



The fund received a 4-star Overall Morningstar Rating as of 12/31/20 among 514 funds in the Short-Term Bond category (Y shares, based on risk-adjusted returns)

**Objective**

The fund seeks as high a rate of current income as we believe is consistent with preservation of capital.

**Portfolio Managers**

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

**Emily E. Shanks**  
(industry since 1999)

**Albert Chan, CFA**  
(industry since 2002)

**Brett S. Kozlowski, CFA**  
(industry since 1997)

**Morningstar category**

Short-Term Bond

**Lipper category**

Short Investment Grade Debt

**Primary benchmark**

ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate Index

**Secondary benchmark**

ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill-ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate Linked Benchmark

**Fund symbols**

Class A	PARTX
Class B	PARPX
Class C	PARQX
Class R	PRARX
Class R6	PRREX
Class Y	PARYX

**Average effective duration**

1.74

**30-day SEC yield**

(Y shares)  
1.29%

**Cost-effective pricing option for A shares**

- Available at NAV beginning at \$250,000
- 9-month CDSC period

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

# Putnam Short Duration Bond Fund

Pursuing income with a multi-sector, lower duration approach

**Sector diversification**

The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities, including corporate debt, bank loans, sovereign debt, and securitized assets, such as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities.

**Managing rate sensitivity**

The fund invests in short-term bonds and other securities, and generally maintains an effective duration, or interest-rate sensitivity, of three years or less.

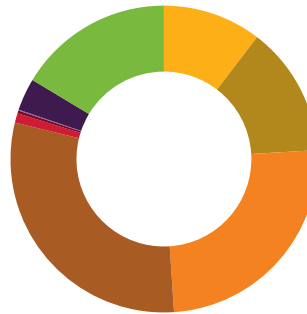
**Fundamental approach**

The fund's experienced portfolio managers implement active strategies that consider several factors, including credit, interest-rate, and prepayment risks, and general market conditions.

**Pursuing opportunities inside and outside the benchmark**

**Portfolio quality**

● AAA	10.4%
● AA	13.7
● A	24.9
● BBB	29.9
● BB	1.0
● B	0.3
● CCC and below	0.1
● Not rated	3.4
● Net cash	16.4



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

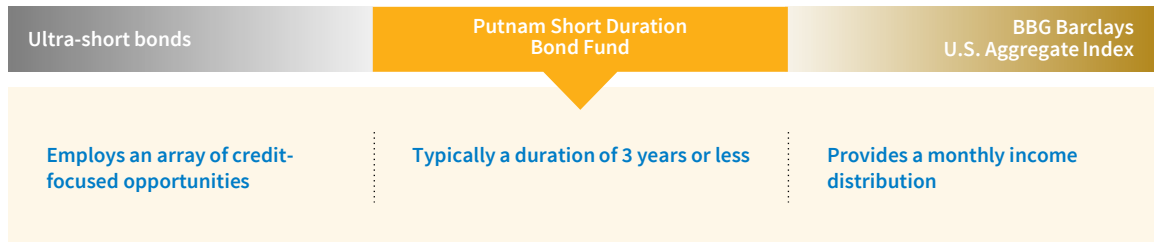
Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher (A-3 or higher, for short-term debt) is considered investment grade. This chart reflects the highest security rating provided by one or more of Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. Ratings and portfolio 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.**

**Portfolio composition**

Investment-grade corporate bonds	48.4%
Residential MBS (non-agency)	15.6
Commercial MBS	15.5
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	3.6
High-yield corporate bonds	0.4
Net cash	16.4

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.

**Putnam Short Duration Bond Fund focus on total return with less interest-rate sensitivity**



**Portfolio repositioning**

- Portfolio was repositioned June 1, 2018
- The fund will now manage duration exposure that is neutral to the ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate Index
- The fund will minimize the use of derivatives

**Morningstar rankings**

(Y shares, based on total return)

1 year	67% (381/574)
3 years	29% (146/514)
5 years	16% (72/458)
10 years	53% (144/300)

**Total expense ratio**

(Y shares)

0.38%

(A shares)

0.63%

**Net assets**

\$2,050.89M

**Number of issues**

592

**Number of issuers**

218

**Dividend frequency**

Monthly

**Standard deviation**

(Y shares)

2.84

**Average effective maturity**

2.41

**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. **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.

Morningstar 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 Morningstar. Morningstar rankings may differ significantly from Morningstar's risk-adjusted star ratings. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Not all share classes are available on all platforms.

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**Annual performance (all distributions reinvested)**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Y shares at net asset value	-1.8%	3.1%	2.0%	1.0%	-0.3%	2.4%	3.5%	2.2%	4.9%	3.4%
A shares before sales charge	-1.9	2.8	1.8	0.7	-0.5	2.3	3.1	2.0	4.6	3.2
Primary benchmark	1.8	4.5	1.8	1.2	1.0	2.4	1.9	1.6	5.4	4.2
Secondary benchmark	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	2.2	5.4	4.2

**Annualized total return performance**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Life of fund
Y shares (Inception 12/23/08)	3.36%	3.48%	3.27%	2.03%	2.17%
A shares (Inception 12/23/08) before sales charge	3.20	3.26	3.03	1.78	1.91
A shares after sales charge	0.88	2.48	2.56	1.55	1.72
Primary benchmark	4.16	3.73	3.09	2.56	3.77
Secondary benchmark	4.16	3.91	2.57	1.33	1.15

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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-ended 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 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. Ratings do not take into account the effects of sales charges and loads. Putnam Short Duration Bond Fund received 4, 4, and 3 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods among 514, 458, and 300 Short-Term Bond funds, respectively.

**Consider these risks before investing:** Allocation of assets among fixed-income strategies and sectors may hurt performance. The effects of inflation may erode the value of your investment over time. The value of investments in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general economic, political, or financial market conditions; investor sentiment and market perceptions; government actions; geopolitical events or changes; and factors related to a specific issuer, geography, industry, or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. 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. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have fees and expenses. 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, which means that they may increase in value less when interest rates decline and decline in value more when interest rates rise. The fund may have to invest the proceeds from prepaid investments, including mortgage- and asset-backed investments, in other investments with less attractive terms and yields. International investing involves currency, economic, and political risks. Emerging-market securities have illiquidity and volatility risks. The fund may not achieve its goal, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. 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. Our investment techniques, analyses, and judgments may not produce the outcome we intend. The investments we select for the fund may not perform as well as other securities that we do not select for the fund. We, or the fund's other service providers, may experience disruptions or operating errors that could have a negative effect on the fund. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

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