



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 9/30/18 among 281 funds in the Nontraditional Bond category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

Objective

The fund seeks as high a level of current income as Putnam Management believes is consistent with preservation of capital.

Portfolio Managers

D. William Kohli
(industry since 1988)

Michael J. Atkin
(industry since 1988)

Robert L. Davis, CFA
(industry since 1999)

Brett S. Kozlowski, CFA
(industry since 1997)

Michael V. Salm
(industry since 1989)

Paul D. Scanlon, CFA
(industry since 1986)

Morningstar category

Nontraditional Bond

Lipper category

Alternative Credit Focus

Average effective duration

-0.40

3-year average duration

-0.44

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.**

**Not FDIC insured
May lose value
No bank guarantee**

Putnam Diversified Income Trust

Offering a diversified portfolio of income opportunities since 1988

Broad diversification

The fund seeks multiple sources of return unconstrained by a traditional benchmark, and includes investments in alternative bond markets.

Portfolio quality

AAA	39.0%
A	14.8
BBB	7.4
BB	20.1
B	14.5
CCC and below	7.8
Not rated	-3.6

Holdings represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

Negative weights may result from timing differences between trade and settlement dates of securities, such as TBAs, or by the use of derivatives.

Flexible risk allocations

The fund takes a unique approach to asset allocation, dynamically establishing diversified risk exposures rather than sector exposures.

Sector breakdown

Commercial MBS	21.7%
Agency CMO	19.0
High-yield corp bonds	18.9
Agency pass-through	12.0
Residential MBS (non-agency)	11.0
Emerging-market bonds	9.8
International Treasury/agency	2.9
Investment-grade corp bonds	1.8
Convertible securities	1.8
Bank loans	1.4
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	0.2

Net cash represents 24.8% of the portfolio.

17.8% of the portfolio invested internationally.

Allocations will vary over time.

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

Active duration management

As the fund's duration is independent of any index, the fund employs strategies that seek to reduce interest-rate risk.

The fund's strategy has resulted in low correlations to a variety of bond indexes

Correlation of Putnam Diversified Income Trust versus:	1 year	3 years	5 years
BBG Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-0.69	-0.36	-0.46
BBG Barclays U.S. Treasury Index	-0.74	-0.55	-0.63
BBG Barclays Global Aggregate Index	0.22	-0.10	-0.08

Correlation is a measure of how similar the historical performances of two different asset classes or securities have been. The maximum correlation is 1.0 and the minimum is 0 with values between 0 and -1 indicating negative correlation. A positive correlation close to 1.0 indicates that the historical returns of the two asset classes being compared have been very similar. A negative correlation close to -1.0 indicates that the historical returns of the two asset classes being compared have been opposite each other; for example, when one gained 5%, the other declined 5%. Correlations near zero indicate that there has been little discernible relationship between the two asset classes being compared.

Fund symbols

Class A	PDINX
Class B	PSIBX
Class C	PDV CX
Class M	PDV MX
Class R	PDV RX
Class R6	PDV GX
Class Y	PDV YX

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	7% (16/255)
3 years	14% (29/215)
5 years	21% (26/128)
10 years	9% (4/44)

Total expense ratio(Y shares)
0.75%**Number of holdings**

1,764

Net assets

\$4,718.79M

Dividend frequency

Monthly

Standard deviation

4.72

Average effective maturity

5.63

30-day SEC yield

4.99%

Standard deviation (3-year) 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. **Average effective maturity** depends on the maturity of the underlying bonds within each fund. The longer the maturity, the greater the interest-rate risk. **Average effective duration** provides a measure of a fund's interest-rate sensitivity. The longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. **3-year averageduration** is an arithmetic average of month-end values over the previous 3-year period.

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Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Y shares	58.2%	13.5%	-3.4%	13.0%	8.2%	1.2%	-2.7%	5.4%	6.7%	2.7%
ICE BofAML U.S. Treasury Bill Index	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.3

Annualized total return performance

Inception 7/1/96	Class Y shares	ICE BofAML U.S. Treasury Bill Index
1 year	3.95%	1.54%
3 years	5.24	0.82
5 years	3.39	0.52
10 years	5.90	0.40
Life of fund	6.29	—

Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will vary, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance of class Y shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Class Y shares, available to investors through an asset-based fee program or for institutional clients, are sold without an initial sales charge and have no CDSC. Performance for class Y shares before their inception are derived from the historical performance of class A shares (inception 10/3/88), which have not been adjusted for the lower expenses; had they, returns would have been higher. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit putnam.com.

Highlights of five-year performance periods (10/3/88–9/30/18) †

Best 5-year return	Best period end date	Worst 5-year return	Worst period end date	Average 5-year return	% of 5-year periods with positive returns	Number of positive 5-year periods	Number of negative 5-year periods
16.24%	12/31/13	-4.32	12/31/08	6.22%	98%	98	2

† Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The ICE BofAML U.S. Treasury Bill Index is an unmanaged index that tracks the performance of U.S.-dollar-denominated U.S. Treasury bills publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a remaining term of at least one month to final maturity and a minimum amount outstanding of \$1 billion. ICE Data Indices, LLC (ICE BofAML), used with permission. ICE BofAML permits use of the ICE BofAML indices and related data on an "as is" basis; makes no warranties regarding same; does not guarantee the suitability, quality, accuracy, timeliness, and/or completeness of the ICE BofAML indices or any data included in, related to, or derived therefrom; assumes no liability in connection with the use of the foregoing; and does not sponsor, endorse, or recommend Putnam Investments, or any of its products or services. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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Lipper rankings for class Y shares are based on total return without sales charge relative to all share classes of funds with similar objectives as determined by Lipper.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging-market securities carry illiquidity and volatility risks. 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 and the risk that they may increase in value when interest rates decline and decline in value when interest rates rise. Bond investments are subject to interest-rate risk (the risk of bond prices falling if interest rates rise) and credit risk (the risk of an issuer defaulting on interest or principal payments). Interest-rate risk is greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is greater for below-investment-grade bonds. Risks associated with derivatives include increased investment exposure (which may be considered leverage) and, in the case of over-the-counter instruments, the potential inability to terminate or sell derivatives positions and the potential failure of the other party to the instrument to meet its obligations. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have fees and expenses. Bond prices may fall or fail to rise over time for several reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions (including perceptions about the risk of default and expectations about monetary policy or interest rates), changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer or industry. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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