

# Putnam VT Global Equity Fund

## The fund's portfolio

9/30/20 (Unaudited)

### COMMON STOCKS (99.5%)(a)

	Shares	Value
<b>Banks (1.6%)</b>		
Bank of America Corp.	60,038	\$1,446,315
Citigroup, Inc.	37,600	1,620,936
		<b>3,067,251</b>
<b>Beverages (2.9%)</b>		
Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd. (Japan)	93,400	3,253,078
PepsiCo, Inc.	17,500	2,425,500
		<b>5,678,578</b>
<b>Biotechnology (2.0%)</b>		
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NON)	3,235	1,810,888
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NON)	7,743	2,107,025
		<b>3,917,913</b>
<b>Building products (2.0%)</b>		
Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc.	23,168	2,004,495
Johnson Controls International PLC	49,100	2,005,735
		<b>4,010,230</b>
<b>Capital markets (0.7%)</b>		
London Stock Exchange Group PLC (United Kingdom)	12,585	1,439,733
		<b>1,439,733</b>
<b>Chemicals (1.6%)</b>		
Sherwin-Williams Co. (The)	4,600	3,205,004
		<b>3,205,004</b>
<b>Commercial services and supplies (1.4%)</b>		
Waste Connections, Inc.	26,221	2,721,740
		<b>2,721,740</b>
<b>Construction and engineering (0.9%)</b>		
Kyudenko Corp. (Japan)	58,600	1,691,445

		<b>1,691,445</b>
<b>Construction materials (1.1%)</b>		
Summit Materials, Inc. Class A <sup>(NON)</sup>	128,356	2,123,008
		<b>2,123,008</b>
<b>Containers and packaging (3.4%)</b>		
Ball Corp.	29,600	2,460,352
SIG Combibloc Group AG (Switzerland)	210,284	4,221,222
		<b>6,681,574</b>
<b>Distributors (0.8%)</b>		
PALTAC Corp. (Japan)	31,700	1,599,987
		<b>1,599,987</b>
<b>Diversified financial services (0.7%)</b>		
Eurazeo SA (France) <sup>(NON)</sup>	27,093	1,466,302
		<b>1,466,302</b>
<b>Electric utilities (4.4%)</b>		
NRG Energy, Inc.	278,603	8,564,256
		<b>8,564,256</b>
<b>Electrical equipment (1.1%)</b>		
Eaton Corp. PLC	21,700	2,214,051
		<b>2,214,051</b>
<b>Entertainment (1.3%)</b>		
Activision Blizzard, Inc.	32,000	2,590,400
		<b>2,590,400</b>
<b>Food and staples retail (2.0%)</b>		
Walmart, Inc.	27,900	3,903,489
		<b>3,903,489</b>
<b>Food products (6.7%)</b>		
Kerry Group PLC Class A (Ireland)	25,568	3,282,244
Nestle SA (Switzerland)	32,598	3,867,397
Nomad Foods, Ltd. (United Kingdom) <sup>(NON)</sup>	232,771	5,931,005
		<b>13,080,646</b>
<b>Health-care equipment and supplies (3.6%)</b>		
Boston Scientific Corp. <sup>(NON)</sup>	78,000	2,980,380
Danaher Corp.	19,286	4,152,854
		<b>7,133,234</b>
<b>Household durables (1.1%)</b>		

HC Brilliant Services GmbH (acquired 8/2/13, cost \$4) (Private) (Germany) <i>(NON)(F)(RES)</i>	6	5
Lennar Corp. Class A	26,769	2,186,492
		<b>2,186,497</b>
<b>Insurance (5.3%)</b>		
Assured Guaranty, Ltd.	166,046	3,566,668
AXA SA (France)	89,075	1,644,354
Prudential PLC (United Kingdom)	113,252	1,616,870
QBE Insurance Group, Ltd. (Australia)	558,263	3,455,024
		<b>10,282,916</b>
<b>Interactive media and services (1.9%)</b>		
Alphabet, Inc. Class C <i>(NON)</i>	2,482	3,647,547
		<b>3,647,547</b>
<b>Internet and direct marketing retail (6.6%)</b>		
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. ADR (China) <i>(NON)</i>	7,600	2,234,248
Amazon.com, Inc. <i>(NON)</i>	3,404	10,718,277
		<b>12,952,525</b>
<b>IT Services (6.7%)</b>		
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	14,600	2,149,266
Fiserv, Inc. <i>(NON)</i>	21,990	2,266,070
GoDaddy, Inc. Class A <i>(NON)</i>	32,033	2,433,547
PayPal Holdings, Inc. <i>(NON)</i>	11,200	2,206,736
Visa, Inc. Class A	20,358	4,070,989
		<b>13,126,608</b>
<b>Life sciences tools and services (2.3%)</b>		
Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. Class A <i>(NON)</i>	3,100	1,597,926
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	6,600	2,914,032
		<b>4,511,958</b>
<b>Machinery (1.0%)</b>		
Otis Worldwide Corp.	32,200	2,009,924
		<b>2,009,924</b>
<b>Media (1.3%)</b>		
Cogeco Communications, Inc. (Canada)	30,500	2,501,066
		<b>2,501,066</b>
<b>Metals and mining (2.6%)</b>		
Newmont Corp.	33,200	2,106,540
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. (Canada)	60,200	2,954,014
		<b>5,060,554</b>

**Oil, gas, and consumable fuels (2.8%)**

Cenovus Energy, Inc. (Canada)	586,508	2,286,040
Enterprise Products Partners LP	73,118	1,154,533
Williams Cos., Inc. (The)	100,500	1,974,825
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		<b>5,415,398</b>

**Pharmaceuticals (3.5%)**

AstraZeneca PLC (United Kingdom)	27,016	2,940,445
Novartis AG (Switzerland)	27,548	2,393,956
Royalty Pharma PLC Class A <sup>(S)</sup>	35,535	1,494,957
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		<b>6,829,358</b>

**Real estate management and development (1.5%)**

Open House Co., Ltd. (Japan)	77,400	2,795,603
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**Road and rail (2.5%)**

Union Pacific Corp.	25,259	4,972,739
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**Semiconductors and semiconductor equipment (4.2%)**

ASML Holding NV (Netherlands)	5,100	1,883,277
Micron Technology, Inc. <sup>(NON)</sup>	44,900	2,108,504
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR (Taiwan)	24,800	2,010,536
Texas Instruments, Inc.	15,359	2,193,112
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		<b>8,195,429</b>

**Software (11.1%)**

Adobe, Inc. <sup>(NON)</sup>	7,436	3,646,837
Dynatrace, Inc. <sup>(NON)</sup>	60,900	2,498,118
Microsoft Corp.	38,286	8,052,694
RingCentral, Inc. Class A <sup>(NON)</sup>	6,941	1,906,068
ServiceNow, Inc. <sup>(NON)</sup>	11,651	5,650,735
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		<b>21,754,452</b>

**Specialty retail (3.1%)**

Advance Auto Parts, Inc.	13,902	2,133,957
Lowe's Cos., Inc.	23,883	3,961,234
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		<b>6,095,191</b>

**Technology hardware, storage, and peripherals (1.3%)**

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (South Korea)	49,663	2,502,304
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		<b>2,502,304</b>

**Thriffs and mortgage finance (0.4%)**

Radian Group, Inc.	51,243	748,660
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**Trading companies and distributors (2.1%)**

Ashtead Group PLC (United Kingdom)	73,426	2,630,785
Yellow Cake PLC 144A (United Kingdom) <sup>(NON)</sup>	582,719	1,495,639
		4,126,424
<b>Total common stocks (cost \$159,456,425)</b>		<b>\$194,803,994</b>

**PURCHASED OPTIONS OUTSTANDING (0.1%)<sup>(a)</sup>**

Counterparty	Expiration date/ strike price	Notional amount	Contract amount	Value
<b>JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.</b>				
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (Put)	Oct-20/\$317.00	\$37,453,093	\$111,837	\$215,901
				\$215,901
<b>Total purchased options outstanding (cost \$701,218)</b>				<b>\$215,901</b>

**U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS (0.1%)<sup>(a)</sup>**

	Principal amount	Value
U.S. Treasury Notes 1.50%, 8/15/22 <sup>(i)</sup>	\$110,000	\$113,045
<b>Total U.S. treasury obligations (cost \$113,045)</b>		<b>\$113,045</b>

**SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (1.5%)(a)**

		Principal amount/ shares	Value
Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC 0.22%(AFF)	Shares	480,480	\$480,480
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund Class P 0.21%(AFF)	Shares	2,065,905	2,065,905
State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Premier Class 0.03%(P)	Shares	110,000	110,000
U.S. Treasury Bills 0.102%, 11/19/20(SEGSF)		\$100,000	99,988
U.S. Treasury Bills 0.097%, 11/12/20(SEGSF)		100,000	99,989
<b>Total short-term investments (cost \$2,856,360)</b>			<b>\$2,856,362</b>

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**

<b>Total investments (cost \$163,127,048)</b>			<b>\$197,989,302</b>
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**FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 9/30/20 (aggregate face value \$67,648,161) (Unaudited)**

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type*	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
<b>Bank of America N.A.</b>						
	British Pound	Sell	12/16/20	\$4,369,636	\$4,511,952	\$142,316
	Euro	Buy	12/16/20	504,651	510,750	(6,099)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/18/20	1,916,458	1,915,083	(1,375)
<b>Barclays Bank PLC</b>						
	British Pound	Buy	12/16/20	1,211,048	1,250,570	(39,522)
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	10/21/20	608,652	596,497	12,155
	Euro	Buy	12/16/20	1,757,176	1,778,271	(21,095)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Buy	11/18/20	1,815,011	1,814,983	28
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/18/20	920,892	921,726	834
<b>Citibank, N.A.</b>						
	British Pound	Sell	12/16/20	1,329,429	1,372,560	43,131
	Danish Krone	Buy	12/16/20	1,316,327	1,342,372	(26,045)
	Euro	Buy	12/16/20	1,472,025	1,489,625	(17,600)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/18/20	976,279	976,939	660

**Goldman Sachs International**

Canadian Dollar	Buy	10/21/20	1,160,073	1,136,592	23,481
Japanese Yen	Buy	11/18/20	4,556,270	4,556,831	(561)
<b>HSBC Bank USA, National Association</b>					
British Pound	Sell	12/16/20	1,770,937	1,827,884	56,947
Chinese Yuan (Offshore)	Sell	11/18/20	2,587,704	2,515,691	(72,013)
Euro	Buy	12/16/20	4,242,613	4,293,023	(50,410)
Swedish Krona	Buy	12/16/20	502,553	515,467	(12,914)
<b>JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.</b>					
Australian Dollar	Buy	10/21/20	287,730	278,663	9,067
Japanese Yen	Buy	11/18/20	3,077,042	3,080,487	(3,445)
Norwegian Krone	Buy	12/16/20	359,780	376,940	(17,160)
Singapore Dollar	Buy	11/18/20	794,665	787,430	7,235
South Korean Won	Sell	11/18/20	2,056,316	2,029,848	(26,468)
Swedish Krona	Buy	12/16/20	1,383,201	1,418,963	(35,762)
Swiss Franc	Sell	12/16/20	3,557,871	3,599,371	41,500
<b>Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. International PLC</b>					
British Pound	Buy	12/16/20	256,643	286,843	(30,200)
Euro	Sell	12/16/20	565,956	570,151	4,195
Swiss Franc	Sell	12/16/20	494,354	498,977	4,623
<b>NatWest Markets PLC</b>					
Australian Dollar	Buy	10/21/20	1,339,730	1,297,609	42,121
British Pound	Sell	12/16/20	694,665	717,190	22,525
Euro	Buy	12/16/20	2,523,373	2,552,967	(29,594)
<b>State Street Bank and Trust Co.</b>					
Australian Dollar	Buy	10/21/20	400,400	387,611	12,789
British Pound	Buy	12/16/20	166,275	172,145	(5,870)
Canadian Dollar	Sell	10/21/20	1,051,020	1,029,445	(21,575)
Chinese Yuan (Offshore)	Buy	11/18/20	529,394	518,145	11,249
Euro	Sell	12/16/20	2,010,500	2,036,610	26,110
Israeli Shekel	Buy	10/21/20	411,400	409,698	1,702
Japanese Yen	Buy	11/18/20	2,239,548	2,241,064	(1,516)
<b>UBS AG</b>					
Australian Dollar	Sell	10/21/20	1,320,390	1,299,814	(20,576)
British Pound	Sell	12/16/20	716,224	739,637	23,413
Canadian Dollar	Sell	10/21/20	2,408,394	2,359,308	(49,086)
Euro	Buy	12/16/20	4,336,333	4,388,225	(51,892)
<b>WestPac Banking Corp.</b>					
British Pound	Sell	12/16/20	535,231	552,573	17,342
Euro	Buy	12/16/20	683,633	691,631	(7,998)
<b>Unrealized appreciation</b>					<b>503,423</b>
<b>Unrealized (depreciation)</b>					<b>(548,776)</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$(45,353)</b>

\* The exchange currency for all contracts listed is the United States Dollar.

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**WRITTEN OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 9/30/20 (premiums \$601,683) (Unaudited)**

<b>Counterparty</b>	<b>Expiration date/ strike price</b>	<b>Notional amount</b>	<b>Contract amount</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.</b>				
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (Put)	Oct-20/\$312.00	\$37,453,093	\$111,837	\$152,165
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$152,165</b>

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***Key to holding's abbreviations***

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

ETF Exchange Traded Fund

SPDR S&P Depository Receipts

**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 January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 (the reporting period). 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 Putnam Investments, LLC, references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* and references to "OTC", if any, represent over-the-counter.

(a) Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$195,834,742.

(NON) This security is non-income-producing.

(RES) 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 \$5, or less than 0.1% of net assets.

(AFF) Affiliated company. For investments in Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC and Putnam Short Term Investment Fund, the rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period. Transactions during the period with any company which is under common ownership or control were as follows:



Name of affiliate	Fair value as of 12/31/19	Purchase cost	Sale proceeds	Investment income	Shares outstanding and fair value as of 9/30/20
<b>Short-term investments</b>					
Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC*#	\$3,115,800	\$28,942,565	\$31,577,885	\$23,050	\$480,480
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund**	1,647,764	45,952,590	45,534,449	27,758	2,065,905
<b>Total Short-term investments</b>	<b>\$4,763,564</b>	<b>\$74,895,155</b>	<b>\$77,112,334</b>	<b>\$50,808</b>	<b>\$2,546,385</b>

\* No management fees are charged to Putnam Cash Collateral Pool, LLC. There were no realized or unrealized gains or losses during the period.

# 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. The fund received cash collateral of \$480,480, which 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. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield at the close of the reporting period. At the close of the reporting period, the value of securities loaned amounted to \$471,184.

\*\* 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.

(SEGSF) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the custodian for collateral on certain derivative contracts at the close of the reporting period. Collateral at period end totaled \$120,988.

(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.

(i) This security was pledged, or purchased with cash that was pledged, to the fund for collateral on certain derivative contracts.

(P) This security was pledged, or purchased with cash that was pledged, to the fund for collateral on certain derivative contracts. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.

(S) This security is on loan, in part or in entirety, at the close of the reporting period.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling \$241,486 to cover certain derivative contracts.

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

144A after the name of an issuer represents securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

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

#### **DIVERSIFICATION BY COUNTRY<sup>△</sup>**

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 States	68.5%
United Kingdom	8.1
Switzerland	5.3
Japan	4.7
Canada	3.9

Australia	1.8
Ireland	1.7
France	1.6
South Korea	1.3
China	1.1
Taiwan	1.0
Netherlands	1.0
Germany	<0.1

<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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△ Methodology differs from that used for purposes of complying with the fund's policy regarding investments in securities of foreign issuers, as discussed further in the fund's prospectus.

**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 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.

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. 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.

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.

**Options contracts:** The fund used options contracts to hedge against changes in values of securities it owns, owned or expects to own.

The potential risk to the fund is that the change in value of options contracts may not correspond to the change in value of the hedged instruments. In addition, losses may arise from changes in the value of the underlying instruments if there is an illiquid secondary market for the contracts, if interest or exchange rates move unexpectedly or if the counterparty to the contract is unable to perform. Realized gains and losses on purchased options are included in realized gains and losses on investment securities. If a written call option is exercised, the premium originally received is recorded as an addition to sales proceeds. If a written put option is exercised, the premium originally received is recorded as a reduction to the cost of investments.

Exchange-traded options are valued at the last sale price or, if no sales are reported, the last bid price for purchased options and the last ask price for written options. OTC traded options are valued using prices supplied by dealers.

Options on swaps are similar to options on securities except that the premium paid or received is to buy or grant the right to enter into a previously agreed upon interest rate or credit default contract. Forward premium swap options contracts include premiums that have extended settlement dates. The delayed settlement of the premiums is factored into the daily valuation of the option contracts. In the case of interest rate cap and floor contracts, in return for a premium, ongoing payments between two parties are based on interest rates exceeding a specified rate, in the case of a cap contract, or falling below a specified rate in the case of a floor contract.

For the fund's average contract amount on options contracts, see the appropriate table at the end of these footnotes.

**Forward currency contracts:** The fund buys and sells forward currency contracts, which are agreements between two parties to buy and sell currencies at a set price on a future date. These contracts were used to hedge foreign exchange risk.

The U.S. dollar value of forward currency contracts is determined using current forward currency exchange rates supplied by a quotation service. The fair value of the contract will fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates. The contract is marked to market daily and the change in fair value is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss. The fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed when the contract matures or by delivery of the currency. The fund could be exposed to risk if the value of the currency changes unfavorably, if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts or if the fund is unable to enter into a closing position.

For the fund's average contract amount on forward currency contracts, see the appropriate table at the end of these footnotes.

**Master agreements:** The fund is a party to ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) Master Agreements (Master Agreements) with certain counterparties that govern OTC derivative and foreign exchange contracts entered into from time to time. The Master Agreements may contain provisions regarding, among other things, the parties' general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral requirements, events of default and early termination. With respect to certain counterparties, in accordance with the terms of the Master Agreements, collateral posted to the fund is held in a segregated account by the fund's custodian and, with respect to those amounts which can be sold or repledged, is presented in the fund's portfolio.

Collateral pledged by the fund is segregated by the fund's custodian and identified in the fund's portfolio. Collateral can be in the form of cash or debt securities issued by the U.S. Government or related agencies or other securities as agreed to by the fund and the applicable counterparty. Collateral requirements are determined based on the fund's net position with each counterparty.

Termination events applicable to the fund may occur upon a decline in the fund's net assets below a specified threshold over a certain period of time. Termination events applicable to counterparties may occur upon a decline in the counterparty's long-term and short-term credit ratings below a specified level. In each case, upon occurrence, the other party may elect to terminate early and cause settlement of all derivative and foreign exchange contracts outstanding, including the payment of any losses and costs resulting from such early termination, as reasonably determined by the terminating party. Any decision by one or more of the fund's counterparties to elect early termination could impact the fund's future derivative activity.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund had a net liability position of \$245,513 on open derivative contracts subject to the Master Agreements. Collateral posted by the fund at period end for these agreements totaled \$120,988 and may include amounts related to unsettled agreements.

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:

	Valuation inputs		
Investments in securities:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Common stocks*:</b>			
Communication services	\$8,739,013	\$—	\$—
Consumer discretionary	21,234,208	1,599,987	5
Consumer staples	12,259,994	10,402,719	—
Energy	5,415,398	—	—
Financials	7,382,579	9,622,283	—
Health care	17,058,062	5,334,401	—
Industrials	15,928,684	5,817,869	—
Information technology	43,076,489	2,502,304	—
Materials	12,848,918	4,221,222	—
Real estate	—	2,795,603	—
Utilities	8,564,256	—	—
<b>Total common stocks</b>	<b>152,507,601</b>	<b>42,296,388</b>	<b>5</b>
Purchased options outstanding	—	215,901	—
U.S. treasury obligations	—	113,045	—
Short-term investments	2,175,905	680,457	—
<b>Totals by level</b>	<b>\$154,683,506</b>	<b>\$43,305,791</b>	<b>\$5</b>

	Valuation inputs		
Other financial instruments:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Forward currency contracts	\$—	\$(45,353)	\$—
Written options outstanding	—	(152,165)	—
<b>Totals by level</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$(197,518)</b>	<b>\$—</b>

\* 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 represented less than 1% of the fund's net assets and were not considered a significant portion of the fund's portfolio.

The volume of activity for the reporting period for any derivative type that was held at the close of the period is listed

below and was based on an average of the holdings of that derivative at the end of each fiscal quarter in the reporting period:

Purchased equity option contracts (contract amount)	\$34,000
Written equity option contracts (contract amount)	\$34,000
Forward currency contracts (contract amount)	\$63,000,000

For additional information regarding the fund please see the fund's most recent annual or semiannual shareholder report filed on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or visit Putnam's Individual Investor Web site at [www.putnaminvestments.com](http://www.putnaminvestments.com)