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Putnam Equity Spectrum Fund

Semiannual report
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Blend funds invest opportunistically in a variety of stocks, such as growth stocks and value stocks.

FUND SYMBOL
CLASS A
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Consider these risks before investing: The value of stocks in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions, changes in government intervention in the financial markets, and factors related to a specific issuer, industry or sector. These and other factors may also lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and value stocks may fail to rebound. These risks are generally greater for small and midsize companies. The fund will be more susceptible to these risks than other funds because it may concentrate its investments in a limited number of issuers and currently focuses its investments in particular sectors. Because the fund currently invests significantly in the communications services and health-care sectors, the fund may perform poorly as a result of adverse developments affecting those companies or sectors. The fund may focus its investments in other sectors in the future, in which case it would be exposed to risks relating to those sectors. The value of international investments traded in foreign currencies may be adversely impacted by fluctuations in exchange rates. International investments, particularly investments in emerging markets, may carry risks associated with potentially less stable economies or governments (such as the risk of seizure by a foreign government, the imposition of currency or other restrictions, or high levels of inflation or deflation), and may be or become illiquid. The fund's investments in leveraged companies and the fund's "non-diversified" status, which means the fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in fewer issuers than a "diversified" fund, and the fund's use of short selling can increase the risks of investing in the fund. You can lose money by investing in the fund.

Message from the Trustees

December 9, 2016

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

The U.S. presidential election is now behind us, but the transitional period in Washington, D.C., may bring bouts of volatility to the financial markets. Election campaigns are often followed by uncertainty regarding the new administration, and new presidents may seek to make legislative changes to economic policies.

If recent history is a worthy guide, we believe it is important for investors to remain well diversified, maintain a long-term view, and not overreact to volatile markets. To help ensure that your portfolio is aligned with your individual goals, time horizon, and tolerance for risk, we believe it is a good idea to speak regularly with your financial advisor.

In today's environment, we favor the investment approach practiced at Putnam — active strategies based on fundamental research. Putnam portfolio managers, backed by a network of global analysts, bring years of experience to navigating changing market conditions and pursuing investment opportunities. In the following pages, you will find an overview of your fund's performance for the reporting period ended October 31, 2016, as well as an outlook for the coming months.

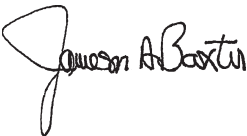
Thank you for investing with Putnam.

Respectfully yours,



Robert L. Reynolds

President and Chief Executive Officer
Putnam Investments



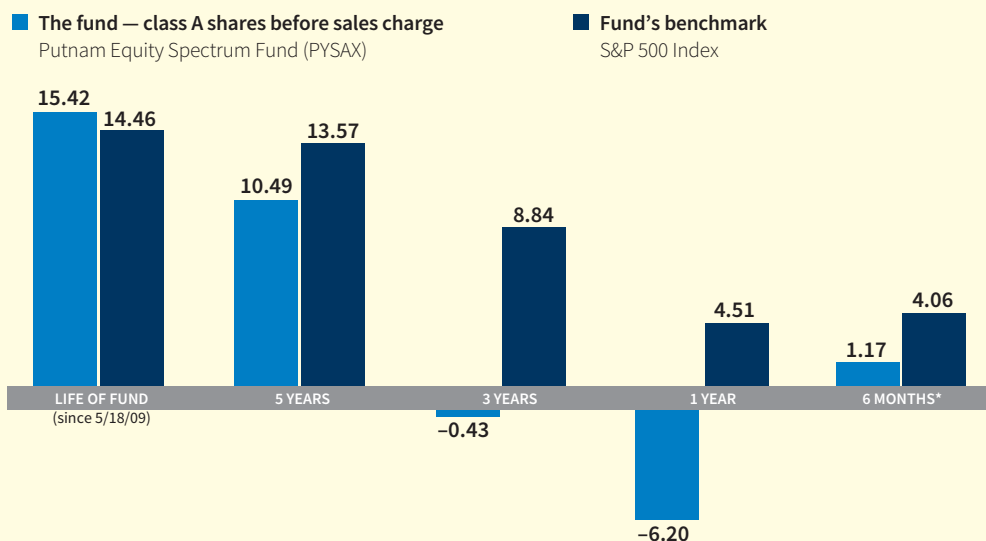
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Performance history as of 10/31/16

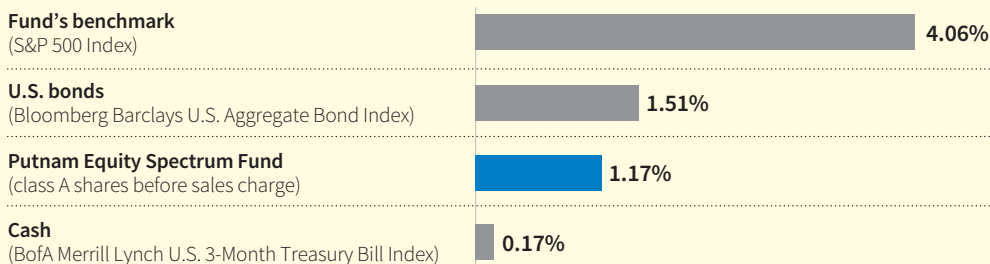
ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN (%) COMPARISON



Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. Share price, principal value, and return will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance of class A shares assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Fund returns in the bar chart do not reflect a sales charge of 5.75%; had they, returns would have been lower. See below and pages 8–9 for additional performance information. For a portion of the periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit putnam.com.

* Returns for the six-month period are not annualized, but cumulative.

RECENT BROAD MARKET INDEX AND FUND PERFORMANCE



This comparison shows your fund's performance in the context of broad market indexes for the six months ended 10/31/16. See above and pages 8–9 for additional fund performance information. Index descriptions can be found on page 12.

Interview with your fund's portfolio manager

David Glancy offers his perspective on the economic and market factors driving U.S. stocks for the six-month period ended October 31, 2016, as well as his analysis and outlook for key portfolio holdings.



David L. Glancy
Portfolio Manager

David has an M.B.A. from Goizueta Business School at Emory University and a B.A. from Tulane University. He joined Putnam in 2009 and has been in the investment industry since 1987.

David, how was the investing environment during the six-month reporting period ended October 31, 2016?

Conditions during the period, which began in May 2016, were generally positive, and the U.S. stock market delivered a gain overall despite a few bouts of volatility. The most dramatic turbulence hit global stock markets in late June, largely in response to Brexit — the United Kingdom's referendum vote in favor of leaving the European Union. While polling showed public opinion fairly evenly split prior to the June 23 vote, many investors were shocked by the outcome. Stock prices plummeted in the two days after the vote, followed by a rather dramatic recovery for U.S. stocks and a relatively calm summer for global markets. Stock performance was weaker in the final two months of the period, as uncertainty surrounding the November 8 presidential election and the likelihood of a Federal Reserve rate hike by year-end weighed on investor sentiment.

I would characterize the overall market environment as tepid, with a lack of investor conviction. For the early part of the period, investors continued to hunker down in

Portfolio composition

	LONG SECURITIES	SHORT SECURITIES	ALL SECURITIES
Common stocks	82.8%	—	82.8%
Short-term investments	11.0%	—	11.0%
Convertible preferred stocks	6.2%	—	6.2%
Warrants	—	—	—

Allocations are shown as a percentage of portfolio market value as of 10/31/16. Data include exposure achieved through securities sold short; however, they exclude derivatives, short-term investments held as collateral for loaned securities, TBA commitments, and collateral received on certain derivative instruments, if any. These percentages may differ from allocations shown later in this report. Holdings and allocations may vary over time.

Top 10 holdings

HOLDING (PERCENTAGE OF FUND'S NET ASSETS)	INDUSTRY	OVER/UNDERWEIGHT VS. BENCHMARK
DISH Network Corp. (23.6%)	Media	23.6%
Jazz Pharmaceuticals PLC (14.2%)	Pharmaceuticals	14.2%
EchoStar Corp. (12.4%)	Communications equipment	12.4%
American Airlines Group, Inc. (6.0%)	Airlines	5.9%
Uber Technologies, Inc. (4.7%)	Internet and direct marketing retail	4.7%
Altisource Portfolio Solutions SA (4.3%)	Real estate management and development	4.3%
STAAR Surgical Co. (4.1%)	Health-care equipment and supplies	4.1%
ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (2.5%)	Biotechnology	2.5%
Pioneer Natural Resources Co. (2.4%)	Oil, gas, and consumable fuels	2.2%
W.R. Grace & Co. (2.3%)	Chemicals	2.3%

This table shows the fund's top 10 holdings by percentage of the fund's net assets as of 10/31/16. Short-term investments and derivatives, if any, are excluded. Holdings may vary over time.

defensive stocks in areas such as telecommunications, utilities, and consumer staples. However, after an extended period of outperformance from defensive, high-dividend-paying stocks, investors finally began to favor riskier assets as the period came to a close. Post-Brexit worries calmed rather quickly, and major U.S. equity indexes saw new record highs despite continued lackluster earnings results from corporations.

How did the fund perform in this environment?

For the six-month period, the fund delivered a return of 1.17%, underperforming its benchmark, the S&P 500 Index, which returned 4.06%. The fund's weak relative performance was due to concentrated positions in certain holdings, particularly within the pharmaceutical industry, that underperformed the benchmark. In my view, these share price declines are temporary in nature and do not reflect any fundamental weakness in the businesses.

What were some holdings that detracted from the fund's performance?

The top detractor for the period was the stock of Jazz Pharmaceuticals, which struggled, in my view, mainly due to pre-election rhetoric that focused on drug pricing. As the U.S. presidential election approached, renewed media attention on escalating costs of prescription drugs created headwinds for the entire pharmaceutical industry. However, we continued to see positive developments for Jazz, particularly with its narcolepsy drug, Xyrem, a key profit driver for the company. Jazz has recently overcome a number of patent challenges for Xyrem, which offered some clarity on the drug's exclusivity period and provided the company with leverage against generic manufacturers. In addition, Jazz is working to expand its narcolepsy franchise with JZP 110, a treatment currently in development. Top-line data from recent phase III studies of JZP 110 are expected in early 2017.

“After an extended period of outperformance from defensive stocks, investors finally began to favor riskier assets.”

David Glancy

Also dampening performance for the period was the fund's investment in Altisource Portfolio Solutions, a provider of services and technology for the mortgage and real estate industries. Altisource has a close relationship with Ocwen Financial, which is in the process of exiting its non-agency mortgage servicing business. Ocwen has been a high-margin line of business for Altisource, and Altisource stock struggled as investors worried about the impact of this development on the company's earnings.

Could you discuss some notable contributors to fund performance for the period?

The top-performing fund holding for the period was satellite TV provider DISH Network, and I continue to have conviction in DISH's long-term prospects. While the subscriber base for DISH's satellite TV service remains largely stable, the focus among many investors has been on the company's wireless spectrum assets. I continue to believe that these assets could be extremely valuable to a major cellular phone service provider. DISH has been unable to make public comments regarding spectrum assets due to a "quiet period" required for Federal Communications Commission airwave auctions. My analysis places a value on the company's wireless assets that I believe is supported by recent public transactions, and we anticipate a resolution to the wireless auction in the coming months.

The fund's investment in EchoStar, a satellite services company, was also among the top contributors to performance. I believe EchoStar has a strong balance sheet and healthy cash-flow levels, and investors have reacted

favorably to the company’s plans to launch four satellites in the coming months, which could provide a boost to subscriber growth.

Another portfolio highlight was the fund’s investment in American Airlines. Through much of the first half of 2016, airline stocks struggled as investors grew concerned about rising competition, fewer passengers, higher fuel prices, and increased labor costs. More recently, we saw a rebound for the industry as investors began to see improved capacity discipline — that is, airlines are effectively monitoring flight and passenger volumes to keep supply in line with demand. Revenue per available seat mile — a key measure of airline profitability — improved during the reporting period. In addition to improved industry trends, I believe American Airlines is poised to benefit from its merger with US Airways. American Airlines became the nation’s largest air carrier after the merger, and the company met an important technology milestone at the close of September when all pilots and planes were transitioned to a single operating system. It is important to note that it may be some time before we see the full anticipated benefits of the merger, such as increased market share, improved profitability, and operating efficiencies.

Can you provide an update on the portfolio’s cash position?

At the close of October, cash levels in the fund were higher than they were at the start of the six-month period. Cash in the portfolio assists the fund in meeting redemptions and can serve as a “dry powder” that enables me to add to positions when price dislocations occur.

What is your rationale for the fund’s concentrated strategy?

I build large positions in stocks that I consider my best investment ideas. I believe that over-diversification of the portfolio may dilute its long-term performance, especially in today’s market, where I am finding fewer investment opportunities. I take a bottom-up, fundamental approach to stock selection and generally do not make investment decisions based on macroeconomic factors. Instead, I focus on the fundamental strength of individual companies, seeking those that I believe are ripe for significant capital appreciation because they have an internal catalyst that will eventually unlock value.

Thanks, David, for this update on the fund.

Sector allocations

	LONG SECURITIES	SHORT SECURITIES	ALL SECURITIES
Consumer discretionary	30.0%	—	30.0%
Health care	23.2%	—	23.2%
Information technology	12.4%	—	12.4%
Short-term investments	11.0%	—	11.0%
Industrials	8.8%	—	8.8%
Real estate	6.5%	—	6.5%
Energy	3.7%	—	3.7%
Materials	2.3%	—	2.3%
Financials	2.1%	—	2.1%

Allocations are shown as a percentage of portfolio market value as of 10/31/16. Data include exposure achieved through securities sold short; however, they exclude derivatives, short-term investments held as collateral for loaned securities, TBA commitments, and collateral received on certain derivative instruments, if any. These percentages may differ from allocations shown later in this report. Holdings and allocations may vary over time.

The views expressed in this report are exclusively those of Putnam Management and are subject to change. They are not meant as investment advice.

Please note that the holdings discussed in this report may not have been held by the fund for the entire period. Portfolio composition is subject to review in accordance with the fund's investment strategy and may vary in the future. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Your fund's performance

This section shows your fund's performance, price, and distribution information for periods ended October 31, 2016, the end of the first half of its current fiscal year. In accordance with regulatory requirements for mutual funds, we also include performance information as of the most recent calendar quarter-end and expense information taken from the fund's current prospectus.

Performance should always be considered in light of a fund's investment strategy. Data represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance information does not reflect any deduction for taxes a shareholder may owe on fund distributions or on the redemption of fund shares. For the most recent month-end performance, please visit the Individual Investors section at putnam.com or call Putnam at 1-800-225-1581. Class R and Y shares are not available to all investors. See the Terms and Definitions section in this report for definitions of the share classes offered by your fund.

Fund performance Total return for periods ended 10/31/16

	Life of fund	Annual average	5 years	Annual average	3 years	Annual average	1 year	6 months
Class A (5/18/09)								
Before sales charge	191.12%	15.42%	64.71%	10.49%	-1.29%	-0.43%	-6.20%	1.17%
After sales charge	174.38	14.51	55.24	9.19	-6.96	-2.38	-11.60	-4.65
Class B (5/18/09)								
Before CDSC	175.36	14.56	58.61	9.66	-3.48	-1.17	-6.91	0.79
After CDSC	175.36	14.56	56.61	9.39	-6.01	-2.04	-11.18	-4.21
Class C (5/18/09)								
Before CDSC	175.34	14.56	58.59	9.66	-3.52	-1.19	-6.92	0.76
After CDSC	175.34	14.56	58.59	9.66	-3.52	-1.19	-7.78	-0.24
Class M (5/18/09)								
Before sales charge	180.36	14.84	60.54	9.93	-2.78	-0.94	-6.71	0.90
After sales charge	170.55	14.29	54.92	9.15	-6.19	-2.11	-9.98	-2.63
Class R (5/18/09)								
Net asset value	185.73	15.13	62.59	10.21	-2.05	-0.69	-6.45	1.04
Class Y (5/18/09)								
Net asset value	196.62	15.71	66.74	10.77	-0.55	-0.18	-5.99	1.31

Current performance may be lower or higher than the quoted past performance, which cannot guarantee future results. After-sales-charge returns for class A and M shares reflect the deduction of the maximum 5.75% and 3.50% sales charge, respectively, levied at the time of purchase. Class B share returns after contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) reflect the applicable CDSC, which is 5% in the first year, declining over time to 1% in the sixth year, and is eliminated thereafter. Class C share returns after CDSC reflect a 1% CDSC for the first year that is eliminated thereafter. Class R and Y shares have no initial sales charge or CDSC.

For a portion of the periods, the fund had expense limitations, without which returns would have been lower.

Comparative index returns For periods ended 10/31/16

	Life of fund	Annual average	5 years	Annual average	3 years	Annual average	1 year	6 months
S&P 500 Index	173.51%	14.46%	88.90%	13.57%	28.93%	8.84%	4.51%	4.06%

Index results should be compared with fund performance before sales charge, before CDSC, or at net asset value.

Fund price and distribution information For the six-month period ended 10/31/16

Share value	Class A		Class B	Class C	Class M		Class R	Class Y
	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Net asset value	Net asset value	Before sales charge	After sales charge	Net asset value	Net asset value
4/30/16	\$33.27	\$35.30	\$31.73	\$31.67	\$32.28	\$33.45	\$32.80	\$33.71
10/31/16	33.66	35.71	31.98	31.91	32.57	33.75	33.14	34.15

The classification of distributions, if any, is an estimate. Before-sales-charge share value and current dividend rate for class A and M shares, if applicable, do not take into account any sales charge levied at the time of purchase. After-sales-charge share value, current dividend rate, and current 30-day SEC yield, if applicable, are calculated assuming that the maximum sales charge (5.75% for class A shares and 3.50% for class M shares) was levied at the time of purchase. Final distribution information will appear on your year-end tax forms.

The fund made no distributions during the period.

Fund performance as of most recent calendar quarter Total return for periods ended 9/30/16

	Life of fund	Annual average	5 years	Annual average	3 years	Annual average	1 year	6 months
Class A (5/18/09)								
Before sales charge	196.83%	15.92%	82.71%	12.81%	3.25%	1.07%	2.61%	7.25%
After sales charge	179.76	14.99	72.20	11.48	-2.69	-0.90	-3.29	1.08
Class B (5/18/09)								
Before CDSC	180.96	15.06	76.01	11.97	0.95	0.32	1.84	6.84
After CDSC	180.96	15.06	74.01	11.72	-1.69	-0.57	-2.83	1.84
Class C (5/18/09)								
Before CDSC	180.95	15.06	75.93	11.96	0.92	0.31	1.84	6.82
After CDSC	180.95	15.06	75.93	11.96	0.92	0.31	0.91	5.82
Class M (5/18/09)								
Before sales charge	186.04	15.34	78.12	12.24	1.71	0.57	2.08	6.95
After sales charge	176.03	14.78	71.89	11.44	-1.85	-0.62	-1.49	3.21
Class R (5/18/09)								
Net asset value	191.42	15.63	80.40	12.52	2.45	0.81	2.35	7.10
Class Y (5/18/09)								
Net asset value	202.35	16.21	84.98	13.09	4.00	1.32	2.85	7.34

See the discussion following the fund performance table on page 8 for information about the calculation of fund performance.

Your fund's expenses

As a mutual fund investor, you pay ongoing expenses, such as management fees, distribution fees (12b-1 fees), and other expenses. Using the following information, you can estimate how these expenses affect your investment and compare them with the expenses of other funds. You may also pay one-time transaction expenses, including sales charges (loads) and redemption fees, which are not shown in this section and would have resulted in higher total expenses. For more information, see your fund's prospectus or talk to your financial representative.

Expense ratios

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class M	Class R	Class Y
Total annual operating expenses for the fiscal year ended 4/30/16	1.18%	1.93%	1.93%	1.68%	1.43%	0.93%
Annualized expense ratio for the six-month period ended 10/31/16*	0.37%	1.12%	1.12%	0.87%	0.62%	0.12%

Fiscal-year expense information in this table is taken from the most recent prospectus, is subject to change, and may differ from that shown for the annualized expense ratio and in the financial highlights of this report.

Expenses are shown as a percentage of average net assets.

* Includes a decrease of 0.85% from annualizing the performance fee adjustment for the six months ended 10/31/16.

Expenses per \$1,000

The following table shows the expenses you would have paid on a \$1,000 investment in each class of the fund from 5/1/16 to 10/31/16. It also shows how much a \$1,000 investment would be worth at the close of the period, assuming *actual returns* and expenses.

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class M	Class R	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000†	\$1.88	\$5.67	\$5.67	\$4.41	\$3.14	\$0.61
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,011.70	\$1,007.90	\$1,007.60	\$1,009.00	\$1,010.40	\$1,013.10

* Expenses for each share class are calculated using the fund's annualized expense ratio for each class, which represents the ongoing expenses as a percentage of average net assets for the six months ended 10/31/16. The expense ratio may differ for each share class.

† Expenses are calculated by multiplying the expense ratio by the average account value for the period; then multiplying the result by the number of days in the period; and then dividing that result by the number of days in the year.

Estimate the expenses you paid

To estimate the ongoing expenses you paid for the six months ended 10/31/16, use the following calculation method. To find the value of your investment on 5/1/16, call Putnam at 1-800-225-1581.

How to calculate the expenses you paid

Value of your investment on 5/1/16 ÷ **\$1,000** X **Expenses paid per \$1,000** = **Total expenses paid**

Example *Based on a \$10,000 investment in class A shares of your fund.*

\$10,000 ÷ **\$1,000** X **\$1.88** (see preceding table) = **\$18.80**

Compare expenses using the SEC's method

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has established guidelines to help investors assess fund expenses. Per these guidelines, the following table shows your fund's expenses based on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a *hypothetical 5% annualized return*. You can use this information to compare the ongoing expenses (but not transaction expenses or total costs) of investing in the fund with those of other funds. All mutual fund shareholder reports will provide this information to help you make this comparison. Please note that you cannot use this information to estimate your actual ending account balance and expenses paid during the period.

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class M	Class R	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000*†	\$1.89	\$5.70	\$5.70	\$4.43	\$3.16	\$0.61
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,023.34	\$1,019.56	\$1,019.56	\$1,020.82	\$1,022.08	\$1,024.60

* Expenses for each share class are calculated using the fund's annualized expense ratio for each class, which represents the ongoing expenses as a percentage of average net assets for the six months ended 10/31/16. The expense ratio may differ for each share class.

† Expenses are calculated by multiplying the expense ratio by the average account value for the six-month period; then multiplying the result by the number of days in the six-month period; and then dividing that result by the number of days in the year.

Terms and definitions

Important terms

Total return shows how the value of the fund's shares changed over time, assuming you held the shares through the entire period and reinvested all distributions in the fund.

Before sales charge, or net asset value, is the price, or value, of one share of a mutual fund, without a sales charge. Before-sales-charge figures fluctuate with market conditions, and are calculated by dividing the net assets of each class of shares by the number of outstanding shares in the class.

After sales charge is the price of a mutual fund share plus the maximum sales charge levied at the time of purchase. After-sales-charge performance figures shown here assume the 5.75% maximum sales charge for class A shares and 3.50% for class M shares.

Contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) is generally a charge applied at the time of the redemption of class B or C shares and assumes redemption at the end of the period. Your fund's class B CDSC declines over time from a 5% maximum during the first year to 1% during the sixth year. After the sixth year, the CDSC no longer applies. The CDSC for class C shares is 1% for one year after purchase.

Share classes

Class A shares are generally subject to an initial sales charge and no CDSC (except on certain redemptions of shares bought without an initial sales charge).

Class B shares are not subject to an initial sales charge and may be subject to a CDSC.

Class C shares are not subject to an initial sales charge and are subject to a CDSC only if the shares are redeemed during the first year.

Class M shares have a lower initial sales charge and a higher 12b-1 fee than class A shares and no CDSC.

Class R shares are not subject to an initial sales charge or CDSC and are only available to employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Class Y shares are not subject to an initial sales charge or CDSC, and carry no 12b-1 fee. They are generally only available to corporate and institutional clients and clients in other approved programs.

Comparative indexes

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. investment-grade fixed-income securities.

BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure the performance of U.S. Treasury bills available in the marketplace.

S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stock performance.

Indexes assume reinvestment of all distributions and do not account for fees. Securities and performance of a fund and an index will differ. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Other information for shareholders

Important notice regarding delivery of shareholder documents

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations, Putnam sends a single copy of annual and semiannual shareholder reports, prospectuses, and proxy statements to Putnam shareholders who share the same address, unless a shareholder requests otherwise. If you prefer to receive your own copy of these documents, please call Putnam at 1-800-225-1581, and Putnam will begin sending individual copies within 30 days.

Proxy voting

Putnam is committed to managing our mutual funds in the best interests of our shareholders. The Putnam funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures, as well as information regarding how your fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30, 2016, are available in the Individual Investors section of putnam.com, and on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. If you have questions about finding forms on the SEC's website, you may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also obtain the Putnam funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures at no charge by calling Putnam's Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-1581.

Fund portfolio holdings

The fund will file a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may obtain the fund's Form N-Q on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the fund's Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information about the SEC's website or the operation of the Public Reference Room.

Trustee and employee fund ownership

Putnam employees and members of the Board of Trustees place their faith, confidence, and, most importantly, investment dollars in Putnam mutual funds. As of October 31, 2016, Putnam employees had approximately \$492,000,000 and the Trustees had approximately \$132,000,000 invested in Putnam mutual funds. These amounts include investments by the Trustees' and employees' immediate family members as well as investments through retirement and deferred compensation plans.

Trustee approval of management contract

General conclusions

The Board of Trustees of The Putnam Funds oversees the management of each fund and, as required by law, determines annually whether to approve the continuance of your fund's management contract with Putnam Investment Management, LLC ("Putnam Management"), the sub-management contract with respect to your fund between Putnam Management and its affiliate, Putnam Investments Limited ("PIL"), and the sub-advisory contract among Putnam Management, PIL, and another affiliate, The Putnam Advisory Company ("PAC"). The Board, with the assistance of its Contract Committee, requests and evaluates all information it deems reasonably necessary under the circumstances in connection with its annual contract review. The Contract Committee consists solely of Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as this term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) of The Putnam Funds ("Independent Trustees").

At the outset of the review process, members of the Board's independent staff and independent legal counsel discussed with representatives of Putnam Management the annual contract review materials furnished to the Contract Committee during the course of the previous year's review, identifying possible changes in these materials that might be necessary or desirable for the coming year. Following these discussions and in consultation with the Contract Committee, the Independent Trustees' independent legal counsel requested that Putnam Management and its affiliates furnish specified information, together with any additional information that Putnam Management considered relevant, to the Contract Committee. Over the course of several months ending in June 2016, the Contract Committee met on a number of occasions with representatives of Putnam Management, and separately in executive session, to consider the information that Putnam Management provided, as well as supplemental information provided in response to an additional request made by the Contract Committee. Throughout this process, the Contract Committee was assisted by the members of the Board's independent staff and by independent legal counsel for The Putnam Funds and the Independent Trustees.

In May 2016, the Contract Committee met in executive session to discuss and consider its recommendations with respect to the continuance of the contracts. At the Trustees' June 24, 2016 meeting, the Contract Committee met in executive session with the other Independent Trustees to review a summary of the key financial, performance and other data that the Contract Committee considered in the course of its review. The Contract Committee then presented its written report, which summarized the key factors that the Committee had considered and set forth its recommendations. The Contract Committee then recommended, and the Independent Trustees approved, the continuance of your fund's management, sub-management and sub-advisory contracts, effective July 1, 2016. (Because PIL and PAC are affiliates of Putnam Management and Putnam Management remains fully responsible for all services provided by PIL and PAC, the Trustees have not attempted to evaluate PIL or PAC as separate entities, and all subsequent references to Putnam Management below should be deemed to include reference to PIL and PAC as necessary or appropriate in the context.)

The Independent Trustees' approval was based on the following conclusions:

- That the fee schedule in effect for your fund represented reasonable compensation in light of the nature and quality of the services being provided to the fund, the fees paid by competitive funds, the costs incurred by Putnam Management in providing services to the fund, and the continued application of certain reductions and waivers noted below; and
- That the fee schedule in effect for your fund represented an appropriate sharing between fund shareholders and Putnam Management of such economies of scale as may exist in the management of the fund at current asset levels.

These conclusions were based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Trustees and were not the result of any single factor. Some of the factors that figured particularly in the Trustees' deliberations and how the Trustees considered these factors are described below, although individual Trustees may have evaluated the information presented differently, giving different weights to various factors. It is also important to recognize that the management

arrangements for your fund and the other Putnam funds are the result of many years of review and discussion between the Independent Trustees and Putnam Management, that some aspects of the arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than others, and that the Trustees' conclusions may be based, in part, on their consideration of fee arrangements in previous years. For example, with some minor exceptions, the funds' current fee arrangements under the management contracts were first implemented at the beginning of 2010 following extensive review by the Contract Committee and discussions with representatives of Putnam Management, as well as approval by shareholders.

Management fee schedules and total expenses

The Trustees reviewed the management fee schedules in effect for all Putnam funds, including fee levels and breakpoints. The Trustees also reviewed the total expenses of each Putnam fund, recognizing that in most cases management fees represented the major, but not the sole, determinant of total costs to shareholders. (In a few instances, funds have implemented so-called "all-in" management fees covering substantially all routine fund operating costs.)

In reviewing fees and expenses, the Trustees generally focus their attention on material changes in circumstances — for example, changes in assets under management, changes in a fund's investment style, changes in Putnam Management's operating costs or profitability, or changes in competitive practices in the mutual fund industry — that suggest that consideration of fee changes might be warranted. The Trustees concluded that the circumstances did not indicate that changes to the management fee structure for your fund would be appropriate at this time.

Under its management contract, your fund has the benefit of breakpoints in its management fee schedule that provide shareholders with economies of scale in the form of reduced fee rates as assets under management in the Putnam family of funds increase. The Trustees concluded that the fee schedule in effect for your fund represented an appropriate sharing of economies of scale between fund shareholders and Putnam Management.

In addition, your fund's management contract provides that its management fees will be adjusted up or down depending upon whether

your fund's performance is better or worse than the performance of an appropriate index of securities prices specified in the management contract. In the course of reviewing investment performance, the Trustees examined the operation of your fund's performance fees and concluded that these fees were operating effectively to align further Putnam Management's economic interests with those of the fund's shareholders.

As in the past, the Trustees also focused on the competitiveness of each fund's total expense ratio. In order to support the effort to have fund expenses meet competitive standards, the Trustees and Putnam Management have implemented certain expense limitations that were in effect during your fund's fiscal year ending in 2015.

These expense limitations were: (i) a contractual expense limitation applicable to specified retail open-end funds, including your fund, of 32 basis points on investor servicing fees and expenses and (ii) a contractual expense limitation applicable to specified open-end funds, including your fund, of 20 basis points on so-called "other expenses" (i.e., all expenses exclusive of management fees, distribution fees, investor servicing fees, investment-related expenses, interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expenses).

These expense limitations attempt to maintain competitive expense levels for the funds. Most funds, including your fund, had sufficiently low expenses that these expense limitations were not operative during their fiscal years ending in 2015. Putnam Management has agreed to maintain these expense limitations until at least August 30, 2017 and to reduce the contractual expense limitation on investor servicing fees and expenses from 32 basis points to 25 basis points effective September 1, 2016. Putnam Management's support for these expense limitation arrangements was an important factor in the Trustees' decision to approve the continuance of your fund's management, sub-management and sub-advisory contracts.

The Trustees reviewed comparative fee and expense information for a custom group of competitive funds selected by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"). This comparative information included your fund's percentile ranking for effective management fees and total expenses (excluding any applicable 12b-1 fee), which provides a general indication of your fund's relative standing. In the custom peer group, your fund ranked in the third quintile

in effective management fees (determined for your fund and the other funds in the custom peer group based on fund asset size and the applicable contractual management fee schedule) and in the third quintile in total expenses (excluding any applicable 12b-1 fees) as of December 31, 2015. The first quintile represents the least expensive funds and the fifth quintile the most expensive funds. The fee and expense data reported by Broadridge as of December 31, 2015 reflected the most recent fiscal year-end data available in Broadridge's database at that time.

In connection with their review of fund management fees and total expenses, the Trustees also reviewed the costs of the services provided and the profits realized by Putnam Management and its affiliates from their contractual relationships with the funds. This information included trends in revenues, expenses and profitability of Putnam Management and its affiliates relating to the investment management, investor servicing and distribution services provided to the funds. In this regard, the Trustees also reviewed an analysis of Putnam Management's revenues, expenses and profitability, allocated on a fund-by-fund basis, with respect to the funds' management, distribution, and investor servicing contracts. For each fund, the analysis presented information about revenues, expenses and profitability for each of the agreements separately and for the agreements taken together on a combined basis. The Trustees concluded that, at current asset levels, the fee schedules in place represented reasonable compensation for the services being provided and represented an appropriate sharing between fund shareholders and Putnam Management of such economies of scale as may exist in the management of the Putnam funds at that time.

The information examined by the Trustees as part of their annual contract review for the Putnam funds included information regarding fees charged by Putnam Management and its affiliates to institutional clients such as defined benefit pension plans, college endowments, sub-advised third-party mutual funds, and the like. This information included comparisons of those fees with fees charged to the Putnam funds, as well as an assessment of the differences in the services provided to these different types of clients. The Trustees observed that the differences in fee rates between these clients and the Putnam funds are by no means uniform when examined by individual asset sectors, suggesting that differences in the pricing of investment management services

to these types of clients may reflect, among other things, historical competitive forces operating in separate markets. The Trustees considered the fact that in many cases fee rates across different asset classes are higher on average for mutual funds than for institutional clients, as well as the differences between the services that Putnam Management provides to the Putnam funds and those that it provides to its other clients. The Trustees did not rely on these comparisons to any significant extent in concluding that the management fees paid by your fund are reasonable.

Investment performance

The quality of the investment process provided by Putnam Management represented a major factor in the Trustees' evaluation of the quality of services provided by Putnam Management under your fund's management contract. The Trustees were assisted in their review of the Putnam funds' investment process and performance by the work of the investment oversight committees of the Trustees, which meet on a regular basis with the funds' portfolio teams and with the Chief Investment Officer and other senior members of Putnam Management's Investment Division throughout the year. The Trustees concluded that Putnam Management generally provides a high-quality investment process — based on the experience and skills of the individuals assigned to the management of fund portfolios, the resources made available to them, and in general Putnam Management's ability to attract and retain high-quality personnel — but also recognized that this does not guarantee favorable investment results for every fund in every time period.

The Trustees considered that 2015 was a year of mixed performance results for the Putnam funds, with generally strong results for the international equity, global sector and global asset allocation funds, but generally disappointing results for the U.S. and small-cap equity, Spectrum and fixed income funds. They noted that the longer-term performance of the Putnam funds generally continued to be strong, exemplified by the fact that the Putnam funds were ranked by the Barron's/Lipper Fund Families survey as the 18th-best performing mutual fund complex out of 58 complexes for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015. They also noted, however, the disappointing investment performance of some funds for periods ended December 31, 2015 and considered information provided by Putnam

Management regarding the factors contributing to the underperformance and actions being taken to improve the performance of these particular funds. The Trustees indicated their intention to continue to monitor performance trends to assess the effectiveness of these efforts and to evaluate whether additional actions to address areas of underperformance are warranted.

For purposes of evaluating investment performance, the Trustees generally focus on a competitive industry ranking of each fund's total net return over a one-year, three-year and five-year period. For a number of Putnam funds with relatively unique investment mandates for which meaningful competitive performance rankings are not considered to be available, the Trustees evaluated performance based on their total gross and net returns and, in most cases, comparisons of those returns with the returns of selected investment benchmarks. In the case of your fund, the Trustees considered information about your fund's total return and its performance relative to its benchmark over the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2015. Your fund's class A shares' net return was negative and trailed the return of its benchmark over the one-year period and was positive and trailed the return of its benchmark over the three-year and five-year periods. (When considering performance information, shareholders should be mindful that past performance is not a guarantee of future results.)

The Trustees expressed concern about your fund's underperformance relative to its benchmark over the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2015 and considered the circumstances that may have contributed to this disappointing performance. The Trustees considered Putnam Management's view that the fund's underperformance over these periods was largely attributable to the fund's large holdings in several different companies, including certain telecommunications, technology and pharmaceutical companies, which had disappointing performance in 2015. The Trustees also considered Putnam Management's view that the Fund's underperformance over the three-year and five-year periods was also attributable to the fund's large holdings in certain mortgage service companies, which performed poorly in 2014.

The Trustees considered that Putnam Management remained confident in the portfolio manager and his investment process. The Trustees also

considered Putnam Management's continued efforts to support fund performance through initiatives including structuring compensation for portfolio managers and research analysts to enhance accountability for fund performance, emphasizing accountability in the portfolio management process, and affirming its commitment to a fundamental-driven approach to investing. The Trustees noted further that Putnam Management continued to strengthen its fundamental research capabilities by adding new investment personnel.

As a general matter, the Trustees believe that cooperative efforts between the Trustees and Putnam Management represent the most effective way to address investment performance issues that may arise from time to time. The Trustees noted that investors in the Putnam funds have, in effect, placed their trust in the Putnam organization, under the oversight of the funds' Trustees, to make appropriate decisions regarding the management of the funds. Based on past responsiveness of Putnam Management to Trustee concerns about investment performance, the Trustees concluded that it is preferable to seek change within Putnam Management to address performance shortcomings. In the Trustees' view, the alternative of engaging a new investment adviser for an underperforming fund would entail significant disruptions and would not likely provide any greater assurance of improved investment performance.

Brokerage and soft-dollar allocations; investor servicing

The Trustees considered various potential benefits that Putnam Management may receive in connection with the services it provides under the management contract with your fund. These include benefits related to brokerage allocation and the use of soft dollars, whereby a portion of the commissions paid by a fund for brokerage may be used to acquire research services that are expected to be useful to Putnam Management in managing the assets of the fund and of other clients. Subject to policies established by the Trustees, soft dollars generated by these means are used primarily to acquire brokerage and research services (including third-party research and market data) that enhance Putnam Management's investment capabilities and supplement Putnam Management's internal research efforts. However, the Trustees noted that a portion of available soft dollars continues to be used to

pay fund expenses. The Trustees indicated their continued intent to monitor regulatory and industry developments in this area with the assistance of their Brokerage Committee and also indicated their continued intent to monitor the allocation of the Putnam funds' brokerage in order to ensure that the principle of seeking best price and execution remains paramount in the portfolio trading process.

Putnam Management may also receive benefits from payments that the funds make to Putnam Management's affiliates for investor or distribution services. In conjunction with the annual review of

your fund's management, sub-management and sub-advisory contracts, the Trustees reviewed your fund's investor servicing agreement with Putnam Investor Services, Inc. ("PSERV") and its distributor's contracts and distribution plans with Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership ("PRM"), both of which are affiliates of Putnam Management. The Trustees concluded that the fees payable by the funds to PSERV and PRM, as applicable, for such services are reasonable in relation to the nature and quality of such services, the fees paid by competitive funds, and the costs incurred by PSERV and PRM, as applicable, in providing such services.

Financial statements

These sections of the report, as well as the accompanying Notes, constitute the fund's financial statements.

The fund's portfolio lists all the fund's investments and their values as of the last day of the reporting period. Holdings are organized by asset type and industry sector, country, or state to show areas of concentration and diversification.

Statement of assets and liabilities shows how the fund's net assets and share price are determined. All investment and non-investment assets are added together. Any unpaid expenses and other liabilities are subtracted from this total. The result is divided by the number of shares to determine the net asset value per share, which is calculated separately for each class of shares. (For funds with preferred shares, the amount subtracted from total assets includes the liquidation preference of preferred shares.)

Statement of operations shows the fund's net investment gain or loss. This is done by first adding up all the fund's earnings — from dividends and interest income — and subtracting its operating expenses to determine net investment income (or loss). Then, any net gain or loss the fund realized on the sales of its holdings — as well as any unrealized gains or losses over the period — is added to

or subtracted from the net investment result to determine the fund's net gain or loss for the fiscal period.

Statement of changes in net assets shows how the fund's net assets were affected by the fund's net investment gain or loss, by distributions to shareholders, and by changes in the number of the fund's shares. It lists distributions and their sources (net investment income or realized capital gains) over the current reporting period and the most recent fiscal year-end. The distributions listed here may not match the sources listed in the Statement of operations because the distributions are determined on a tax basis and may be paid in a different period from the one in which they were earned. Dividend sources are estimated at the time of declaration. Actual results may vary. Any non-taxable return of capital cannot be determined until final tax calculations are completed after the end of the fund's fiscal year.

Financial highlights provide an overview of the fund's investment results, per-share distributions, expense ratios, net investment income ratios, and portfolio turnover in one summary table, reflecting the five most recent reporting periods. In a semiannual report, the highlights table also includes the current reporting period.

The fund's portfolio 10/31/16 (Unaudited)

COMMON STOCKS (82.9%)*	Shares	Value
Airlines (8.1%)		
American Airlines Group, Inc.	1,845,273	\$74,918,084
United Continental Holdings, Inc. †	455,500	25,612,765
		100,530,849
Auto components (0.1%)		
Adient PLC (Ireland) †	15,805	719,286
		719,286
Biotechnology (2.5%)		
ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. † ^S	3,519,022	30,685,872
		30,685,872
Building products (0.5%)		
Johnson Controls International PLC	158,052	6,372,657
		6,372,657
Chemicals (2.3%)		
W.R. Grace & Co.	424,542	28,427,332
		28,427,332
Communications equipment (12.4%)		
EchoStar Corp. Class A †	3,304,700	154,461,678
		154,461,678
Health-care equipment and supplies (5.5%)		
GenMark Diagnostics, Inc. † ^S	1,690,220	18,034,647
STAAR Surgical Co. † ^{NS}	6,041,492	51,050,607
		69,085,254
Household durables (0.5%)		
UCP, Inc. Class A † ^Ω	736,374	6,701,003
		6,701,003
Internet and direct marketing retail (1.1%)		
Delivery Hero Holding GmbH (acquired 6/12/15, cost \$14,040,748) (Private) (Germany) † ^{ΔF}	1,823	12,326,206
FabFurnish GmbH (acquired 8/2/13, cost \$151) (Private) (Brazil) † ^{ΔF}	228	188
Global Fashion Group SA (acquired 8/2/13, cost \$7,569,814) (Private) (Brazil) † ^{ΔF}	178,692	1,263,350
New Bigfoot Other Assets GmbH (acquired 8/2/13, cost \$151) (Private) (Brazil) † ^{ΔF}	114	94
New Middle East Other Assets GmbH (acquired 8/2/13, cost \$62) (Private) (Brazil) † ^{ΔF}	47	39
		13,589,877
Machinery (0.2%)		
Pentair PLC	56,300	3,103,819
		3,103,819
Media (23.6%)		
DISH Network Corp. Class A †	5,036,450	294,934,512
		294,934,512
Mortgage real estate investment trusts (REITs) (2.1%)		
Altisource Residential Corp. ^R	2,634,836	26,532,799
		26,532,799
Oil, gas, and consumable fuels (3.7%)		
Gulfport Energy Corp. †	688,665	16,603,713
Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	168,416	30,149,832
		46,753,545

COMMON STOCKS (82.9%)* cont.	Shares	Value
Pharmaceuticals (15.2%)		
Cardiome Pharma Corp. (Canada) †	964,523	\$2,662,083
Jazz Pharmaceuticals PLC †	1,619,277	177,262,253
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. ADR (Israel)	232,900	9,954,146
		189,878,482
Real estate management and development (5.1%)		
Altisource Asset Management Corp. (Virgin Islands) †ΩS	271,292	9,264,622
Altisource Portfolio Solutions SA †ΩS	2,101,093	54,103,144
		63,367,766
Total common stocks (cost \$982,715,751)		\$1,035,144,731

CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (6.2%)*	Shares	Value
Internet and direct marketing retail (4.7%)		
Uber Technologies, Inc. Ser. E, 8.00% cv. pfd. (acquired 2/28/15, cost \$45,675,016) (Private) †ΔΔF	1,350,639	\$59,286,029
		59,286,029
Real estate management and development (1.4%)		
Altisource Asset Management Corp. zero % cv. pfd. (acquired 3/17/14, cost \$50,000,000) (Virgin Islands) †ΔΔΩ	50,000	17,700,000
		17,700,000
Total convertible preferred stocks (cost \$95,675,016)		\$76,986,029

WARRANTS (—%)* †	Expiration date	Strike price	Warrants	Value
Global Eagle Entertainment, Inc. F	1/31/18	\$11.50	351,253	\$263,440
Total warrants (cost \$477,829)				\$263,440

SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (14.4%)*		Principal amount/ shares	Value
Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC 0.74% d	Shares	41,743,278	\$41,743,278
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund 0.50% L	Shares	123,230,518	123,230,518
U.S. Treasury Bills 0.266%, 11/3/16		\$15,000,000	14,999,910
Total short-term investments (cost \$179,973,578)			\$179,973,706

TOTAL INVESTMENTS		Value
Total investments (cost \$1,258,842,174)		\$1,292,367,906

Key to holding's abbreviations

ADR American Depository Receipts: represents ownership of foreign securities on deposit with a custodian bank

Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from May 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 (the reporting period). Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* and references to "OTC", if any, represent over-the-counter.

- * Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$1,248,701,336.
- † This security is non-income-producing.
- ΔΔ This security is restricted with regard to public resale. The total fair value of this security and any other restricted securities (excluding 144A securities), if any, held at the close of the reporting period was \$90,575,906, or 7.3% of net assets.
- Ω Affiliated company (Note 5).
- ♠ Affiliated company. See Notes 1 and 5 to the financial statements regarding securities lending. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.
- F This security is valued by Putnam Management at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for ASC 820 based on the securities' valuation inputs (Note 1).
- L Affiliated company (Note 5). The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.
- R Real Estate Investment Trust.
- S Security on loan, in part or in entirety, at the close of the reporting period (Note 1).

Unless otherwise noted, the rates quoted in Short-term investments security descriptions represent the weighted average yield to maturity.

Debt obligations are considered secured unless otherwise indicated.

The dates shown on debt obligations are the original maturity dates.

ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the fund's investments. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices for identical securities in active markets.

Level 2: Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the fund's net assets as of the close of the reporting period:

Investments in securities:	Valuation inputs		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Common stocks*:			
Consumer discretionary	\$302,354,801	\$—	\$13,589,877
Energy	46,753,545	—	—
Financials	26,532,799	—	—
Health care	289,649,608	—	—
Industrials	110,007,325	—	—
Information technology	154,461,678	—	—
Materials	28,427,332	—	—
Real estate	63,367,766	—	—
Total common stocks	1,021,554,854	—	13,589,877
Convertible preferred stocks	—	—	76,986,029
Warrants	—	263,440	—
Short-term investments	123,230,518	56,743,188	—
Totals by level	\$1,144,785,372	\$57,006,628	\$90,575,906

*Common stock classifications are presented at the sector level, which may differ from the fund's portfolio presentation.

During the reporting period, transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy, if any (other than certain transfers involving non-U.S. equity securities as described in Note 1), did not represent, in the aggregate, more than 1% of the fund's net assets measured as of the end of the period. Transfers are accounted for using the end of period pricing valuation method.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets as of the close of the reporting period:

Investments in securities:	Balance as of 4/30/16	Accrued discounts/premiums	Realized gain/(loss)	Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) #	Cost of purchases	Proceeds from sales	Total transfers into Level 3†	Total transfers out of Level 3†	Balance as of 10/31/16
Common stocks*:									
Consumer discretionary	\$13,128,947	\$—	\$—	\$460,930	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$13,589,877
Total common stocks	\$13,128,947	\$—	\$—	\$460,930	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$13,589,877
Convertible preferred stocks	\$76,861,029	—	—	125,000	—	—	—	—	\$76,986,029
Totals	\$89,989,976	\$—	\$—	\$585,930	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$90,575,906

* Common stock classifications are presented at the sector level, which may differ from the fund's portfolio presentation.

† Transfers during the reporting period are accounted for using the end of period market value and did not represent, in the aggregate, more than 1% of the fund's net assets measured as of the end of the period.

Includes \$585,930 related to Level 3 securities still held at period end. Total change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) for securities (including Level 1 and Level 2) can be found in the Statement of operations.

The table below represents quantitative information on internally priced Level 3 securities that were valued using unobservable inputs. The table excludes securities with valuations provided by a broker.

Description	Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Range of unobservable inputs (Weighted Average)	Impact to Valuation from an Increase in Input ¹
Private Equity	\$12,326,206	Market transaction price	Transaction price	\$7,687.97	Increase
			Liquidity discount	10%	Decrease
Private Equity	\$59,286,029	Market transaction price	Liquidity discount	10%	Decrease
Private Equity	\$321	Market transaction price	Liquidity discount	25%	Decrease
Private Equity	\$1,263,350	Comparable multiples	EV/sales multiple	0.7x–3.2x (1.88x)	Increase
			Liquidity discount	25%	Decrease
			Uncertainty discount	50%	Decrease

¹ Expected directional change in fair value that would result from an increase in the unobservable input.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of assets and liabilities 10/31/16 (Unaudited)

ASSETS

Investment in securities, at value, including \$40,220,894 of securities on loan (Note 1):	
Unaffiliated issuers (identified cost \$755,559,391)	\$988,574,734
Affiliated issuers (identified cost \$503,282,783) (Notes 1 and 5)	303,793,172
Dividends, interest and other receivables	983,085
Receivable for shares of the fund sold	2,794,584
Receivable for investments sold	340,447
Receivable from Manager (Note 2)	213,784
Prepaid assets	50,630
Total assets	1,296,750,436

LIABILITIES

Payable for investments purchased	987,352
Payable for shares of the fund repurchased	4,167,579
Payable for custodian fees (Note 2)	17,278
Payable for investor servicing fees (Note 2)	441,997
Payable for Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	189,297
Payable for administrative services (Note 2)	2,585
Payable for distribution fees (Note 2)	371,270
Collateral on securities loaned, at value (Note 1)	41,743,278
Other accrued expenses	128,464
Total liabilities	48,049,100
Net assets	\$1,248,701,336

REPRESENTED BY

Paid-in capital (Unlimited shares authorized) (Notes 1 and 4)	\$1,428,418,786
Accumulated net investment loss (Note 1)	(3,978,421)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments (Note 1)	(209,262,223)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	33,523,194
Total — Representing net assets applicable to capital shares outstanding	\$1,248,701,336

COMPUTATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND OFFERING PRICE

Net asset value and redemption price per class A share (\$455,890,087 divided by 13,544,829 shares)	\$33.66
Offering price per class A share (100/94.25 of \$33.66)*	\$35.71
Net asset value and offering price per class B share (\$33,184,930 divided by 1,037,830 shares)**	\$31.98
Net asset value and offering price per class C share (\$263,451,819 divided by 8,255,035 shares)**	\$31.91
Net asset value and redemption price per class M share (\$2,864,539 divided by 87,940 shares)	\$32.57
Offering price per class M share (100/96.50 of \$32.57)*	\$33.75
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per class R share (\$9,239,135 divided by 278,785 shares)	\$33.14
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per class Y share (\$484,070,826 divided by 14,174,953 shares)	\$34.15

* On single retail sales of less than \$50,000. On sales of \$50,000 or more the offering price is reduced.

** Redemption price per share is equal to net asset value less any applicable contingent deferred sales charge.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of operations Six months ended 10/31/16 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME	
Dividends (net of foreign tax of \$25,153)	\$2,561,853
Interest (including interest income of \$501,640 from investments in affiliated issuers) (Note 5)	530,243
Securities lending (net of expenses) (Notes 1 and 5)	320,377
Total investment income	3,412,473
EXPENSES	
Compensation of Manager (net of performance adjustment of \$(6,201,746)) (Note 2)	(921,947)
Investor servicing fees (Note 2)	1,470,912
Custodian fees (Note 2)	15,357
Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	48,436
Distribution fees (Note 2)	2,380,329
Administrative services (Note 2)	13,322
Other	227,671
Total expenses	3,234,080
Expense reduction (Note 2)	(1,920)
Net expenses	3,232,160
Net investment income	180,313
Net realized loss on investments (including net realized loss of \$10,725,468 on sales of investments in affiliated issuers) (Notes 1, 3 and 5)	(86,240,931)
Net unrealized depreciation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies during the period	(439)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments during the period	89,783,637
Net gain on investments	3,542,267
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$3,722,580

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Statement of changes in net assets

DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	Six months ended 10/31/16*	Year ended 4/30/16
Operations		
Net investment income (loss)	\$180,313	\$(24,724,551)
Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(86,240,931)	(63,737,828)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	89,783,198	(482,453,140)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	3,722,580	(570,915,519)
Distributions to shareholders (Note 1):		
Net realized short-term gain on investments		
Class A	—	(24,154,980)
Class B	—	(838,928)
Class C	—	(7,038,557)
Class M	—	(60,958)
Class R	—	(214,104)
Class Y	—	(16,553,261)
From net realized long-term gain on investments		
Class A	—	(94,708,524)
Class B	—	(3,289,327)
Class C	—	(27,597,267)
Class M	—	(239,010)
Class R	—	(839,475)
Class Y	—	(64,903,175)
Decrease from capital share transactions (Note 4)	(589,277,285)	(1,807,093,198)
Total decrease in net assets	(585,554,705)	(2,618,446,283)
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of period	1,834,256,041	4,452,702,324
End of period (including accumulated net investment loss of \$3,978,421 and \$4,158,734, respectively)	\$1,248,701,336	\$1,834,256,041

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Financial highlights (For a common share outstanding throughout the period)

Period ended	INVESTMENT OPERATIONS				LESS DISTRIBUTIONS				RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
	Net asset value, beginning of period	Net investment income (loss) ^a	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	Total from investment operations	From net investment income	From net realized gain on investments	Total distributions	Redemption fees	Net asset value, end of period	Total return at net asset value (%) ^c	Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) ^d	Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%)	Portfolio turnover (%)
Class A														
October 31, 2016**	\$33.27	.02 ⁱ	.37	.39	—	—	—	—	\$33.66	1.17*	\$455,890	.19*	.05 ⁱ *	1*
April 30, 2016	42.13	(.28)	(5.57)	(5.85)	—	(3.01)	(3.01)	—	33.27	(14.24)	753,885	1.17 ^{e,f}	(.74) ^f	24
April 30, 2015	42.39	(.34)	1.69	1.35	—	(1.61)	(1.61)	—	42.13	3.06	2,091,551	1.26 ^e	(.80)	36
April 30, 2014	32.72	(.22)	10.45	10.23	(.04)	(.52)	(.56)	— ^b	42.39	31.32	2,044,648	1.36 ^e	(.55)	55
April 30, 2013	28.65	.07 ^g	5.09	5.16	(.05)	(1.04)	(1.09)	— ^b	32.72	18.54	485,067	1.45 ^e	.22 ^g	54
April 30, 2012	27.37	.06 ^h	2.52	2.58	(.18)	(1.12)	(1.30)	— ^b	28.65	10.16	218,051	1.55 ^e	.24 ^h	96
Class B														
October 31, 2016**	\$31.73	(.10) ⁱ	.35	.25	—	—	—	—	\$31.98	.79*	\$33,185	.56*	(.33) ⁱ *	1*
April 30, 2016	40.62	(.54)	(5.34)	(5.88)	—	(3.01)	(3.01)	—	31.73	(14.87)	42,620	1.92 ^{e,f}	(1.55) ^f	24
April 30, 2015	41.23	(.65)	1.65	1.00	—	(1.61)	(1.61)	—	40.62	2.28	61,045	2.01 ^e	(1.55)	36
April 30, 2014	32.05	(.51)	10.21	9.70	—	(.52)	(.52)	— ^b	41.23	30.33	49,769	2.11 ^e	(1.33)	55
April 30, 2013	28.24	(.14) ^g	4.99	4.85	—	(1.04)	(1.04)	— ^b	32.05	17.68	20,890	2.20 ^e	(.49) ^g	54
April 30, 2012	27.03	(.17) ^h	2.51	2.34	(.02)	(1.12)	(1.14)	.01	28.24	9.34	8,887	2.30 ^e	(.66) ^h	96
Class C														
October 31, 2016**	\$31.67	(.10) ⁱ	.34	.24	—	—	—	—	\$31.91	.76*	\$263,452	.56*	(.33) ⁱ *	1*
April 30, 2016	40.55	(.54)	(5.33)	(5.87)	—	(3.01)	(3.01)	—	31.67	(14.87)	333,721	1.92 ^{e,f}	(1.54) ^f	24
April 30, 2015	41.16	(.65)	1.65	1.00	—	(1.61)	(1.61)	—	40.55	2.29	554,985	2.01 ^e	(1.55)	36
April 30, 2014	32.00	(.51)	10.19	9.68	—	(.52)	(.52)	— ^b	41.16	30.31	426,775	2.11 ^e	(1.31)	55
April 30, 2013	28.19	(.15) ^g	5.00	4.85	—	(1.04)	(1.04)	— ^b	32.00	17.71	121,090	2.20 ^e	(.51) ^g	54
April 30, 2012	27.02	(.15) ^h	2.49	2.34	(.05)	(1.12)	(1.17)	— ^b	28.19	9.34	44,527	2.30 ^e	(.59) ^h	96
Class M														
October 31, 2016**	\$32.28	(.06) ⁱ	.35	.29	—	—	—	—	\$32.57	.90*	\$2,865	.44*	(.20) ⁱ *	1*
April 30, 2016	41.17	(.46)	(5.42)	(5.88)	—	(3.01)	(3.01)	—	32.28	(14.66)	2,942	1.67 ^{e,f}	(1.29) ^f	24
April 30, 2015	41.67	(.55)	1.66	1.11	—	(1.61)	(1.61)	—	41.17	2.53	4,636	1.76 ^e	(1.30)	36
April 30, 2014	32.31	(.41)	10.29	9.88	—	(.52)	(.52)	— ^b	41.67	30.64	6,494	1.86 ^e	(1.04)	55
April 30, 2013	28.39	(.09) ^g	5.05	4.96	—	(1.04)	(1.04)	— ^b	32.31	17.98	1,735	1.95 ^e	(.29) ^g	54
April 30, 2012	27.16	(.06) ^h	2.49	2.43	(.08)	(1.12)	(1.20)	— ^b	28.39	9.61	926	2.05 ^e	(.24) ^h	96
Class R														
October 31, 2016**	\$32.80	(.02) ⁱ	.36	.34	—	—	—	—	\$33.14	1.04*	\$9,239	.31*	(.08) ⁱ *	1*
April 30, 2016	41.68	(.38)	(5.49)	(5.87)	—	(3.01)	(3.01)	—	32.80	(14.45)	12,552	1.42 ^{e,f}	(1.07) ^f	24
April 30, 2015	42.06	(.45)	1.68	1.23	—	(1.61)	(1.61)	—	41.68	2.79	14,087	1.51 ^e	(1.06)	36
April 30, 2014	32.53	(.32)	10.37	10.05	—	(.52)	(.52)	— ^b	42.06	30.96	9,709	1.61 ^e	(.82)	55
April 30, 2013	28.54	.03 ^g	5.04	5.07	(.04)	(1.04)	(1.08)	— ^b	32.53	18.28	2,676	1.70 ^e	.10 ^g	54
April 30, 2012	27.28	(.07) ^h	2.57	2.50	(.12)	(1.12)	(1.24)	— ^b	28.54	9.87	634	1.80 ^e	(.27) ^h	96
Class Y														
October 31, 2016**	\$33.71	.06 ⁱ	.38	.44	—	—	—	—	\$34.15	1.31*	\$484,071	.06*	.18 ⁱ *	1*
April 30, 2016	42.54	(.19)	(5.63)	(5.82)	—	(3.01)	(3.01)	—	33.71	(14.03)	688,536	.92 ^{e,f}	(.50) ^f	24
April 30, 2015	42.69	(.24)	1.70	1.46	—	(1.61)	(1.61)	—	42.54	3.30	1,726,399	1.01 ^e	(.55)	36
April 30, 2014	32.91	(.12)	10.51	10.39	(.09)	(.52)	(.61)	— ^b	42.69	31.64	1,396,209	1.11 ^e	(.31)	55
April 30, 2013	28.79	.14 ^g	5.13	5.27	(.11)	(1.04)	(1.15)	— ^b	32.91	18.85	472,652	1.20 ^e	.47 ^g	54
April 30, 2012	27.48	.11 ^h	2.54	2.65	(.23)	(1.12)	(1.35)	.01	28.79	10.44	235,534	1.30 ^e	.40 ^h	96

See notes to financial highlights at the end of this section.

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Financial highlights *cont.*

* Not annualized.

** Unaudited.

- a** Per share net investment income (loss) has been determined on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.
- b** Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.
- c** Total return assumes dividend reinvestment and does not reflect the effect of sales charges.
- d** Includes amounts paid through expense offset and/or brokerage service arrangements, if any (Note 2). Also excludes acquired fund fees and expenses, if any.
- e** Includes dividend and/or interest expense in connection with securities sold short, which amounted to the following amounts (Note 1):

	Percentage of average net assets
April 30, 2016	0.10%
April 30, 2015	0.01
April 30, 2014	0.01
April 30, 2013	<0.01
April 30, 2012	0.02

f Reflects a voluntary waiver of certain fund expenses in effect during the period. As a result of such waivers, the expenses of each class reflect a reduction of less than 0.01% as a percentage of average net assets.

g Reflects a dividend received by the fund from a single issuer which amounted to the following amounts:

	Per share	Percentage of average net assets
Class A	\$0.12	0.42%
Class B	0.13	0.44
Class C	0.13	0.44
Class M	0.12	0.42
Class R	0.15	0.52
Class Y	0.12	0.41

h Reflects dividends received by the fund from two issuers which amounted to the following amounts:

	Per share	Percentage of average net assets
Class A	\$0.36	1.37%
Class B	0.32	1.23
Class C	0.34	1.30
Class M	0.36	1.38
Class R	0.30	1.12
Class Y	0.34	1.29

i Reflects a dividend received by the fund from a single issuer which amounted to the following amounts:

	Per share	Percentage of average net assets
Class A	\$0.02	0.05%
Class B	0.02	0.05
Class C	0.02	0.05
Class M	0.02	0.06
Class R	0.02	0.05
Class Y	0.02	0.05

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Notes to financial statements 10/31/16 (Unaudited)

Within the following Notes to financial statements, references to “State Street” represent State Street Bank and Trust Company, references to “the SEC” represent the Securities and Exchange Commission, references to “Putnam Management” represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund’s manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC and references to “OTC”, if any, represent over-the-counter. Unless otherwise noted, the “reporting period” represents the period from May 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

Putnam Equity Spectrum Fund (the fund) is a non-diversified series of Putnam Funds Trust (the Trust), a Massachusetts business trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The goal of the fund is to seek capital appreciation. The fund invests in equity securities of companies of any size, including both growth and value stocks that Putnam Management believes have favorable investment potential. Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity investments, including common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities and warrants. This policy may be changed only after 60 days’ notice to shareholders. For purposes of this policy, the fund treats short sales of equity securities as investments in the equity securities sold short. The fund is “non-diversified,” which means it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in fewer issuers than a “diversified” fund. The fund expects to invest in leveraged companies, which employ significant leverage in their capital structure through borrowing from banks or other lenders or through issuing fixed-income, convertible or preferred equity securities, and whose fixed income securities are often rated below-investment-grade (sometimes referred to as “junk bonds”). The fund may also invest in companies that are not leveraged. Putnam Management may consider, among other factors, a company’s valuation, financial strength, growth potential, competitive position in its industry, projected future earnings, cash flows and dividends when deciding whether to buy or sell investments. The fund may also engage in short sales of securities. The fund may invest in securities that are purchased in private placements, which are illiquid because they are subject to restrictions on resale.

The fund offers class A, class B, class C, class M, class R and class Y shares. Class A and class M shares are sold with a maximum front-end sales charge of 5.75% and 3.50%, respectively. Class A shares generally are not subject to a contingent deferred sales charge, and class M, class R and class Y shares are not subject to a contingent deferred sales charge. Class B shares, which convert to class A shares after approximately eight years, are not subject to a front-end sales charge and are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge if those shares are redeemed within six years of purchase. Class C shares are subject to a one-year 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge and do not convert to class A shares. Class R shares, which are not available to all investors, are sold at net asset value. The expenses for class A, class B, class C, class M and class R shares may differ based on the distribution fee of each class, which is identified in Note 2. Class Y shares, which are sold at net asset value, are generally subject to the same expenses as class A, class B, class C, class M and class R shares, but do not bear a distribution fee. Class Y shares are not available to all investors.

In the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts that may include agreements to indemnify another party under given circumstances. The fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be, but have not yet been, made against the fund. However, the fund’s management team expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

The fund has entered into contractual arrangements with an investment adviser, administrator, distributor, shareholder servicing agent and custodian, who each provide services to the fund. Unless expressly stated otherwise, shareholders are not parties to, or intended beneficiaries of these contractual arrangements, and these contractual arrangements are not intended to create any shareholder right to enforce them against the service providers or to seek any remedy under them against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the fund.

Under the fund’s Declaration of Trust, any claims asserted against or on behalf of the Putnam Funds, including claims against Trustees and Officers, must be brought in state and federal courts located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Note 1: Significant accounting policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Subsequent events after the Statement of assets and liabilities date through the date that the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements.

Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses and expenses of the fund are borne pro-rata based on the relative net assets of each class to the total net assets of the fund, except that each class bears expenses unique to that class (including the distribution fees applicable to such classes). Each class votes as a class only with respect to its own distribution plan or other matters on which a class vote is required by law or determined by the Trustees. If the fund were liquidated, shares of each class would receive their pro-rata share of the net assets of the fund. In addition, the Trustees declare separate dividends on each class of shares.

Security valuation Portfolio securities and other investments are valued using policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have formed a Pricing Committee to oversee the implementation of these procedures and have delegated responsibility for valuing the fund's assets in accordance with these procedures to Putnam Management. Putnam Management has established an internal Valuation Committee that is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the pricing policies of the fund and reporting to the Pricing Committee.

Investments (including securities sold short, if any) for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last reported sales price on their principal exchange, or official closing price for certain markets, and are classified as Level 1 securities under Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820). If no sales are reported, as in the case of some securities that are traded OTC, a security is valued at its last reported bid price (ask price for securities sold short, if any) and is generally categorized as a Level 2 security.

Investments in open-end investment companies (excluding exchange-traded funds), if any, which can be classified as Level 1 or Level 2 securities, are valued based on their net asset value. The net asset value of such investment companies equals the total value of their assets less their liabilities and divided by the number of their outstanding shares.

Market quotations are not considered to be readily available for certain debt obligations (including short-term investments with remaining maturities of 60 days or less) and other investments; such investments are valued on the basis of valuations furnished by an independent pricing service approved by the Trustees or dealers selected by Putnam Management. Such services or dealers determine valuations for normal institutional-size trading units of such securities using methods based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships, generally recognized by institutional traders, between securities (which consider such factors as security prices, yields, maturities and ratings). These securities will generally be categorized as Level 2.

Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the scheduled close of the New York Stock Exchange and therefore the closing prices for securities in such markets or on such exchanges may not fully reflect events that occur after such close but before the scheduled close of the New York Stock Exchange. Accordingly, on certain days, the fund will fair value certain foreign equity securities taking into account multiple factors including movements in the U.S. securities markets, currency valuations and comparisons to the valuation of American Depository Receipts, exchange-traded funds and futures contracts. The foreign equity securities, which would generally be classified as Level 1 securities, will be transferred to Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy when they are valued at fair value. The number of days on which fair value prices will be used will depend on market activity and it is possible that fair value prices will be used by the fund to a significant extent. Securities quoted in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate.

To the extent a pricing service or dealer is unable to value a security or provides a valuation that Putnam Management does not believe accurately reflects the security's fair value, the security will be valued at fair value by Putnam Management in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Trustees. Certain investments, including certain restricted and illiquid securities and derivatives, are also valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. These valuations consider such factors as significant market or specific security events such as interest rate or credit quality changes, various relationships with other securities, discount rates, U.S. Treasury, U.S. swap and credit yields, index levels, convexity exposures, recovery rates, sales and other multiples and resale restrictions. These securities are classified as Level 2 or as Level 3 depending on the priority of the significant inputs.

To assess the continuing appropriateness of fair valuations, the Valuation Committee reviews and affirms the reasonableness of such valuations on a regular basis after considering all relevant information that is reasonably available. Such valuations and procedures are reviewed periodically by the Trustees. The fair value of securities is generally determined as the amount that the fund could reasonably expect to realize from an orderly disposition of such securities over a reasonable period of time. By its nature, a fair value price is a good faith estimate of the value of a security in a current sale and does not reflect an actual market price, which may be different by a material amount.

Security transactions and related investment income Security transactions are recorded on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Gains or losses on securities sold are determined on the identified cost basis.

Interest income, net of any applicable withholding taxes, is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income, net of any applicable withholding taxes, is recognized on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities, if any, are recognized as soon as the fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair value of the securities received. Dividends representing a return of capital or capital gains, if any, are reflected as a reduction of cost and/or as a realized gain.

All premiums/discounts are amortized/accreted on a yield-to-maturity basis.

Foreign currency translation The accounting records of the fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. The fair value of foreign securities, currency holdings, and other assets and liabilities is recorded in the books and records of the fund after translation to U.S. dollars based on the exchange rates on that day. The cost of each security is determined using historical exchange rates. Income and withholding taxes are translated at prevailing exchange rates when earned or incurred. The fund does not isolate that portion of realized or unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the foreign exchange rate on investments from fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of the securities. Such gains and losses are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments. Net realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net realized exchange gains or losses on closed forward currency contracts, disposition of foreign currencies, currency gains and losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amount of investment income and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies arise from changes in the value of open forward currency contracts and assets and liabilities other than investments at the period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate.

Short sales of securities The fund may engage in short sales of securities to realize appreciation when a security that the fund does not own declines in value. A short sale is a transaction in which the fund sells a security it does not own to a third party by borrowing the security in anticipation of purchasing the same security at the market price on a later date to close out the borrow and thus the short position. The price the fund pays at the later date may be more or less than the price at which the fund sold the security. If the price of the security sold short increases between the short sale and when the fund closes out the short sale, the fund will incur a loss, which is theoretically unlimited. The fund will realize a gain, which is limited to the price at which the fund sold the security short, if the security declines in value between those dates. Dividends on securities sold short are recorded as dividend expense for short sales in the Statement of operations. While the short position is open, the fund will post cash or liquid assets at least equal in value to the fair value of the securities sold short. The fund will also post collateral representing an additional 2%-5% of the fair value of the securities sold short. This additional collateral may be in the form of a loan from the custodian. Interest related to the loan is included in interest expense for short sales in the Statement of operations. All collateral is marked to market daily. The fund may also be required to pledge on the books of the fund additional assets for the benefit of the security and cash lender. Risk of loss may exceed amounts recognized on the Statement of assets and liabilities. Short positions, if any, are reported at value and listed after the fund's portfolio.

Securities lending The fund may lend securities, through its agent, to qualified borrowers in order to earn additional income. The loans are collateralized by cash in an amount at least equal to the fair value of the securities loaned. The fair value of securities loaned is determined daily and any additional required collateral is allocated to the fund on the next business day. The remaining maturities of the securities lending transactions are considered overnight and continuous. The risk of borrower default will be borne by the fund's agent; the fund will bear the risk of loss with respect to the investment of the cash collateral. Income from securities lending, net of expenses, is included in investment income on the Statement of operations. Cash collateral is invested in Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC, a limited liability company managed by an affiliate of Putnam Management. Investments in Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC are valued at its closing net asset value each business day. There are no management fees charged to Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC. At the close of the reporting period, the fund received cash collateral of \$41,743,278 and the value of securities loaned amounted to \$40,220,894.

Interfund lending The fund, along with other Putnam funds, may participate in an interfund lending program pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the SEC. This program allows the fund to borrow from or lend to other Putnam funds that permit such transactions. Interfund lending transactions are subject to each fund's investment policies and borrowing and lending limits. Interest earned or paid on the interfund lending

transaction will be based on the average of certain current market rates. During the reporting period, the fund did not utilize the program.

Lines of credit The fund participates, along with other Putnam funds, in a \$317.5 million unsecured committed line of credit and a \$235.5 million unsecured uncommitted line of credit, both provided by State Street. Prior to September 22, 2016, the fund participated in a \$392.5 million syndicated unsecured committed line of credit provided by State Street (\$292.5 million) and Northern Trust Company (\$100 million) and the same unsecured uncommitted line of credit. Borrowings may be made for temporary or emergency purposes, including the funding of shareholder redemption requests and trade settlements. Interest is charged to the fund based on the fund's borrowing at a rate equal to the higher of (1) the Federal Funds rate and (2) the overnight LIBOR plus 1.25% for the committed line of credit and the Federal Funds rate plus 1.30% for the uncommitted line of credit. A closing fee equal to 0.04% of the committed line of credit plus a \$25,000 flat fee (0.04% prior to September 22, 2016) and 0.04% of the uncommitted line of credit has been paid by the participating funds. In addition, a commitment fee of 0.21% (0.16% prior to September 22, 2016) per annum on any unutilized portion of the committed line of credit is allocated to the participating funds based on their relative net assets and paid quarterly. During the reporting period, the fund had no borrowings against these arrangements.

Federal taxes It is the policy of the fund to distribute all of its taxable income within the prescribed time period and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), applicable to regulated investment companies. It is also the intention of the fund to distribute an amount sufficient to avoid imposition of any excise tax under Section 4982 of the Code.

The fund is subject to the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 740 *Income Taxes* (ASC 740). ASC 740 sets forth a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The fund did not have a liability to record for any unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements. No provision has been made for federal taxes on income, capital gains or unrealized appreciation on securities held nor for excise tax on income and capital gains. Each of the fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

The fund may also be subject to taxes imposed by governments of countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on either income or gains earned or repatriated. The fund accrues and applies such taxes to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized gains as income and/or capital gains are earned. In some cases, the fund may be entitled to reclaim all or a portion of such taxes, and such reclaim amounts, if any, are reflected as an asset on the fund's books. In many cases, however, the fund may not receive such amounts for an extended period of time, depending on the country of investment.

Pursuant to federal income tax regulations applicable to regulated investment companies, the fund has elected to defer \$4,158,734 to its fiscal year ending April 30, 2017 late year ordinary losses ((i) ordinary losses recognized between January 1, 2016 and April 30, 2016, and (ii) specified ordinary and currency losses recognized between November 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016).

Pursuant to federal income tax regulations applicable to regulated investment companies, the fund has elected to defer \$123,016,817 of certain losses recognized during the period from November 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 to its fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$1,258,846,646, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$312,155,748 and \$278,634,488, respectively, or net unrealized appreciation of \$33,521,260.

Distributions to shareholders Distributions to shareholders from net investment income are recorded by the fund on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid at least annually. The amount and character of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Dividend sources are estimated at the time of declaration. Actual results may vary. Any non-taxable return of capital cannot be determined until final tax calculations are completed after the end of the fund's fiscal year. Reclassifications are made to the fund's capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryovers) under income tax regulations.

Expenses of the Trust Expenses directly charged or attributable to any fund will be paid from the assets of that fund. Generally, expenses of the Trust will be allocated among and charged to the assets of each fund on a basis that the Trustees deem fair and equitable, which may be based on the relative assets of each fund or the nature of the services performed and relative applicability to each fund.

Note 2: Management fee, administrative services and other transactions

The fund pays Putnam Management a management fee (base fee) (based on the fund's average net assets and computed and paid monthly) at annual rates that may vary based on the average of the aggregate net assets of all open-end mutual funds sponsored by Putnam Management (excluding net assets of funds that are invested in, or that are invested in by, other Putnam funds to the extent necessary to avoid "double counting" of those assets). Such annual rates may vary as follows:

0.880%	of the first \$5 billion,	0.680%	of the next \$50 billion,
0.830%	of the next \$5 billion,	0.660%	of the next \$50 billion,
0.780%	of the next \$10 billion,	0.650%	of the next \$100 billion and
0.730%	of the next \$10 billion,	0.645%	of any excess thereafter.

In addition, the monthly management fee consists of the monthly base fee plus or minus a performance adjustment for the month based on the performance of the fund. The performance period is the thirty-six month period then ended. Each month, the performance adjustment rate is multiplied by the fund's average net assets over the performance period and the result is divided by twelve. The resulting dollar amount is added to, or subtracted from, the base fee for that month. The amount of the increase or decrease is calculated monthly based on a performance adjustment rate that is equal to 0.04 multiplied by the difference between the fund's annualized performance (measured by the fund's class A shares) and the annualized performance of the S&P 500 Index over the performance period. The maximum annualized performance adjustment rate is +/-0.40%. The monthly base fee is determined based on the fund's average net assets for the month, while the performance adjustment is determined based on the fund's average net assets over the performance period of up to thirty-six months. This means it is possible that, if the fund underperforms significantly over the performance period, and the fund's assets have declined significantly over that period, the negative performance adjustment may exceed the base fee. In this event, Putnam Management would make a payment to the fund. During the reporting period, the fund's negative performance adjustment exceeded the base fee by \$921,947, and consequently Putnam Management made a payment in this amount to the fund.

Because the performance adjustment is based on the fund's performance relative to its applicable benchmark index, and not its absolute performance, the performance adjustment could increase Putnam Management's fee even if the fund's shares lose value during the performance period provided that the fund outperformed its benchmark index, and could decrease Putnam Management's fee even if the fund's shares increase in value during the performance period provided that the fund underperformed its benchmark index.

For the reporting period, the base fee represented an effective rate (excluding the impact from any expense waivers in effect) of 0.366% of the fund's average net assets before a decrease of \$6,201,746 (0.430% of the fund's average net assets) based on performance.

Putnam Management has contractually agreed, through August 30, 2017, to waive fees or reimburse the fund's expenses to the extent necessary to limit the cumulative expenses of the fund, exclusive of brokerage, interest, taxes, investment-related expenses, extraordinary expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses and payments under the fund's investor servicing contract, investment management contract and distribution plans, on a fiscal year-to-date basis to an annual rate of 0.20% of the fund's average net assets over such fiscal year-to-date period. During the reporting period, the fund's expenses were not reduced as a result of this limit.

Putnam Investments Limited (PIL), an affiliate of Putnam Management, is authorized by the Trustees to manage a separate portion of the assets of the fund as determined by Putnam Management from time to time. PIL did not manage any portion of the assets of the fund during the reporting period. If Putnam Management were to engage the services of PIL, Putnam Management would pay a quarterly sub-management fee to PIL for its services at an annual rate of 0.35% of the average net assets of the portion of the fund managed by PIL.

The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC (PAC), an affiliate of Putnam Management, is authorized by the Trustees to manage a separate portion of the assets of the fund, as designated from time to time by Putnam Management or PIL. PAC did not manage any portion of the assets of the fund during the reporting period. If Putnam Management or PIL were to engage the services of PAC, Putnam Management or PIL, as applicable, would pay a quarterly sub-advisory fee to PAC for its services at the annual rate of 0.35% of the average net assets of the portion of the fund's assets for which PAC is engaged as sub-adviser.

The fund reimburses Putnam Management an allocated amount for the compensation and related expenses of certain officers of the fund and their staff who provide administrative services to the fund. The aggregate amount of all such reimbursements is determined annually by the Trustees.

Custodial functions for the fund's assets are provided by State Street. Custody fees are based on the fund's asset level, the number of its security holdings and transaction volumes.

Putnam Investor Services, Inc., an affiliate of Putnam Management, provides investor servicing agent functions to the fund. Putnam Investor Services, Inc. received fees for investor servicing for class A, class B, class C, class M, class R and class Y shares that included (1) a per account fee for each direct and underlying non-defined contribution account ("retail account") of the fund; (2) a specified rate of the fund's assets attributable to defined contribution plan accounts; and (3) a specified rate based on the average net assets in retail accounts. Putnam Investor Services has agreed that the aggregate investor servicing fees for each fund's retail and defined contribution accounts for these share classes will not exceed an annual rate of 0.25% of the fund's average assets attributable to such accounts.

Prior to September 1, 2016, Putnam Investor Services, Inc. received fees for investor servicing for class A, class B, class C, class M, class R and class Y shares that included (1) a per account fee for each retail account of the fund and each of the other funds in its specified category, which was totaled and then allocated to each fund in the category based on its average daily net assets; (2) a specified rate of the fund's assets attributable to defined contribution plan accounts; and (3) a specified rate based on the average net assets in retail accounts. Prior to September 1, 2016, Putnam Investor Services had agreed that the aggregate investor servicing fees for each fund's retail and defined contribution accounts for these share classes would not exceed an annual rate of 0.320% of the fund's average assets attributable to such accounts.

During the reporting period, the expenses for each class of shares related to investor servicing fees were as follows:

Class A	\$549,510	Class R	11,254
Class B	38,505	Class Y	569,405
Class C	299,316	Total	\$1,470,912
Class M	2,922		

The fund has entered into expense offset arrangements with Putnam Investor Services, Inc. and State Street whereby Putnam Investor Services, Inc.'s and State Street's fees are reduced by credits allowed on cash balances. The fund also reduced expenses through brokerage/service arrangements. For the reporting period, the fund's expenses were reduced by \$129 under the expense offset arrangements and by \$1,791 under the brokerage/service arrangements.

Each Independent Trustee of the fund receives an annual Trustee fee, of which \$1,020, as a quarterly retainer, has been allocated to the fund, and an additional fee for each Trustees meeting attended. Trustees also are reimbursed for expenses they incur relating to their services as Trustees.

The fund has adopted a Trustee Fee Deferral Plan (the Deferral Plan) which allows the Trustees to defer the receipt of all or a portion of Trustees fees payable on or after July 1, 1995. The deferred fees remain invested in certain Putnam funds until distribution in accordance with the Deferral Plan.

The fund has adopted an unfunded noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (the Pension Plan) covering all Trustees of the fund who have served as a Trustee for at least five years and were first elected prior to 2004. Benefits under the Pension Plan are equal to 50% of the Trustee's average annual attendance and retainer fees for the three years ended December 31, 2005. The retirement benefit is payable during a Trustee's lifetime, beginning the year following retirement, for the number of years of service through December 31, 2006. Pension expense for the fund is included in Trustee compensation and expenses in the Statement of operations. Accrued pension liability is included in Payable for Trustee compensation and expenses in the Statement of assets and liabilities. The Trustees have terminated the Pension Plan with respect to any Trustee first elected after 2003.

The fund has adopted distribution plans (the Plans) with respect to its class A, class B, class C, class M and class R shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The purpose of the Plans is to compensate Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC, for services provided and expenses incurred in distributing shares of the fund. The Plans provide for payments by the fund to Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership at an annual rate of up to 0.35%, 1.00%, 1.00%, 1.00% and 1.00% of the average net assets attributable to class A, class B, class C, class M and class R shares, respectively. The Trustees have approved payment by the fund at an annual rate of 0.25%, 1.00%, 1.00%, 0.75% and 0.50% of the average net assets attributable to class A, class B, class C, class M and

class R shares, respectively. During the reporting period, the class specific expenses related to distribution fees were as follows:

Class A	\$676,306	Class M	10,839
Class B	189,790	Class R	27,699
Class C	1,475,695	Total	\$2,380,329

For the reporting period, Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership, acting as underwriter, received net commissions of \$23,615 and \$452 from the sale of class A and class M shares, respectively, and received \$29,161 and \$2,579 in contingent deferred sales charges from redemptions of class B and class C shares, respectively.

A deferred sales charge of up to 1.00% is assessed on certain redemptions of class A shares. For the reporting period, Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership, acting as underwriter, received no monies on class A redemptions.

Note 3: Purchases and sales of securities

During the reporting period, the cost of purchases and the proceeds from sales, excluding short-term investments, were as follows:

	Cost of purchases	Proceeds from sales
Investments in securities (Long-term)	\$15,659,063	\$611,710,516
U.S. government securities (Long-term)	—	—
Total	\$15,659,063	\$611,710,516

The fund may purchase or sell investments from or to other Putnam funds in the ordinary course of business, which can reduce the fund's transaction costs, at prices determined in accordance with SEC requirements and policies approved by the Trustees. During the reporting period, purchases or sales of long-term securities from or to other Putnam funds, if any, did not represent more than 5% of the fund's total cost of purchases and/or total proceeds from sales.

Note 4: Capital shares

At the close of the reporting period, there were an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest authorized. Transactions in capital shares were as follows:

Class A	SIX MONTHS ENDED 10/31/16		YEAR ENDED 4/30/16	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	405,813	\$13,352,616	3,786,702	\$141,224,074
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	3,207,341	112,160,064
	405,813	13,352,616	6,994,043	253,384,138
Shares repurchased	(9,520,987)	(311,137,198)	(33,983,710)	(1,193,704,812)
Net decrease	(9,115,174)	\$(297,784,582)	(26,989,667)	\$(940,320,674)

Class B	SIX MONTHS ENDED 10/31/16		YEAR ENDED 4/30/16	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	19,179	\$599,647	119,613	\$4,259,613
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	105,100	3,514,535
	19,179	599,647	224,713	7,774,148
Shares repurchased	(324,712)	(10,261,831)	(384,053)	(13,385,017)
Net decrease	(305,533)	\$(9,662,184)	(159,340)	\$(5,610,869)

Class C	SIX MONTHS ENDED 10/31/16		YEAR ENDED 4/30/16	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	217,477	\$6,796,053	1,660,767	\$59,008,342
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	849,981	28,372,363
	217,477	6,796,053	2,510,748	87,380,705
Shares repurchased	(2,501,295)	(78,273,431)	(5,658,055)	(198,106,238)
Net decrease	(2,283,818)	\$(71,477,378)	(3,147,307)	\$(110,725,533)

Class M	SIX MONTHS ENDED 10/31/16		YEAR ENDED 4/30/16	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	3,762	\$120,765	13,332	\$514,377
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	8,787	298,657
	3,762	120,765	22,119	813,034
Shares repurchased	(6,952)	(225,080)	(43,574)	(1,566,046)
Net decrease	(3,190)	\$(104,315)	(21,455)	\$(753,012)

Class R	SIX MONTHS ENDED 10/31/16		YEAR ENDED 4/30/16	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	29,771	\$964,634	166,344	\$6,214,415
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	22,326	770,476
	29,771	964,634	188,670	6,984,891
Shares repurchased	(133,659)	(4,359,573)	(143,947)	(5,232,942)
Net increase (decrease)	(103,888)	\$(3,394,939)	44,723	\$1,751,949

Class Y	SIX MONTHS ENDED 10/31/16		YEAR ENDED 4/30/16	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	1,706,264	\$57,116,266	7,707,640	\$289,433,546
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	1,886,715	66,789,718
	1,706,264	57,116,266	9,594,355	356,223,264
Shares repurchased	(7,954,069)	(263,970,153)	(29,755,186)	(1,107,658,323)
Net decrease	(6,247,805)	\$(206,853,887)	(20,160,831)	\$(751,435,059)

Note 5: Affiliated transactions

Transactions during the reporting period with any company which is under common ownership or control, or involving securities of companies in which the fund owned at least 5% of the outstanding voting securities, were as follows:

Name of affiliates	Fair value at the beginning of the reporting period	Purchase cost	Sale proceeds	Investment income	Fair value at the end of the reporting period
Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC*	\$102,084,025	\$288,253,362	\$348,594,109	\$283,153	\$41,743,278
Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund**	—	15,000,000	15,000,000	323	—
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund**	89,888,101	366,836,097	333,493,680	501,317	123,230,518
Altisource Asset Management Corp.	4,609,567	—	55,722	—	9,264,622
Altisource Asset Management Corp. cv. pfd.	17,575,000	—	—	—	17,700,000
Altisource Portfolio Solutions SA	66,587,717	—	749,656	—	54,103,144
GenMark Diagnostics, Inc.†	13,688,293	—	1,350,858	—	—
STAAR Surgical Co.	51,453,217	—	3,565,121	—	51,050,607
UCP, Inc.	6,595,966	—	901,196	—	6,701,003
Totals	\$352,481,886	\$670,089,459	\$703,710,342	\$784,793	\$303,793,172

* No management fees are charged to Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC (See Note 1).

** Management fees charged to Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund and Putnam Short Term Investment Fund have been waived by Putnam Management.

† Security was only in affiliation for a portion of the reporting period.

Note 6: Market, credit and other risks

In the normal course of business, the fund trades financial instruments and enters into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to changes in the market (market risk) or failure of the contracting party to the transaction to perform (credit risk). The fund may be exposed to additional credit risk that an institution or other entity with which the fund has unsettled or open transactions will default. Investments in foreign securities involve certain risks, including those related to economic instability, unfavorable political developments, and currency fluctuations.

Note 7: Summary of derivative activity

The volume of activity for the reporting period for any derivative type that was held during the period is listed below and was based on an average of the holdings at the end of each fiscal quarter:

Warrants (number of warrants)	350,000
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The following is a summary of the fair value of derivative instruments as of the close of the reporting period:

Fair value of derivative instruments as of the close of the reporting period				
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	ASSET DERIVATIVES		LIABILITY DERIVATIVES	
	Statement of assets and liabilities location	Fair value	Statement of assets and liabilities location	Fair value
Equity contracts	Investments	\$263,440	Payables	\$—
Total		\$263,440		\$—

The following is a summary of change in unrealized gains or losses of derivative instruments on the Statement of operations for the reporting period (see Note 1) (there were no realized gains or losses on derivative instruments):

Change in unrealized appreciation or (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in net gain or (loss) on investments		
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Warrants	Total
Equity contracts	\$(772,756)	\$(772,756)
Total	\$(772,756)	\$(772,756)

Note 8: New pronouncements

In October 2016, the SEC adopted amendments to rules under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“final rules”) intended to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. The final rules amend Regulation S-X and require funds to provide standardized, enhanced derivative disclosure in fund financial statements in a format designed for individual investors. The amendments to Regulation S-X also update the disclosures for other investments and investments in, and advances to affiliates and amend the rules regarding the general form and content of fund financial statements. The compliance date for the amendments to Regulation S-X is August 1, 2017. Putnam Management is currently evaluating the amendments and their impact, if any, on the fund’s financial statements.

Putnam family of funds

The following is a list of Putnam's open-end mutual funds offered to the public. *Investors should carefully consider the investment objective, risks, charges, and expenses of a fund before investing. For a prospectus, or a summary prospectus if available, containing this and other information for any Putnam fund or product, contact your financial advisor or call Putnam Investor Services at 1-800-225-1581. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.*

Growth

Growth Opportunities Fund
International Growth Fund
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Blend

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Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Equity Spectrum Fund
Europe Equity Fund
Global Equity Fund
International Capital Opportunities Fund
International Equity Fund
Investors Fund
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Research Fund
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Convertible Securities Fund
Equity Income Fund
Global Dividend Fund
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International Value Fund

Multi-Cap Value Fund
Small Cap Value Fund

Income

American Government Income Fund
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- † **Not available in all states.**

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Please note that regular investing does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. Before arranging a systematic investment plan, consider your financial ability to continue making purchases in periods when prices are low.

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Dividends PLUS You can choose to have the dividend distributions from one of your Putnam funds automatically reinvested in another Putnam fund at no additional charge.

Free exchange privilege You can exchange money between Putnam funds free of charge, as long as they are the same class of shares. A signature guarantee is required if you are exchanging more than \$500,000. The fund reserves the right to revise or terminate the exchange privilege.

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transaction and they will be reinvested at the fund's current net asset value — with no sales charge. However, reinstatement of class B shares may have special tax consequences. Ask your financial or tax representative for details.

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Dollar cost averaging When you're investing for long-term goals, it's time, not timing, that counts. Investing on a systematic basis is a better strategy than trying to figure out when the markets will go up or down. This means investing the same amount of money regularly over a long period. This method of investing is called dollar cost averaging. When a fund's share price declines, your investment dollars buy more shares at lower prices. When it increases, they buy fewer shares. Over time, you will pay a lower average price per share.

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