

**Fund domicile/type**

Ireland/UCITS

**Inception**

16 November 2015

**Fund assets**

US\$303.18 million

**Base currency**

US dollar

**Benchmark**BofA ML 1-month  
US\$ LIBOR**Unit currency**E units: Euro  
E2 units: Euro  
I units: US dollar  
S units: Sterling  
Y units: Yen**Registered countries**Germany, Ireland,  
United Kingdom**Minimum initial investment**\$10 million  
€10 million  
£10 million  
¥1 billion**Subsequent investment**\$25,000  
€25,000  
£25,000  
¥2.5 million**Symbols****ISIN**E units: IE00BW0DJF00  
E2 units: IE00BW9HGN00  
I units: IE00BW0DJG17  
S units: IE00BW0DJH24  
Y units: IE00BW0DJJ48**Income distribution**

Annually (class E only)

**Deal closing time**

4:00 p.m. (EST)

**Daily valuation point**

4:00 p.m. (EST)

**Fee structure**Management fee: 0.75  
Operating expenses capped  
at 0.30**Contact details**+44 (0)20 7907 8200  
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For institutional investors

# Multi-Asset Absolute Return Fund

## Putnam World Trust

### Fund objective

The Fund seeks to achieve an annual total return that exceeds one-month LIBOR by 7 on an annualised basis over a reasonable period of time (generally at least three years or more) regardless of market conditions, gross of fees.

### Product philosophy

The Fund is designed to pursue a consistent absolute return by combining two independent investment strategies: a directional strategy, managing exposures to broad diversified betas, and a non-directional combination of flexible uncorrelated alpha strategies.

### Product highlights

- Shifts both the composition of risk and total level of risk to maximise risk-adjusted return potential.
- Can potentially be used as a structural core strategy to help dampen overall volatility, or as a complement to more traditional strategies.

### Capital allocation

	Long	Short	Net	Gross*
U.S. Treasury/agency	35.81%	0.00%	35.81%	35.81%
High-yield corporate bonds	23.95	0.00	23.95	23.95
U.S. stocks	100.80	-81.99	18.81	182.79
Agency pass-through	15.74	0.00	15.74	15.74
Commodities	39.89	-26.05	13.84	65.95
International stocks	38.78	-31.70	7.08	70.47
Agency CMO	6.63	-0.49	6.14	7.12
Commercial MBS	6.21	-0.26	5.95	6.47
Emerging-market bonds	1.25	0.00	1.25	1.25
Asset-backed securities (ABS)	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
Emerging-market stocks	17.94	-18.10	-0.16	36.04
Net cash	66.38	0.00	66.38	66.38

\* Gross is calculated at the security level and may not equal the sum of the absolute value of the Long and Short totals because some long positions may have negative market or notional values and some short positions may have positive market or notional values.

### Risk allocation

	Contribution to risk	Percentage contribution to risk
<b>Directional</b>	<b>1.62%</b>	<b>51.06%</b>
Equity	0.51%	16.21%
Credit	0.37%	11.69%
Rates	0.02%	0.73%
Inflation	0.71%	22.44%
<b>Nondirectional</b>	<b>1.55%</b>	<b>48.94%</b>
Equity Selection Alpha	1.11%	35.07%
Fixed Income Selection Alpha	0.10%	3.19%
Fixed Income Sector Alpha	0.00%	0.00%
Regional Equity Long/Short	0.07%	2.07%
Regional Fixed Income Long/Short	0.15%	4.86%
Commodity Alpha	0.04%	1.21%
Currency Alpha	0.03%	1.02%
Alternative Beta	0.05%	1.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.18%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Data as of 31/8/17.

Source: Putnam Investments

### Annualized total return performance

Calculations	Euro		USD	
	Class E	Class E2	Class I	Benchmark
	MAARS (E units) Inception 1/12/15	MAARS (E2 units) Inception 4/12/15	MAARS (I units) Inception 16/11/15	BofA ML USD 1-month LIBOR*
1 month	1.09%	1.06%	1.13%	0.11%
1 year	7.19	6.73	8.40	0.83
Since inception	2.55	2.62	3.91	0.64

\* Since inception for E and E2 units is 0.65% and 0.66%, respectively.

Source: Putnam Investments.

Data is historical. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. More recent returns may be more or less than those shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your units. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions at net asset value (NAV) and reflects Fund operating expenses such as management fees, but does not account for any taxes.

**Investment management team**

**James A. Fetch**  
Co-Head, Global Asset Allocation; Portfolio Manager (industry since 1994)

**Robert J. Kea, CFA**  
Co-Head, Global Asset Allocation; Portfolio Manager (industry since 1988)

**Robert J. Schoen**  
Chief Investment Officer, Global Asset Allocation; Portfolio Manager (industry since 1990)

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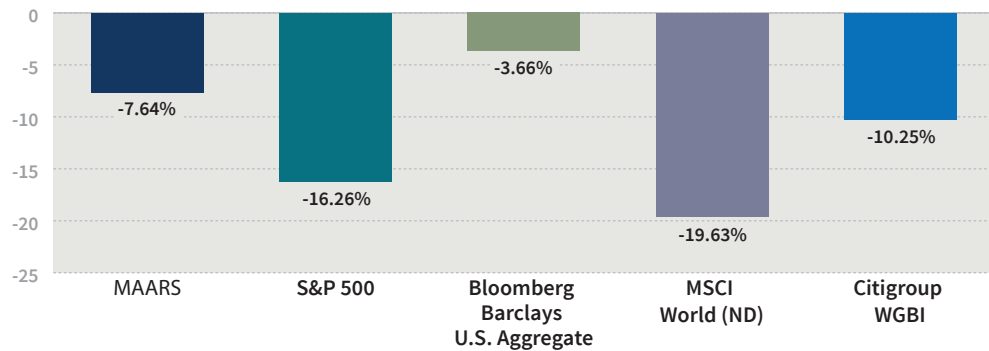
**Beta and R-squared to major indices†**

	Beta	R2
S&P 500	0.26	0.55
MSCI World (ND)	0.24	0.55
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate	0.27	0.03
Citigroup WGBI	0.14	0.03

**Related performance: Putnam Multi-Asset Absolute Return Strategy Composite annualized total return‡**

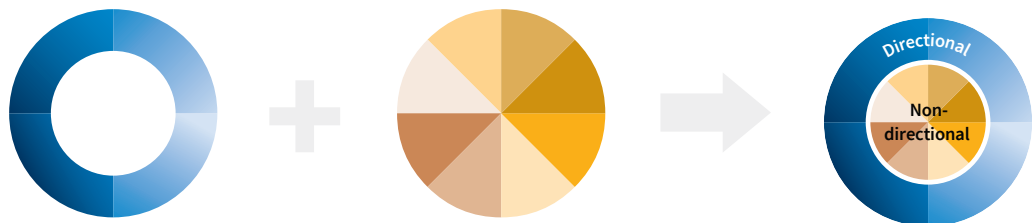
	Gross	Net	BofA ML U.S. T-Bill Index*
1 year	9.79%	8.95%	0.60%
3 years	4.58	3.73	0.31
5 years	5.09	4.22	0.23
Since inception (31/1/09)	6.79	5.89	0.22

**Maximum drawdown analysis (since inception, net of fees)**



Because the inception date of the fund is 16 November 2015, the above portfolio characteristics and risk data are for a Representative Account.

**Dynamically combining directional and non-directional strategies creates a well-diversified portfolio**



**Directional**

- Efficient diversified beta (long, short, zero)
- Dynamic risk allocation

- Equity
- Credit
- Rates
- Inflation

**Non-directional**

- Flexible uncorrelated alpha
- Opportunistic market neutral strategies

- Equity Selection Alpha
- Fixed Income Selection Alpha
- Fixed Income Sector Alpha
- Regional Equity L/S
- Regional Fixed Income L/S
- Commodity Alpha
- Currency Alpha
- Alternative Beta

**Multi-Asset Absolute Return Portfolio**

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For illustrative purposes only. Ranges may change from time to time without notice. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss. It is possible to lose money in a diversified portfolio.

† Based on a simple regression of monthly returns of a representative portfolio versus the listed indices since inception of this portfolio.

‡ Returns less than one year are not annualized. Returns are presented in US dollars and include the reinvestment of dividends and interest. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Please see additional composite disclosures located on the last page of this fact sheet. The Multi-Asset Absolute Return Fund (the "Fund") is newly organized and has limited performance history. The performance information presented above is for the Putnam Multi-Asset Absolute Return Strategy Composite (the "Composite"). It is not that of the Fund and should not be considered a substitute for the Fund's own performance. Composite performance information is intended to illustrate the past performance of accounts that are substantially similar to the Fund. Total Fund expenses are expected to be generally higher than fees reflected in net-of-fee returns in the Composite.

**Shifting composition and total level of risk seeks to maximise risk-adjusted return potential**

We seek the most efficient mix of directional and non-directional strategies



And we adjust the total risk of the portfolio to help manage volatility over market cycles



**Specialised teams focus on market opportunities, global macro, portfolio construction, and risk management**

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- Portfolio Construction and Risk Management**  
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Robert J. Schoen  
Brett S. Goldstein, CFA



- 1 Global Macro team** identifies key themes in current market environment and collaborates with Asset Class teams to construct directional and non-directional views
- 2 Asset Class teams** identify directional and non-directional opportunities and make recommendations for composition and implementation of risk
- 3 Portfolio Construction and Risk Management teams** verify recommendations and allocate risk

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