

**Objective**

The fund seeks high current income by investing principally in debt securities of sovereign and private issuers worldwide, including supranational issuers. Preservation of capital and long-term total return are secondary objectives, but only to the extent consistent with the objective of seeking high current income.

**Portfolio Managers**

**D. William Kohli**  
(industry since 1988)

**Michael J. Atkin**  
(industry since 1988)

**Robert L. Davis, CFA**  
(industry since 1999)

**Michael V. Salm**  
(industry since 1989)

**Paul D. Scanlon, CFA**  
(industry since 1986)

**Morningstar category**

World Bond

**Lipper category**

Global Income

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.**

# Putnam Global Income Trust

Seeking attractive bond investments across world markets since 1987

**Worldwide opportunities**

The fund's managers search for attractive income securities from a broad range of sectors in U.S. and international markets.

**Flexible risk allocations**

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

**Bottom-up approach**

Security selection is the primary driver of returns, with sub-sector allocations and macro strategies also serving as potential alpha generators.

**Pursuing opportunities inside and outside the benchmark**

**Portfolio quality**

AAA	45.2%
AA	7.4
A	25.6
BBB	32.0
BB	6.4
B	3.2
CCC and below	1.9
Not rated	-21.6

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

**Sector**

	● Fund	● BBG Barclays Global Aggregate Index
International Treasury/agency	36.5%	43.2%
Agency pass-through	25.4	11.3
Investment-grade corp bonds	22.6	19.8
Commercial MBS	16.0	0.8
Agency CMO	8.1	0.0
Emerging-market bonds	7.2	5.7
Residential MBS (non-agency)	5.5	0.2
High-yield corp bonds	2.2	0.2
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	0.4	0.3
Municipal bonds	0.2	0.3
Covered bonds	0.0	2.6
U.S. Treasury/agency	0.0	15.6

Net cash represents 5.7% of the portfolio. 49.4% of the portfolio invested internationally. Allocations will vary over time.

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

**Country exposure**

United States	50.6%
Japan	15.3
Italy	5.0
Spain	3.2
France	2.9
United Kingdom	2.7
Mexico	2.4
Other countries	18.0

**Contribution to duration (years)**

United States	-0.04
Japan	0.96
Italy	0.25
Spain	0.15
France	0.28
United Kingdom	0.18
Mexico	0.23
Other countries	2.72

**Currency exposure**

United States dollar	71.0%
Euro	15.4
Japanese yen	7.3
Canadian dollar	2.6
Australian dollar	2.2
Norwegian krone	1.6
British pound	1.2
South Korean won	0.6
New Zealand dollar	-1.4
Swedish krona	-1.6
Other currencies	1.2

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

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



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 12/31/17 among 271 funds in the World Bond category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

#### Fund symbols

Class A	PGGIX
Class B	PGLBX
Class C	PGGLX
Class M	PGGMX
Class R	PGBRX
Class Y	PGGYX

#### Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	36% (71/197)
3 years	41% (75/184)
5 years	26% (44/169)
10 years	15% (13/87)

#### Total expense ratio

(Y shares)  
0.96%

#### Number of holdings

947

#### Net assets

\$246.96M

#### Dividend frequency

Monthly

#### Standard deviation

4.09

#### Average effective duration

4.73

#### Average effective maturity

11.35

#### 30-day SEC yield

Without subsidy  
1.93%

With subsidy  
1.95%

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.

For informational purposes only. Not an investment recommendation.

Putnam Retail Management  
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### Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Y shares	-14.9%	40.6%	10.4%	2.7%	8.0%	1.3%	2.6%	-2.6%	2.5%	7.5%
BBG Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	4.8	6.9	5.5	5.6	4.3	-2.6	0.6	-3.2	2.1	7.4

### Annualized total return performance

Inception 10/4/05	Class Y shares	BBG Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index
1 year	7.52%	7.40%
3 years	2.39	2.02
5 years	2.21	0.79
10 years	5.02	3.09
Life of fund	6.54	—

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 6/1/87), 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](http://putnam.com).

### Highlights of five-year performance periods (6/1/87–12/31/17) †

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
14.16%	9/30/92	0.22%	12/31/01	6.14%	100%	103	0

† Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

The Bloomberg (BBG) Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of global investment-grade fixed-income securities. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or “star rating,” is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-end mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product’s monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Putnam Global Income Trust received 3, 4, and 4 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 271, 243, and 136 World Bond funds, respectively.

**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. **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. For fixed income and equity funds, risk statistics are measured using a 3- and 5-year regression analysis, respectively. For funds with shorter track records, Since Inception analysis is used. **Average effective maturity** takes into account the likelihood of the bond being called.

**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 investments carry the risk that they may increase in value when interest rates decline and decline in value when interest rates rise. The fund invests in fewer issuers or concentrates its investments by region or sector, and involves more risk than a more broadly invested fund. The fund’s policy of concentrating on a limited group of industries and the fund’s non-diversified status, which means the fund may invest in fewer issuers, can increase the fund’s vulnerability to common economic forces and may result in greater losses and volatility. 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 generally greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is generally 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 periods of high volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund’s portfolio holdings. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

**Request a prospectus or a summary prospectus, if available, from your financial representative or by calling Putnam at 1-800-225-1581. These prospectuses include investment objectives, risks, fees, expenses, and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing.**