

Putnam Fixed Income Global Alpha Fund

Putnam World Trust

Investment objective

Putnam's Fixed Income Global Alpha strategy is built on the premise that one of the most effective deliveries of fixed income alpha results from efficiently mixing as many independent investment strategies as possible

This actively managed global bond fund seeks to exploit market inefficiencies. It pursues consistent absolute returns with low volatility and limited market risk through a diversified portfolio of uncorrelated strategies across global markets and sectors. The investment objective is to achieve an annual total return that exceeds six-month Sterling LIBOR by 2.0% or more, as measured over rolling three-year periods. Broad diversification seeks to prevent overexposure to any one sector or strategy.

Fund highlights

- Pursues the full opportunity set of available global fixed income instruments to diversify portfolio exposure and seek to maintain advantageous strategies regardless of market conditions
- Benefits from broad exposure to all sectors and sub sectors including sovereign (developed and emerging), credit (investment grade, high yield, convertible bonds), and securitised (MBS, ABS, CMBS, CMO)
- Emphasises security selection with subsector allocation and macro strategies (currency, country, and global term structure) also serving as important secondary alpha generators
- Uses derivatives to fine-tune portfolio strategies, hedge risk factors and as an alternative to cash investments

Key characteristics

Average duration	1.38 years
Yield to maturity	4.10%

- Integrates alpha generation from sector specialists using a disciplined portfolio construction process
- Applies disciplined risk management using a proprietary portfolio risk decomposition model
- Uses an integrated investment process combining valuation, proprietary risk management, and advanced portfolio construction
- Draws on the strength and research skills of Putnam's 90-member fixed income group

Annualised fund performance at NAV*

	1Q18 (3 mos.)	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception (25/02/08)
Class S Units	0.26%	1.73%	1.58%	1.68%	2.60%	2.58%
6-month Sterling LIBOR	0.08	0.59	0.85	0.76	1.26	1.30

Periods less than one year are not annualised.

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.

Fund domicile/type

Ireland/UCITS

Fund inception

25 February 2008

Net assets

£188.4 million

Base currency (Class S)

Sterling

Benchmark (Class S)

6-month Sterling LIBOR

Registered countries

Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom

Minimum initial investment

£ 10 million

Subsequent investment

£ 25,000

Symbols

ISIN

S Units IE00B29LMS96

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S Units PUTGFIS

Income distribution

Annually (Class S only)

Available Unit classes /currencies

S (Sterling), E (Euro), I (US dollar), Y (Yen)

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Deal closing time

4:00 p.m. (EST)

Fee structure

Annual base fee of 0.20% and a performance fee equal to 20% (15%, as of 1 January 2016) of the "excess return," if any, achieved by Class S Units.[‡]

Portfolio details as of 31/3/18***Sector allocation**

	Cash investments		Non-cash investments		Total portfolio	
	Weight	Spread duration	Weight	Spread duration	Weight	Spread duration
Agency CMO	12.64%	0.41%	0.70%	0.03%	13.34%	0.44%
Agency pass-through	0.01	0.00	12.20	0.94	12.20	0.94
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.36	0.00
Commercial MBS	15.76	0.51	7.87	0.29	23.62	0.80
Convertible securities	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
Emerging-market bonds	5.32	0.26	0.00	0.00	5.32	0.26
High-yield corporate bonds	10.83	0.47	-2.25	-0.10	8.58	0.38
Interest-rate swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.67	0.00	-0.67
International Treasury/agency	1.46	0.11	0.00	-0.10	1.46	0.01
Investment-grade corporate bonds	22.48	1.07	0.00	0.00	22.48	1.07
Residential MBS (non-agency)	7.22	0.36	0.00	0.00	7.22	0.36
Net cash	22.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.90	0.00

Spread duration estimates the price sensitivity of a specific sector or asset class to a 100 basis-point movement (either widening or narrowing) in its spread relative to Treasuries. 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.

Contribution to duration (CTD) in years

European Community	0.99
United Kingdom	0.37
Canada	0.32
Switzerland	0.16
New Zealand	0.13
Greece	0.11
Mexico	0.08
Brazil	0.07
Argentina	0.07
France	0.05
Indonesia	0.05
Norway	0.05
Sweden	0.03
Spain	0.03
Colombia	0.01
Ireland	0.01
Sri Lanka	0.01
Russia	0.01
Netherlands	0.01
Venezuela	0.01
India	-0.01
Malaysia	-0.01
Germany	-0.10
Australia	-0.29
United States	-0.78
Total duration	1.38

Credit rating[†]

AAA	46.16%
AA	5.63
A	13.23
BBB	18.00
BB or below	24.55
Not rated	-7.57

Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%.

Currency exposure

United States dollar	92.75%
Euro	7.63
Australian dollar	6.08
Norwegian krone	1.40
Chinese yuan	0.25
South African rand	0.04
Swiss franc	0.03
Mexican peso	0.03
Brazilian real	0.01
Japanese yen	-0.24
Canadian dollar	-0.82
British pound	-1.65
New Zealand dollar	-1.69
Swedish krona	-3.83

* Portfolio details may vary with market conditions.

[†] Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher (A-3 or higher, for short-term debt) is considered investment grade. This chart reflects the highest security rating provided by one or more of Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. To-be-announced (TBA) mortgage commitments, if any, are included based on their issuer ratings. Ratings may vary over time. Cash, derivative instruments, and net other assets are shown in the not-rated category. Payables and receivables for TBA mortgage commitments are included in the not-rated category and may result in negative weights. The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.

[‡] The performance fee will be payable to the Manager equal to 20% of the "excess return" if any, achieved by Class S Units over the performance "benchmark". The benchmark is defined as the daily 6-month Sterling LIBOR for Class S Units. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for complete disclosure of the performance fee calculation methodology.

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.

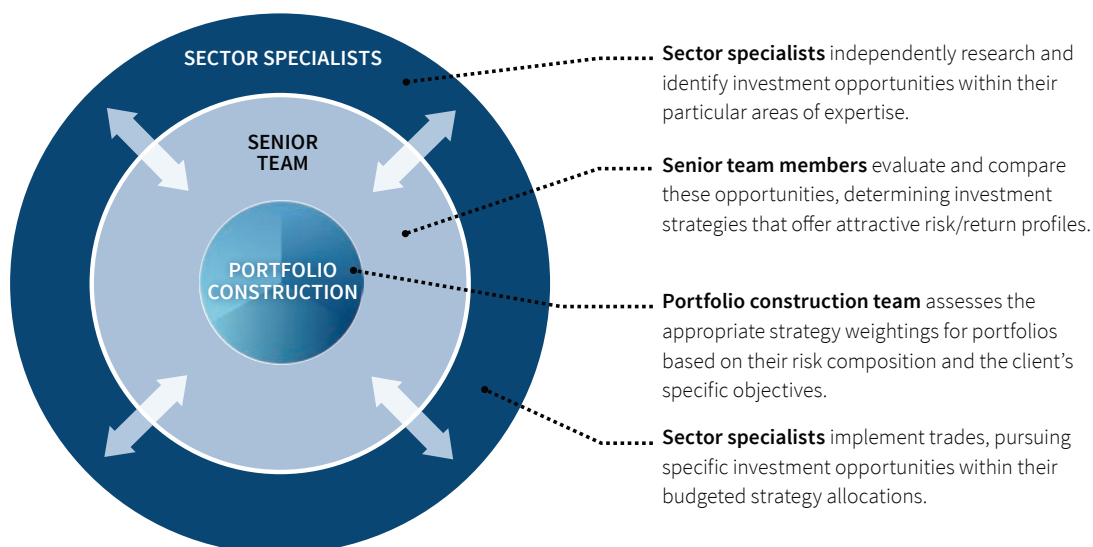
Investment management team

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Investment process

An integrated investment process that blends decentralised specialisation with centralised portfolio construction and risk management:

Idea generation

- Sector specialisation is the most effective way to approach today's sophisticated and complex fixed income market.
- Dedicated teams of sector specialists across global rates, securitised bonds, and credit are active risk takers responsible for uncovering and executing upon the most attractive opportunities in their markets.
- Portfolio managers promote strategies and allocate risk within sectors, aiding the specialists in vetting ideas for expected return, volatility, and downside risks.

Portfolio construction

- Portfolio construction adds value, fulfilling the traditional role of portfolio manager, but aiming to operate in a more systematic and objective fashion.
- Portfolio construction specialists allocate risk across strategies in an unbiased manner aimed at balancing the trade-off between risk and expected return.
- Sizing of strategies is a function of forward looking excess return, volatility, and liquidity estimates, subject to portfolio specific investment guidelines and risk budgets.

Risk management

- Unique approach to risk decomposition across term structure, prepayment, credit, and liquidity risks.
- Diversification means more than just multi-sector exposure (common factor risk, investment horizon, strategy identification).
- Flexible and open proprietary risk system seeks to objectively quantify common factor and idiosyncratic risks across strategies regardless of sector.
- Risk modelling approach is complemented with the use of historical simulation, stress testing, and VAR to assess the impact of tail risk.

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