trust

Fund objective

The Fund aims to provide a positive total return, both relative and absolute, throughout varying market conditions.

Product philosophy

The Fund seeks to deliver a more efficient risk/return profile than a traditionally balanced global portfolio through dynamic risk allocation and drawdown control. To pursue this strategy, the portfolio has the flexibility to take advantage of tactical and strategic allocation opportunities among global equities, fixed income securities, and alternative asset classes that arise from changing economic conditions.

Product highlights

- A more efficient risk/return profile: The Fund's dynamic risk allocation process leads to greater risk efficiency.
- Active allocations across four types of risk: Allocations to sources of market risk — equity, credit, rates and inflation — are dynamic rather than static.
- A disciplined investment process: The investment process has three key components: Building a strategic policy portfolio, dynamically allocating risk, and actively executing investment strategies.
- Experienced portfolio managers: Putnam's dedicated Global Asset Allocation group has managed multi-asset strategies since 1994 and institutional risk allocation portfolios since 2006

ANNUALISED FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception (30 November 2006)
Class S Units – Gross of fees	13.07%	5.87%	5.29%	6.61%	6.86%
Class S Units – Net of fees	11.88	4.73	4.15	5.49	5.79
ICE BofAML 1-Month LIBOR	1.07	0.58	0.42	0.63	1.09

ASSET CLASS BREAKDOWN

	Current Exposure*
U.S. TIPS	30.0%
International bonds	25.0
U.S. equity	20.3
U.S. investment-grade bonds	20.2
Commodities	15.4
International equity	12.4
U.S. high-yield bonds	9.0
Emerging-market equity	5.3
Emerging-market bonds	5.0
REITs	3.1
U.S. money markets	-45.6

* Positioning as of 31/12/17. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%.

The negative U.S. money markets percentage reflects leverage utilized to establish the desired capital and risk allocations within the portfolio.

Source: Putnam Investments.

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 at net asset value (NAV) and reflects Fund operating expenses such as management fees, but does not account for any taxes or sales charges. The payment of any sales charges will reduce performance.

Investment management team

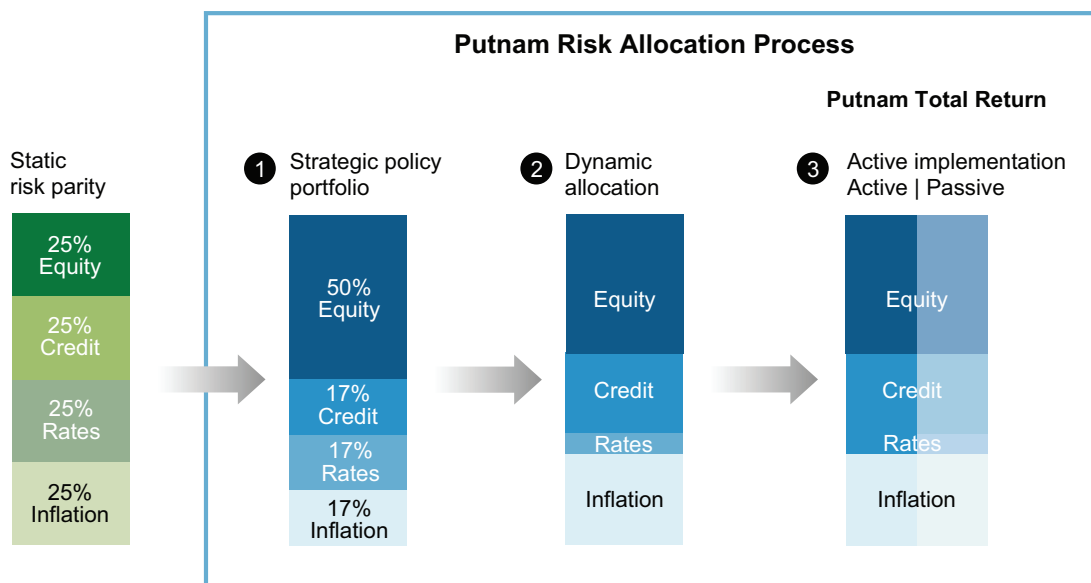
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Manager
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Investment process

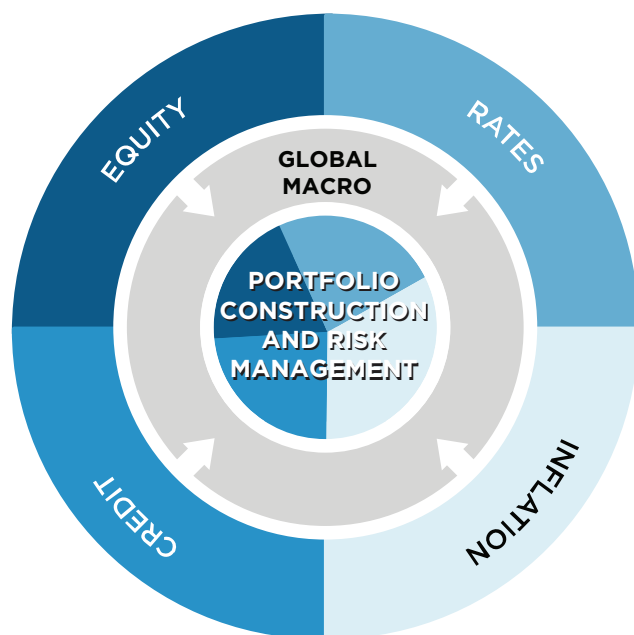
- The strategic policy portfolio balances four risks while tilting in favor of equities, which can provide compelling long-term total return.
- Dynamic allocations actively manage portfolio weightings and respond to changing market opportunities and risks.
- Active implementation combines active strategies that target valuation opportunities with passive strategies focused in more efficient areas of markets.



* Shading represents the degree of active and passive approaches used in each strategy's implementation, with darker shading representing active strategies.

Research process

- Asset class teams collaborate with the Global Macro team.
- Asset class teams are responsible for active allocation and implementation of investment recommendations.
- Portfolio construction and risk management teams verify recommendations and allocate risk.



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

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