

Objective

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

Portfolio Managers

Paul D. Scanlon, CFA
(industry since 1986)

Norman P. Boucher
(industry since 1985)

Robert L. Salvin
(industry since 1986)

Morningstar category

High Yield Bond

Lipper category

High Yield

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. Ratings and portfolio credit quality will vary over time. Cash and net other assets, if any, represent the market value weights of cash, derivatives, and short-term securities in the portfolio. **The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

Putnam High Yield Fund

Seeking a high level of income for investors since 1986

Income focused

The portfolio managers strive for a higher level of income than most bonds offer by investing in higher-yielding, lower rated corporate bonds.

Focus on performance

The managers can invest across a range of industries and companies, and can adjust the fund's holdings to capitalize on market opportunities.

Leading research

The fund's managers, supported by Putnam's fixed-income research division, analyze a range of bonds to build a diversified portfolio.

Diversification across market sectors

Consumer cyclicals	19.6%
Basic materials	15.5
Energy	11.4
Communication services	10.6
Financials	8.7
Capital goods	7.8
Health care	7.5
Consumer staples	6.2
Technology	6.0
Utilities	3.5
Transportation	0.3
Non-cash investments	-0.5
Net cash	2.9

Allocations will vary over time. 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.

Maturity breakdown

0 to 1 year	12.5%
1 to 5 years	45.6
5 to 10 years	36.8
10 to 15 years	3.0
Over 15 years	2.0

Portfolio quality

A	0.4%
BBB	4.6
BB	38.0
B	36.6
CCC and below	14.9
Not rated	2.7
Net cash	2.9

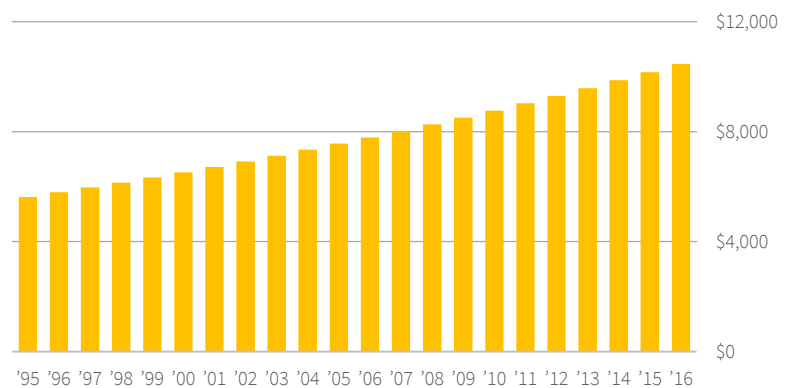
Holdings represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time

Through systematic withdrawals, the fund can also provide income that grows over time

These hypothetical distributions begin with a 5% withdrawal of \$5,000 on 12/31/91, and the dollar amount is increased by 3% each year thereafter so that income withdrawals keep pace with inflation. The chart is based on an initial \$100,000 investment in class A shares before sales charge on 12/31/90.

Total withdrawals taken
\$192,765

Final value of investment
\$421,602



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 3/25/86), 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.

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

Fund symbols

Class A	PHYIX
Class B	PHYBX
Class C	PHYLX
Class M	PHYMX
Class R	PFJAX
Class Y	PHAYX

Lipper rankings

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	53% (352/669)
3 years	36% (203/570)
5 years	37% (169/460)
10 years	29% (86/302)

Total expense ratio(Y shares)
0.82%**Number of holdings**

560

Net assets

\$1,664.65M

Dividend frequency

Monthly

Average effective duration

3.33

30-day SEC yield

4.57%

Annual performance at net asset value (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017YTD
Y shares	3.7%	-24.2%	49.0%	13.6%	3.4%	15.4%	7.1%	2.2%	-5.2%	15.5%	6.2%
JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index	2.7	-26.8	58.8	14.9	6.6	15.7	8.4	2.2	-4.5	18.2	7.0

Annualized total return performance

Inception 12/31/98	Class Y shares	JPMorgan Dev. High Yield Index
1 year	7.69%	9.65%
3 years	4.81	5.93
5 years	5.55	6.63
10 years	6.80	8.11
Life of fund	7.61	—

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Highlights of five-year performance periods (3/25/86-9/30/17)[†]

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
20.40%	9/30/86	-12.23%	9/30/17	8.83%	94%	131	8

[†] Based on annualized returns for quarterly rolling periods.

JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index is an unmanaged index of high-yield fixed-income securities issued in developed countries. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

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.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

Consider these risks before investing: 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 also lead to increased volatility in the financial markets and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Lower-rated bonds may offer higher yields in return for more risk. 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. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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