

Portfolio Managers

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Fund symbol

PIM

Morningstar category

Multisector Bond

Lipper category

General Bond

Benchmark

ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index

Morningstar rankings

1 year	97% (26/27)
3 years	100% (25/25)
5 years	92% (22/24)
10 years	89% (17/19)

Net assets

\$208.73M

Number of holdings

1,628

Dividend frequency

Monthly

Average effective maturity

3.38

Average effective duration without leverage

-0.59

Current NAV as of 9/30/21

\$4.08

Current market price as of 9/30/21

\$4.07

Putnam Master Intermediate Income Trust

Objective

The fund seeks with equal emphasis high current income and relative stability of net asset value. It allocates assets to the U.S. investment grade sector, high-yield sector, and international sector.

Portfolio quality

AAA	79.9%
AA	0.9
A	1.8
BBB	8.0
BB	19.0
B	12.9
CCC and below	7.9
Not rated	-30.4

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

Maturity breakdown

0 to 1 year	-16.7%
1 to 5 years	87.9
5 to 10 years	29.2
Over 15 years	-0.3

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

Portfolio composition

Agency pass-through	40.7%
Agency CMO	28.5
Commercial MBS	25.4
High-yield corporate bonds	16.9
Residential MBS (non-agency)	14.0
Emerging-market bonds	12.9
Convertible securities	6.0
Bank loans	3.6
Investment-grade corporate bonds	2.7
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	0.4
Equity investments	0.1
Net cash	6.5

Not FDIC insured
May lose value
No bank guarantee

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.

Annual performance before sales charge (all distributions reinvested)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
Fund	11.5%	8.2%	1.4%	-2.3%	6.7%	7.1%	-1.4%	12.8%	-0.5%	-4.9%
Benchmark	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.9	2.4	0.7	0.0

Annualized total return performance

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Life of fund
Fund (Inception 4/29/88)	1.18%	0.84%	3.30%	3.72%	5.71%
Market price	5.82	4.02	5.52	4.68	5.96
Benchmark	0.07	1.24	1.18	0.65	—

Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. Investment return at both net asset value and market price as well as principal value will vary, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance at net asset value reflects the deduction of all management and administrative fees. After-sales-charge returns reflect a maximum 4.00% load. 12b-1 (distribution) fees are not applicable to this fund.

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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.

Consider these risks before investing: Emerging-market securities carry illiquidity and volatility risks. 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. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have fees and expenses. 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 or 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. 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 less when interest rates decline and decline in value more when interest rates rise.

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