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# Explore Putnam's short-duration strategies

Two choices for pursuing income from diverse credit opportunities

	Putnam Ultra Short Duration Income Fund (PSDYX)	Putnam Short Duration Bond Fund (PARYX)
<b>Investment style</b>	Absolute return	Benchmark aware
<b>Duration exposure</b>	0.30 years	1.79 years
<b>Duration strategy</b>	Positive: 1 year or less	Positive: 3 years or less; managed neutral to the ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate Index
<b>30-day SEC yield (Y shares)</b>	0.18% without subsidy 0.25% with subsidy	1.36%
<b>Opportunity set</b>	Investment-grade money market and other ultra-short fixed-income securities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial paper</li> <li>• Asset-backed securities</li> <li>• Repurchase agreements</li> <li>• Agencies</li> <li>• Agency MBS</li> <li>• IG corporates</li> <li>• CMBS</li> <li>• Non-agency RMBS</li> <li>• 100% investment grade, at time of purchase</li> </ul>	Diversified set of shorter dated fixed-income securities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agencies</li> <li>• Agency MBS</li> <li>• IG corporates</li> <li>• CMBS</li> <li>• Non-agency RMBS</li> <li>• Agency IO</li> <li>• High yield</li> <li>• Minimum 65% investment-grade securities</li> </ul>
<b>Correlation to BBG Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index</b>	0.33	0.41
<b>Fund AUM</b>	\$17,088,88M	\$2,196.24M
<b>Morningstar category</b>	Ultrashort bond	Short-term bond
<b>Consider positioning in portfolios</b>	A lower volatility alternative to ultra-short bond funds	A shorter duration diversified bond strategy
<b>For investors seeking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially higher return on a conservative investment allocation</li> <li>• Options for diversifying significant short-term holdings</li> <li>• Liquidity for a short investment horizon</li> <li>• Low and sometimes negative correlation with the Aggregate Index</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversification in sectors with higher risk/return profiles</li> <li>• Lower duration risk than the Aggregate Index</li> <li>• Low and sometimes negative correlation with the Aggregate Index</li> </ul>

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Source: Putnam, as of 3/31/21. Correlation reflects 3-year correlation to the BBG Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, net of fees for Y shares.

# Competitive performance versus benchmarks

## Annualized total return as of 3/31/21

### Putnam Ultra Short Duration Income Fund (PSDYX)

Class Y shares	At NAV	ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index
Inception 10/17/11		
1 year	2.86%	0.12%
3 years	1.94	1.55
5 years	1.71	1.21
Life of fund	1.22	0.69

Total expense ratio: 0.37%

What you pay: 0.30% (effective through 11/30/21)

### Putnam Short Duration Bond Fund (PARYX)

Class Y shares	At NAV	ICE BofA 1-3 yr U.S. Corp. Index	ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill-ICE BofA 1-3 yr U.S. Corp. Linked Bench.
Inception 12/23/08			
1 year	6.64	5.95	5.95
3 years	3.37	3.86	3.80
5 years	3.54	2.85	2.55
10 years	1.96	2.49	1.32
Life of fund	2.15	3.69	1.12

Total expense ratio: 0.38%

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