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Portfolio Manager
(industry since 1999)

Objective

The fund seeks current income.

Type

Active, fully transparent

Putnam BDC Income ETF is a traditional ETF with a transparent portfolio. The fund tells public investors and traders the securities it holds each day. This characteristic makes it different from semi-transparent ETFs that do not disclose the assets they hold each day.

Ticker	CUSIP
PBDC	746729508

Primary exchange

NYSE

Benchmark

S&P BDC Index

Fund distributor

Foreside Fund Services, LLC

Inception

September 29, 2022

Operating expenses*

Management fees	0.75%
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	0.00%
Other expenses†	0.00%
Acquired fund fees and expenses‡	9.86%
Total annual fund operating expenses	10.61%

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

Putnam BDC Income ETF (PBDC)

Investing in companies offering attractive income to public investors through private market exposure

Distinctive high-income opportunities

A BDC is a company that generates an attractive level of income by providing financing primarily to privately held small and midsize companies and distributing most of the net investment income to investors.

Attractive portfolio diversification

BDCs historically have had low correlations to other comparable asset classes and are well positioned for varying interest-rate environments.

A manager with deep BDC experience

The portfolio manager has 20+ years of experience investing in small-cap value stocks and 15+ years of experience investing in BDCs.

Why invest in PBDC?



Income from BDCs

This ETF invests in business development companies (BDCs), which historically have generated an attractive level of income. Most BDCs hold a portfolio of loans to small and midsize companies and distribute most of the income they earn to investors.



Access to private market companies

A BDC is a registered investment company that invests in smaller private companies, similar to venture capital or private equity funds. Public BDCs are equity securities that are typically listed on national exchanges, and they typically own portfolios composed primarily of private market loans.



Active investment process

The fund's disciplined investment process evaluates a BDC's liability structure, dividend policy, fee structure, and underwriting philosophy.

A portfolio manager with extensive experience investing in the BDC universe

Michael Petro, CFA, has 20+ years of experience investing in small-cap value stocks and has invested in securities issued by BDCs since 2007. He is frequently featured as an expert speaker at BDC industry events. In addition to managing Putnam BDC Income ETF, Mike is Portfolio Manager of Putnam Small Cap Value Fund. He has experience as an analyst covering diverse sectors such as financial services, health care, technology, capital goods, and telecommunication services.

Why ETFs?

- **Cost competitive**
ETFs may reduce costs to investors, with a simplified fee structure compared to alternatives.
- **Tax efficient**
The structure of ETFs can reduce the impact of capital gains distributions relative to other investment vehicles.
- **Intraday liquidity**
ETFs trade at any time of day, offering convenience and price clarity when buying and selling.

Why active?

- **Potential for outperformance**
Active strategies aim to outperform passive indexes through investment research and portfolio positioning.
- **Active risk management**
Proactive analysis helps to identify better risk/reward potential than an index offers and seeks to reduce unintended risks.
- **Professional oversight**
Experienced portfolio managers balance risk and return while delivering the ETF's structural benefits.

* **About operating expenses.** A fund that invests in BDCs discloses the expenses of the BDCs as acquired fund fees and expenses (AFFEs). AFFEs make the expense ratios look much higher for this fund compared with other equity funds, but it is important to remember that AFFEs are indirect expenses not borne by the fund. AFFEs are shown as a line item in an expense table to distinguish them from the fees of the fund. Under SEC rules, the fund must report a total expense ratio that combines the fees paid directly out of the fund's assets (direct fees) and the proportional expense ratios of the funds in which it invests.

† Other expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

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The S&P BDC Index is designed to track leading business development companies that trade on major U.S. exchanges.

Shares of any ETF are bought and sold at market price (not NAV), may trade at a discount or premium to NAV, and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Key risks for each fund are below.

Consider these risks before investing: Business development companies (BDCs) generally invest in less mature U.S. private companies or thinly traded U.S. public companies, which involves greater risk than well-established publicly traded companies. The fund will be sensitive to, and its performance will depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the financials sector.

The use of leverage by BDCs magnifies gains and losses on amounts invested and increases the risks associated with investing in BDCs. A BDC may make investments with greater risk of volatility and loss of principal than other investment options and may also be highly speculative and aggressive. Certain BDCs may also be difficult to value since many of the assets of BDCs do not have readily ascertainable market values.

As a non-diversified fund, the fund invests in fewer issuers and is more vulnerable than a more broadly diversified fund to fluctuations in the values of the securities it holds. 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.

You should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before you invest. This and other important information is contained in the fund's prospectus available on [Putnam.com](https://www.putnam.com) or by calling 1-833-228-5577. Please read carefully before you invest.

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