

Putnam Focused International Equity Fund

Semiannual report

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The Securities and Exchange Commission has adopted new regulations that will result in changes to the design and delivery of annual and semiannual shareholder reports beginning in July 2024.

If you have previously elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will continue to do so and need not take any action.

Otherwise, paper copies of the Fund's shareholder reports will be mailed to you beginning in July 2024.



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

FUND SYMBOL
CLASS A
PEQUX

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Message from the Trustees

June 7, 2024

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

We are pleased to report that on January 1, 2024, Franklin Resources, Inc., a leading global asset management firm operating as Franklin Templeton, acquired Putnam Investments. With complementary capabilities and an established infrastructure serving over 150 countries, Franklin Templeton enhances Putnam's investment, risk management, operations, and technology platforms. Together, our firms are committed to delivering strong fund performance and more choices for our investors.

We are also pleased to welcome Jane E. Trust and Gregory G. McGreevey to your Board of Trustees. Ms. Trust is an interested trustee who has served as Senior Vice President, Fund Board Management, at Franklin Templeton since 2020. Mr. McGreevey joins the Board as an independent trustee, most recently serving as Senior Managing Director, Investments, at Invesco Ltd., until 2023.

As we enter this new chapter, you can rest assured that your fund continues to be actively managed by the same experienced investment professionals. Your investment team is exploring new and attractive opportunities for your fund while monitoring changing market conditions.

Thank you for investing with Putnam.

Respectfully yours,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Reynolds".

Robert L. Reynolds
President, The Putnam Funds



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Leibler".

Kenneth R. Leibler
Chair, Board of Trustees

Your fund at a glance

Global composition

● United Kingdom	20.6%
● Canada	14.7
● Japan	10.4
● Ireland	8.9
● South Korea	7.9
● China	6.5
● India	5.9
● Germany	5.3
● Other countries	16.5
● Cash and net other assets	3.3



Allocations are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets as of 4/30/24. Cash and net other assets, if any, represent the market value weights of cash, derivatives, short-term securities, and other unclassified assets in the portfolio. Summary information may differ from the information in the portfolio schedule notes included in the financial statements due to the inclusion of derivative securities, any interest accruals, the exclusion of as-of trades, if any, and rounding. Holdings and allocations may vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%.

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 R	Class R6	Class Y
Total annual operating expenses for the fiscal year ended 10/31/23	1.16%	1.91%	1.91%	1.41%	0.78%	0.91%
Annualized expense ratio for the six-month period ended 4/30/24	1.18%	1.93%	1.93%	1.43%	0.81%	0.93%

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.

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 11/1/23 to 4/30/24. 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 R	Class R6	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000*†	\$6.37	\$10.40	\$10.40	\$7.72	\$4.38	\$5.03
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,172.80	\$1,167.80	\$1,167.60	\$1,170.00	\$1,174.30	\$1,174.10

* 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 4/30/24. 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 (182); and then dividing that result by the number of days in the year (366).

Estimate the expenses you paid

To estimate the ongoing expenses you paid for the six months ended 4/30/24, use the following calculation method. To find the value of your investment on 11/1/23, call Putnam at 1-800-225-1581.

How to calculate the expenses you paid

Value of your investment on 11/1/23 ÷ **\$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 **\$6.37** (see preceding table) = **\$63.70**

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 R	Class R6	Class Y
Expenses paid per \$1,000**†	\$5.92	\$9.67	\$9.67	\$7.17	\$4.07	\$4.67
Ending value (after expenses)	\$1,019.00	\$1,015.27	\$1,015.27	\$1,017.75	\$1,020.84	\$1,020.24

* 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 4/30/24. 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 (182); and then dividing that result by the number of days in the year (366).

Other information for shareholders

Important notice regarding delivery of shareholder documents

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations, your fund's manager sends a single notice of internet availability, or a single printed copy, of annual and semiannual shareholder reports, prospectuses, and proxy statements to shareholders who share the same address, unless a shareholder requests otherwise. If you prefer to receive your own copy of these documents, please call 1-800-225-1581 or, for exchange-traded funds only, 1-833-228-5577. We will begin sending individual copies within 30 days.

Proxy voting

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, 2023, 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 Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-1581 or, for exchange-traded funds only, 1-833-228-5577.

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-PORT within 60 days of the end of such fiscal quarter. Shareholders may obtain the fund's Form N-PORT on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Liquidity risk management program

Putnam Investment Management, LLC ("Putnam Management"), as the administrator of the fund's liquidity risk management program (appointed by the Board of Trustees), presented the most recent annual report on the program to the Trustees in April 2024. The report covered the structure of the program, including the program documents and related policies and procedures adopted to comply with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and reviewed the operation of the program from January 2023 through December 2023. The report included a description of the annual liquidity assessment of the fund that Putnam Management performed in November 2023. The report noted that there were no material compliance exceptions identified under Rule 22e-4 during the period. The report included a review of the governance of the program and the methodology for classification of the fund's investments. Putnam Management concluded that the program has been operating effectively and adequately to ensure compliance with Rule 22e-4.

Important notice regarding Putnam's privacy policy

In order to conduct business with our shareholders, we must obtain certain personal information such as account holders' names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth. Using this information, we are able to maintain accurate records of accounts and transactions.

It is our policy to protect the confidentiality of our shareholder information, whether or not a shareholder currently owns shares of our funds. In particular, it is our policy not to sell information about you or your accounts to outside marketing firms. We have safeguards in place designed to prevent unauthorized access

to our computer systems and procedures to protect personal information from unauthorized use.

Under certain circumstances, we must share account information with outside vendors who provide services to us, such as mailings and proxy solicitations. In these cases, the service providers enter into confidentiality agreements with us, and we provide only the information necessary to process transactions and perform other services related to your account. Finally, it is our policy to share account information with your financial representative, if you've listed one on your Putnam account.

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 period.

Financial highlights provide an overview of the fund's investment results, per-share distributions, expense ratios, net investment income ratios, and portfolio turnover (not required for money market funds) 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 4/30/24 (Unaudited)

COMMON STOCKS (96.8%)*	Shares	Value
Banks (6.3%)		
AIB Group PLC (Ireland)	3,912,124	\$20,207,552
HDFC Bank, Ltd. (India)	1,608,259	29,296,462
		49,504,014
Broadline retail (5.4%)		
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. (China)	2,167,900	20,350,824
Prosus NV (China)	651,998	21,889,142
		42,239,966
Capital markets (2.2%)		
London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)	154,924	17,069,552
		17,069,552
Diversified telecommunication services (4.4%)		
Cogeco Communications, Inc. (Canada)	562,302	22,289,485
Liberty Global, Ltd. Class A (United Kingdom) †	752,684	11,963,912
		34,253,397
Entertainment (4.1%)		
Universal Music Group NV (Netherlands)	1,098,987	32,282,528
		32,282,528
Food products (3.2%)		
Ottogi Corp. (South Korea)	34,471	10,352,808
Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (Japan)	736,600	14,414,017
		24,766,825
Health care technology (3.8%)		
CompuGroup Medical SE & Co. KGaA (Germany)	979,234	29,395,579
		29,395,579
Household durables (8.3%)		
Berkeley Group Holdings PLC (The) (United Kingdom)	449,471	26,278,940
Persimmon PLC (United Kingdom)	1,234,591	19,930,491
Sony Group Corp. (Japan)	225,000	18,585,500
		64,794,931
Industrial conglomerates (2.7%)		
SK Square Co., Ltd. (South Korea) †	382,060	20,880,354
		20,880,354
Insurance (5.3%)		
Admiral Group PLC (United Kingdom)	1,204,124	41,030,840
		41,030,840
Interactive media and services (4.9%)		
Alphabet, Inc. Class C †	233,975	38,521,644
		38,521,644
IT Services (2.2%)		
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd. (India)	369,190	16,903,389
		16,903,389
Oil, gas, and consumable fuels (5.8%)		
Canadian Natural Resources, Ltd. (Canada)	317,983	24,096,166
International Petroleum Corp. (Canada) †	1,645,962	20,987,377
		45,083,543
Passenger airlines (6.3%)		
Ryanair Holdings PLC ADR (Ireland)	363,307	49,482,413
		49,482,413

COMMON STOCKS (96.8%)* cont.	Shares	Value		
Personal care products (3.1%)				
Unilever PLC (United Kingdom)	475,360	\$24,573,493		
		24,573,493		
Pharmaceuticals (6.4%)				
AstraZeneca PLC (United Kingdom)	133,710	20,131,891		
Bayer AG (Germany)	403,410	11,769,041		
Sanofi SA (France)	180,887	17,834,820		
		49,735,752		
Semiconductors and semiconductor equipment (6.6%)				
Japan Material Co., Ltd. (Japan)	832,600	11,748,949		
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Taiwan)	1,664,000	40,095,049		
		51,843,998		
Software (6.1%)				
Constellation Software, Inc. (Canada)	18,412	47,402,959		
		47,402,959		
Technology hardware, storage, and peripherals (3.9%)				
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Preference) (South Korea)	652,093	30,559,712		
		30,559,712		
Trading companies and distributors (4.7%)				
ITOCHU Corp. (Japan)	816,100	36,492,672		
		36,492,672		
Transportation infrastructure (1.1%)				
Anhui Expressway Co., Ltd. Class H (China)	8,006,000	8,819,564		
		8,819,564		
Total common stocks (cost \$699,565,367)		\$755,637,125		
WARRANTS (—%)*†	Expiration date	Strike price	Warrants	Value
Constellation Software, Inc. (Canada) ^F	8/22/28	\$0.00	20,759	\$2
Total warrants (cost \$—)				\$2
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (3.0%)*	Shares	Value		
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund Class P 5.48% ^L	23,103,164	\$23,103,164		
Total short-term investments (cost \$23,103,164)		\$23,103,164		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS				
Total investments (cost \$722,668,531)		\$778,740,291		

Key to holding's abbreviations

ADR American Depositary 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 November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "Putnam Management" represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc., and references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*.

* Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$780,901,923.

† This security is non-income-producing.

- F This security is valued by Putnam Management at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities are classified as Level 3 for ASC 820 based on the securities' valuation inputs. At the close of the reporting period, fair value pricing was also used for certain foreign securities in the portfolio (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.

DIVERSIFICATION BY COUNTRY

Distribution of investments by country of risk at the close of the reporting period, excluding collateral received, if any (as a percentage of Portfolio Value):

United Kingdom	20.7%	India	5.9%
Canada	14.7	Germany	5.3
Japan	10.4	Taiwan	5.2
Ireland	9.0	Netherlands	4.1
South Korea	7.9	France	2.3
United States	7.9	Total	100.0%
China	6.6		

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*:			
Communication services	\$72,775,041	\$32,282,528	\$—
Consumer discretionary	—	107,034,897	—
Consumer staples	—	49,340,318	—
Energy	24,096,166	20,987,377	—
Financials	—	107,604,406	—
Health care	—	79,131,331	—
Industrials	49,482,413	66,192,590	—
Information technology	47,402,959	99,307,099	—
Total common stocks	193,756,579	561,880,546	—
Warrants	—	—	2
Short-term investments	—	23,103,164	—
Totals by level	\$193,756,579	\$584,983,710	\$2

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

At the start and close of the reporting period, Level 3 investments in securities and other financial instruments represented less than 1% of the fund's net assets and were not considered a significant portion of the fund's portfolio.

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

Statement of assets and liabilities 4/30/24 (Unaudited)

ASSETS

Investment in securities, at value (Note 1):	
Unaffiliated issuers (identified cost \$699,565,367)	\$755,637,127
Affiliated issuers (identified cost \$23,103,164) (Note 5)	23,103,164
Foreign currency (cost \$23) (Note 1)	23
Dividends, interest and other receivables	2,804,922
Foreign tax reclaim	809,879
Receivable for shares of the fund sold	586,595
Receivable for investments sold	569
Prepaid assets	54,712
Total assets	782,996,991

LIABILITIES

Payable for investments purchased	160,830
Payable for shares of the fund repurchased	462,755
Payable for compensation of Manager (Note 2)	434,783
Payable for custodian fees (Note 2)	99,354
Payable for investor servicing fees (Note 2)	215,354
Payable for Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	476,914
Payable for administrative services (Note 2)	2,298
Payable for distribution fees (Note 2)	151,941
Other accrued expenses	90,839
Total liabilities	2,095,068
Net assets	\$780,901,923

REPRESENTED BY

Paid-in capital (Unlimited shares authorized) (Notes 1 and 4)	\$787,024,785
Total distributable earnings (Note 1)	(6,122,862)
Total — Representing net assets applicable to capital shares outstanding	\$780,901,923

COMPUTATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND OFFERING PRICE

Net asset value and redemption price per class A share ($\$706,659,225$ divided by $47,558,912$ shares)	\$14.86
Offering price per class A share (100/94.25 of \$14.86)*	\$15.77
Net asset value and offering price per class B share ($\$866,628$ divided by $70,351$ shares)**	\$12.32
Net asset value and offering price per class C share ($\$5,591,708$ divided by $423,200$ shares)**	\$13.21
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per class R share ($\$544,195$ divided by $37,135$ shares)	\$14.65
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per class R6 share ($\$23,443,259$ divided by $1,489,535$ shares)	\$15.74
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per class Y share ($\$43,796,908$ divided by $2,800,648$ shares)	\$15.64

*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 4/30/24 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME	
Dividends (net of foreign taxes paid and refunded of \$422,491)	\$5,745,019
Interest (including interest income of \$1,002,771 from investments in affiliated issuers) (Note 5)	1,003,134
Total investment income	6,748,153
EXPENSES	
Compensation of Manager (Note 2)	2,664,289
Investor servicing fees (Note 2)	659,592
Custodian fees (Note 2)	100,185
Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	21,415
Distribution fees (Note 2)	916,748
Administrative services (Note 2)	15,147
Other	153,137
Total expenses	4,530,513
Expense reduction (Note 2)	(10,876)
Net expenses	4,519,637
Net investment income	2,228,516
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Securities from unaffiliated issuers (Notes 1 and 3)	8,086,926
Foreign currency transactions (Note 1)	(67,175)
Total net realized gain	8,019,751
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Securities from unaffiliated issuers	110,189,132
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	(39,931)
Total change in net unrealized appreciation	110,149,201
Net gain on investments	118,168,952
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$120,397,468

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

Statement of changes in net assets

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	Six months ended 4/30/24*	Year ended 10/31/23
Operations		
Net investment income	\$2,228,516	\$7,508,827
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	8,019,751	(8,085,259)
Change in net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	110,149,201	115,510,519
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	120,397,468	114,934,087
Distributions to shareholders (Note 1):		
From ordinary income		
Net investment income		
Class A	(7,183,227)	(17,935,473)
Class B	—	(59,771)
Class C	(3,555)	(211,818)
Class R	(3,826)	(11,095)
Class R6	(345,309)	(635,703)
Class Y	(522,669)	(1,137,214)
Decrease from capital share transactions (Note 4)	(36,108,502)	(52,536,210)
Total increase in net assets	76,230,380	42,406,803
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of period	704,671,543	662,264,740
End of period	\$780,901,923	\$704,671,543

*Unaudited.

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

Financial highlights

(For a common share outstanding throughout the period)

Period ended	INVESTMENT OPERATIONS				LESS DISTRIBUTIONS	
	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
Class A						
April 30, 2024**	\$12.80	.04	2.17	2.21	(.15)	—
October 31, 2023	11.25	.13	1.77	1.90	(.35)	—
October 31, 2022	21.39	.36 ^d	(5.16)	(4.80)	(.03)	(5.31)
October 31, 2021	16.77	.06	4.69	4.75	(.13)	—
October 31, 2020	16.51	.06	.21	.27	(.01)	—
October 31, 2019	14.72	.05	1.74	1.79	—	—
Class B						
April 30, 2024**	\$10.55	(.02)	1.79	1.77	—	—
October 31, 2023	9.28	.02	1.47	1.49	(.22)	—
October 31, 2022	18.71	.25 ^{d,i}	(4.34)	(4.09)	(.03)	(5.31)
October 31, 2021	14.68	(.08)	4.11	4.03	—	—
October 31, 2020	14.56	(.05)	.17	.12	—	—
October 31, 2019	13.07	(.06)	1.55	1.49	—	—
Class C						
April 30, 2024**	\$11.32	(.01)	1.91	1.90	(.01)	—
October 31, 2023	9.96	.02	1.59	1.61	(.25)	—
October 31, 2022	19.69	.24 ^d	(4.63)	(4.39)	(.03)	(5.31)
October 31, 2021	15.45	(.09)	4.33	4.24	—	—
October 31, 2020	15.32	(.05)	.18	.13	—	—
October 31, 2019	13.76	(.06)	1.62	1.56	—	—
Class R						
April 30, 2024**	\$12.63	.03	2.11	2.14	(.12)	—
October 31, 2023	11.08	.09	1.76	1.85	(.30)	—
October 31, 2022	21.21	.32 ^d	(5.11)	(4.79)	(.03)	(5.31)
October 31, 2021	16.55	.01	4.65	4.66	—	—
October 31, 2020	16.33	.03	.19	.22	—	—
October 31, 2019	14.59	.01	1.73	1.74	—	—
Class R6						
April 30, 2024**	\$13.58	.07	2.29	2.36	(.20)	—
October 31, 2023	11.91	.19	1.88	2.07	(.40)	—
October 31, 2022	22.27	.40 ^{d,i}	(5.42)	(5.02)	(.03)	(5.31)
October 31, 2021	17.49	.14	4.90	5.04	(.26)	—
October 31, 2020	17.21	.13	.21	.34	(.06)	—
October 31, 2019	15.28	.12	1.81	1.93	—	—

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

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

				RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
Total distributions	Non-recurring reimbursements	Net asset value, end of period	Total return at net asset value (%) ^b	Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) ^c	Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%)	Portfolio turnover (%)
(.15)	—	\$14.86	17.28*	\$706,659	.59*	.28*	10*
(.35)	—	12.80	16.95	633,627	1.16	.96	17
(5.34)	—	11.25	(29.16)	594,911	1.11 ^e	2.50 ^d	32
(.13)	—	21.39	28.41	944,938	1.10	.31	125
(.01)	—	16.77	1.62	799,870	1.13	.39	62
—	— ^{f,g}	16.51	12.16	871,070	1.15	.34	35
—	—	\$12.32	16.78*	\$867	.96*	(.13)*	10*
(.22)	—	10.55	16.14	1,617	1.91	.21	17
(5.34)	—	9.28	(29.68)	2,782	1.86 ^e	2.07 ^{d,i}	32
—	—	18.71	27.45	7,358	1.85	(.46)	125
—	—	14.68	.82	8,168	1.88	(.36)	62
—	— ^{f,g}	14.56	11.40	12,250	1.90	(.44)	35
(.01)	—	\$13.21	16.76*	\$5,592	.96*	(.12)*	10*
(.25)	—	11.32	16.18	7,436	1.91	.21	17
(5.34)	—	9.96	(29.74)	9,277	1.86 ^e	1.84 ^d	32
—	—	19.69	27.44	17,165	1.85	(.46)	125
—	—	15.45	.85	18,122	1.88	(.36)	62
—	— ^{f,g}	15.32	11.34	22,912	1.90	(.45)	35
(.12)	—	\$14.65	17.00*	\$544	.71*	.19*	10*
(.30)	—	12.63	16.79	367	1.41	.72	17
(5.34)	—	11.08	(29.42)	419	1.36 ^e	2.25 ^d	32
—	—	21.21	28.16	751	1.35	.06	125
—	—	16.55	1.35	752	1.38	.18	62
—	— ^{f,g}	16.33	11.93	1,304	1.40	— ^h	35
(.20)	—	\$15.74	17.43*	\$23,443	.40*	.45*	10*
(.40)	—	13.58	17.51	23,178	.78	1.35	17
(5.34)	—	11.91	(28.95)	18,763	.74 ^e	2.67 ^{d,i}	32
(.26)	—	22.27	28.95	20,410	.73	.65	125
(.06)	—	17.49	1.99	19,620	.74	.78	62
—	— ^{f,g}	17.21	12.63	21,642	.77	.73	35

Financial highlights *cont.*

Period ended	INVESTMENT OPERATIONS				LESS DISTRIBUTIONS	
	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
Class Y						
April 30, 2024**	\$13.48	.06	2.28	2.34	(.18)	—
October 31, 2023	11.83	.17	1.86	2.03	(.38)	—
October 31, 2022	22.17	.40 ^d	(5.40)	(5.00)	(.03)	(5.31)
October 31, 2021	17.40	.12	4.87	4.99	(.22)	—
October 31, 2020	17.13	.11	.21	.32	(.05)	—
October 31, 2019	15.23	.09	1.81	1.90	—	—

Before April 1, 2021, the fund was managed with a materially different investment strategy and may have achieved materially different performance results under its current investment strategy from that shown for periods before this date.

* 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 Total return assumes dividend reinvestment and does not reflect the effect of sales charges.

^c Includes amounts paid through expense offset and brokerage/service arrangements, if any (Note 2). Also excludes acquired fund fees, if any.

^d 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	\$0.24	1.64%
Class B	0.25	2.01
Class C	0.23	1.76
Class R	0.23	1.65
Class R6	0.21	1.44
Class Y	0.23	1.57

^e Includes one-time proxy cost of 0.01%.

^f Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

^g Reflects a non-recurring reimbursement pursuant to a settlement between the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and Canadian Imperial Holdings, Inc. and CIBC World Markets Corp., which amounted to less than \$0.01 per share outstanding on March 6, 2019.

^h Amount represents less than 0.01%.

ⁱ The net investment income ratio and per share amount for the period noted may not correspond with the expected class specific differences for the period due to the timing of redemptions out of the class.

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

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Total distributions	Non-recurring reimbursements	Net asset value, end of period	Total return at net asset value (%) ^b	Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) ^c	Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%)	Portfolio turnover (%)
(.18)	—	\$15.64	17.41*	\$43,797	.46*	.40*	10*
(.38)	—	13.48	17.28	38,447	.91	1.23	17
(5.34)	—	11.83	(29.00)	36,113	.86 ^e	2.68 ^d	32
(.22)	—	22.17	28.78	51,671	.85	.56	125
(.05)	—	17.40	1.83	42,867	.88	.64	62
—	— ^{f,g}	17.13	12.48	47,215	.90	.58	35

Notes to financial statements 4/30/24 (Unaudited)

Unless otherwise noted, the “reporting period” represents the period from November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. The following table defines commonly used references within the Notes to financial statements:

References to	Represent
Franklin Templeton	Franklin Resources, Inc.
JPMorgan	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
OTC	Over-the-counter
PAC	The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC, an affiliate of Putnam Management
PIL	Putnam Investments Limited, an affiliate of Putnam Management
Putnam Management	Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund’s manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Templeton
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
State Street	State Street Bank and Trust Company

Putnam Focused International Equity Fund (the fund) is a Massachusetts business trust, which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a non-diversified open-end management investment company. The goal of the fund is to seek capital appreciation. The fund invests mainly in common stocks (growth or value stocks or both) of companies of any size outside the United States that Putnam Management believes have favorable investment potential. Under normal circumstances, Putnam Management invests at least 80% of the fund’s net assets in equity investments. This policy may be changed only after 60 days’ notice to shareholders. The fund’s equity investments may include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs). The fund invests in both developed countries and in emerging markets. 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. Putnam Management may also consider other factors that it believes will cause the stock price to rise. The fund may also use derivatives, such as futures, options, warrants and swap contracts, for both hedging and non-hedging purposes. 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 a limited number of issuers.

The fund offers the following share classes. The expenses for each class of shares may differ based on the distribution and investor servicing fees of each class, which are identified in Note 2.

Share class	Sales charge	Contingent deferred sales charge	Conversion feature
Class A	Up to 5.75%	1.00% on certain redemptions of shares bought with no initial sales charge	None
Class B*	None	5.00% phased out over six years	Converts to class A shares after 8 years
Class C	None	1.00% eliminated after one year	Converts to class A shares after 8 years
Class R†	None	None	None
Class R6†	None	None	None
Class Y†	None	None	None

* Purchases of class B shares are closed to new and existing investors except by exchange from class B shares of another Putnam fund or through dividend and/or capital gains reinvestment.

† 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 Agreement and Declaration of Trust, any claims asserted by a shareholder against or on behalf of the fund, including claims against Trustees and Officers, must be brought in courts located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Note 1: Significant accounting policies

The fund follows the accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies* (ASC 946) and applies the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP), including, but not limited to, ASC 946. 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 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 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.

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 Depositary 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. At the close of the reporting period, fair value pricing was used for certain foreign securities in the portfolio. Securities quoted in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate. Short-term securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued using an independent pricing service approved by the Trustees, and are classified as Level 2 securities.

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, which has been designated as valuation designee pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 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, if any, is recorded on the accrual basis. Amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts on debt securities, if any, 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.

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 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 assets and liabilities other than investments at the period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate.

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 \$320 million syndicated unsecured committed line of credit, provided by State Street (\$160 million) and JPMorgan (\$160 million), and a \$235.5 million unsecured uncommitted line of credit, provided by State Street. 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 1.25% plus the higher of (1) the Federal Funds rate and (2) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate for the committed line of credit and 1.30% plus the higher of (1) the Federal Funds rate and (2) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate for the uncommitted line of credit. A closing fee equal to 0.04% of the committed line of credit and 0.04% of the uncommitted line of credit has been paid by the participating funds and a \$75,000 fee has been paid by the participating funds to State Street as agent of the

syndicated committed line of credit. In addition, a commitment fee of 0.21% 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.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the fund will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred for an unlimited period and the carry forwards will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. At October 31, 2023, the fund had the following capital loss carryovers available, to the extent allowed by the Code, to offset future net capital gain, if any:

Loss carryover		
Short-term	Long-term	Total
\$671,832	\$70,646,728	\$71,318,560

Tax cost of investments includes adjustments to net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) which may not necessarily be final tax cost basis adjustments, but closely approximate the tax basis unrealized gains and losses that may be realized and distributed to shareholders. The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$723,589,789, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$134,652,999 and \$79,502,497, respectively, or net unrealized appreciation of \$55,150,502.

Distributions to shareholders Distributions to shareholders from net investment income, if any, 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.

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:

0.850%	of the first \$5 billion,	0.650%	of the next \$50 billion,
0.800%	of the next \$5 billion,	0.630%	of the next \$50 billion,
0.750%	of the next \$10 billion,	0.620%	of the next \$100 billion and
0.700%	of the next \$10 billion,	0.615%	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. The performance adjustment is determined based on performance over the thirty-six month period then ended. Each month, the performance adjustment is calculated by multiplying the performance adjustment rate and the fund's average net assets over the performance period and dividing the result by twelve. The resulting dollar amount is added to, or subtracted from the base fee for that month. The performance adjustment rate is equal to 0.03 multiplied by the difference between the fund's annualized performance (measured by the fund's class A shares) and the annualized performance of the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net Dividends) (MSCI World Index (Net Dividends) prior to April 1, 2021) measured over the performance period. Because the performance adjustment is based on a rolling thirty-six-month performance period, there will be a transition period during which the fund's performance will be compared to a composite index that reflects the performance of the MSCI World Index (Net Dividends) for the portion of the performance period before April 1, 2021, and the performance of the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net Dividends) for the remainder of the period. The maximum annualized performance adjustment rate is +/- 0.15%. 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 thirty-six month performance period. 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.

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 management fee represented an effective rate (excluding the impact of any expense waiver in effect) of 0.341% of the fund's average net assets, which included an effective base fee of 0.340% and an increase of less than 0.01% (\$466) based on performance.

Putnam Management has contractually agreed, through February 28, 2025, to waive fees and/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.

PIL 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 0.25% of the average net assets of the portion of the fund managed by PIL.

PAC 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 0.25% of the average net assets of the portion of the fund's assets for which PAC is engaged as sub-adviser.

On January 1, 2024, a subsidiary of Franklin Templeton acquired Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC ("Putnam Holdings"), the parent company of Putnam Management, PIL and PAC, in a stock and cash transaction (the "Transaction"). As a result of the Transaction, Putnam Management, PIL and PAC became indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Franklin Templeton. The Transaction also resulted in the automatic termination of the investment management contract between the fund and Putnam Management, the sub-management contract for the fund between Putnam Management and PIL, and the sub-advisory contract for the fund among Putnam Management, PIL and PAC that were in place for the fund before the Transaction (together, the "Previous Advisory Contracts"). However, Putnam Management, PIL and PAC continue to provide uninterrupted services with respect to the fund pursuant to new investment management, sub-management, and sub-advisory contracts that were approved by fund shareholders at a shareholder meeting held in connection with the Transaction and that took effect on January 1, 2024 (together, the "New Advisory Contracts"). The terms of the New Advisory Contracts are substantially similar

to those of the Previous Advisory Contracts, and the fee rates payable under the New Advisory Contracts are the same as the fee rates under the Previous Advisory Contracts.

Effective June 1, 2024, under an agreement with Putnam Management, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Templeton and an affiliate of Putnam Management, will provide certain administrative services to the fund. The fee for those services will be paid by Putnam Management based on the fund's average daily net assets, and is not an additional expense of the fund.

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 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, Inc. 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.

Class R6 shares paid a monthly fee based on the average net assets of class R6 shares at an annual rate of 0.05%.

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

Class A	\$609,022	Class R	452
Class B	1,107	Class R6	6,264
Class C	5,385	Class Y	37,362
		Total	\$659,592

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. For the reporting period, the fund's expenses were reduced by \$10,876 under the expense offset arrangements.

Each Independent Trustee of the fund receives an annual Trustee fee, of which \$612, 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 from July 1, 1995 through December 31, 2023. 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 the following share classes 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 Franklin Templeton, for services provided and expenses incurred in distributing shares of the fund. The Plans provide payments by the fund to Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership at an annual rate of up to the following amounts (Maximum %) of the average net assets attributable to each class. The Trustees have approved payment by the fund at the

following annual rate (Approved %) of the average net assets attributable to each class. During the reporting period, the class-specific expenses related to distribution fees were as follows:

	Maximum %	Approved %	Amount
Class A	0.35%	0.25%	\$878,025
Class B	1.00%	1.00%	6,378
Class C	1.00%	1.00%	31,044
Class R	1.00%	0.50%	1,301
Total			\$916,748

For the reporting period, Putnam Retail Management Limited Partnership, acting as underwriter, received net commissions of \$12,631 from the sale of class A shares and received \$390 and \$78 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 \$15 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)	\$74,936,236	\$92,621,674
U.S. government securities (Long-term)	—	—
Total	\$74,936,236	\$92,621,674

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, including, if applicable, direct exchanges pursuant to share conversions, in capital shares were as follows:

Class A	SIX MONTHS ENDED 4/30/24		YEAR ENDED 10/31/23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	609,091	\$8,733,026	934,518	\$12,402,470
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	467,570	6,747,037	1,356,691	16,836,533
	1,076,661	15,480,063	2,291,209	29,239,003
Shares repurchased	(3,007,626)	(43,643,148)	(5,690,671)	(75,687,925)
Net decrease	(1,930,965)	\$(28,163,085)	(3,399,462)	\$(46,448,922)

Class B	SIX MONTHS ENDED 4/30/24		YEAR ENDED 10/31/23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	678	\$7,799	22	\$238
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	—	5,638	57,961
	678	7,799	5,660	58,199
Shares repurchased	(83,615)	(993,497)	(152,247)	(1,673,851)
Net decrease	(82,937)	\$(985,698)	(146,587)	\$(1,615,652)

Class C	SIX MONTHS ENDED 4/30/24		YEAR ENDED 10/31/23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	11,316	\$145,477	33,496	\$388,684
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	275	3,542	18,970	209,427
	11,591	149,019	52,466	598,111
Shares repurchased	(245,297)	(3,044,696)	(326,584)	(3,811,438)
Net decrease	(233,706)	\$(2,895,677)	(274,118)	\$(3,213,327)

Class R	SIX MONTHS ENDED 4/30/24		YEAR ENDED 10/31/23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	15,418	\$222,640	9,141	\$119,735
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	266	3,786	897	10,998
	15,684	226,426	10,038	130,733
Shares repurchased	(7,629)	(112,957)	(18,784)	(240,047)
Net increase (decrease)	8,055	\$113,469	(8,746)	\$(109,314)

Class R6	SIX MONTHS ENDED 4/30/24		YEAR ENDED 10/31/23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	233,470	\$3,618,575	326,409	\$4,665,592
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	20,044	305,875	42,332	554,968
	253,514	3,924,450	368,741	5,220,560
Shares repurchased	(471,219)	(7,325,328)	(236,416)	(3,381,644)
Net increase (decrease)	(217,705)	\$(3,400,878)	132,325	\$1,838,916

Class Y	SIX MONTHS ENDED 4/30/24		YEAR ENDED 10/31/23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	406,280	\$6,214,597	913,682	\$12,854,746
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	33,564	509,165	84,810	1,105,921
	439,844	6,723,762	998,492	13,960,667
Shares repurchased	(491,062)	(7,500,395)	(1,199,276)	(16,948,578)
Net decrease	(51,218)	\$(776,633)	(200,784)	\$(2,987,911)

Note 5: Affiliated transactions

Transactions during the reporting period with any company which is under common ownership or control were as follows:

Name of affiliate	Fair value as of 10/31/23	Purchase cost	Sale proceeds	Investment income	Shares outstanding and fair value as of 4/30/24
Short-term investments					
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund Class P [‡]	\$32,274,951	\$60,467,929	\$69,639,716	\$1,002,771	\$23,103,164
Total Short-term investments	\$32,274,951	\$60,467,929	\$69,639,716	\$1,002,771	\$23,103,164

[‡] Management fees charged to Putnam Short Term Investment Fund have been waived by Putnam Management. There were no realized or unrealized gains or losses during the 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)	21,000
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The following is a summary of the fair value of derivative instrument's 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	\$2	Payables	\$—
Total		\$2		\$—

There were no realized or unrealized gains or losses on derivative instruments for the reporting period.

Shareholder meeting results (Unaudited)

October 20, 2023 special meeting

At the meeting, a new Management Contract for your fund with Putnam Investment Management, LLC was approved, as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions/Votes withheld
25,742,984	857,263	1,691,671

At the meeting, a new Sub-Management Contract for your fund between Putnam Investment Management, LLC and Putnam Investments Limited was approved, as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions/Votes withheld
25,491,739	1,024,930	1,775,249

At the meeting, a new Sub-Advisory Contract for your fund between Putnam Investment Management, LLC, Putnam Investments Limited and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC was approved, as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions/Votes withheld
25,431,103	999,489	1,861,326

All tabulations are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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