

# Putnam Sustainable Leaders ETF

## Prospectus

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### This ETF is different from traditional ETFs.

Traditional ETFs tell the public what assets they hold each day. This ETF will not. This may **create additional risks** for your investment. For example:

- You may have to pay more money to trade the ETF's shares. This ETF will provide less information to traders, who tend to charge more for trades when they have less information.
- The price you pay to buy ETF shares on an exchange may not match the value of the ETF's portfolio. The same is true when you sell shares. These price differences may be greater for this ETF compared to other ETFs because it provides less information to traders.
- These additional risks may be even greater in bad or uncertain market conditions.
- The ETF will publish on its website each day a "Tracking Basket" designed to help trading in shares of the ETF. While the Tracking Basket includes some of the ETF's holdings, it is not the ETF's actual portfolio.

The differences between this ETF and other ETFs may also have advantages. By keeping certain information about the ETF secret, the ETF may face less risk that other traders can predict or copy its investment strategy. This may improve the ETF's performance. If other traders are able to copy or predict the ETF's investment strategy, however, this may hurt the ETF's performance.

For additional information regarding the unique attributes and risks of this ETF, see "Tracking Basket structure risk," "Arbitrage risk," and "Fluctuation of NAV and share price risk" in the "Principal investment risks" section (in the Fund summary section and in the Fund details section under "Investment details") and the "Additional information about the fund" section (in the Fund details section under "Shareholder information") below.

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**FUND SYMBOL** Putnam Sustainable Leaders ETF

PLDR

**Principal U.S. Listing Exchange:** NYSE Arca, Inc.

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### Investment Category: Growth

**This prospectus explains what you should know about this fund before you invest. Please read it carefully.**

These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any statement to the contrary is a crime.

# Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information Supplement

January 1, 2024

George Putnam Balanced Fund	Putnam Short Term Investment Fund
Putnam BDC Income ETF	Putnam Small Cap Value Fund
Putnam BioRevolution ETF	Putnam Sustainable Future ETF
Putnam Convertible Securities Fund	Putnam Sustainable Future Fund
Putnam Core Equity Fund	Putnam Sustainable Leaders ETF
Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Balanced Fund	Putnam Sustainable Leaders Fund
Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Equity Fund	Putnam Sustainable Retirement 2065 Fund
Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Growth Fund	Putnam Sustainable Retirement Maturity Fund
Putnam Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Putnam Ultra Short Duration Income Fund
Putnam Emerging Markets ex-China ETF	Putnam Ultra Short MAC Series
Putnam ESG Core Bond ETF	Putnam VT Core Equity Fund
Putnam ESG High Yield ETF	Putnam VT Diversified Income Fund
Putnam ESG Ultra Short ETF	Putnam VT Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Putnam Focused International Equity Fund	Putnam VT Focused International Equity Fund
Putnam Focused Large Cap Growth ETF	Putnam VT George Putnam Balanced Fund
Putnam Global Health Care Fund	Putnam VT Global Asset Allocation Fund
Putnam Government Money Market Fund	Putnam VT Global Health Care Fund
Putnam High Yield Fund	Putnam VT Government Money Market Fund
Putnam Income Fund	Putnam VT High Yield Fund
Putnam International Capital Opportunities Fund	Putnam VT Income Fund
Putnam International Equity Fund	Putnam VT International Equity Fund
Putnam Large Cap Growth Fund	Putnam VT International Value Fund
Putnam Large Cap Value Fund	Putnam VT Large Cap Growth Fund
Putnam Money Market Fund	Putnam VT Large Cap Value Fund
Putnam Mortgage Opportunities Fund	Putnam VT Mortgage Securities Fund
Putnam Multi-Asset Income Fund	Putnam VT Research Fund
Putnam Research Fund	Putnam VT Small Cap Growth Fund
Putnam Retirement Advantage 2030 Fund	Putnam VT Small Cap Value Fund
Putnam Retirement Advantage 2035 Fund	Putnam VT Sustainable Future Fund
Putnam Retirement Advantage 2065 Fund	Putnam VT Sustainable Leaders Fund

On January 1, 2024 (the “Effective Date”), a subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. (“Franklin Resources”) acquired Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC (“Putnam Holdings”) in a stock and cash transaction (the “Transaction”). As a result of the Transaction, Putnam Investment Management, LLC (“Putnam Management”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam

Holdings and the investment manager to the Putnam family of funds (the “Putnam Funds”), Putnam Investments Limited (“PIL”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Holdings and a sub-adviser to certain of the Putnam Funds, and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC (“PAC”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Holdings and a sub-adviser to certain of the Putnam Funds, became indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Franklin Resources.

Franklin Resources, whose principal executive offices are at One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403, is a global investment management organization operating, together with its subsidiaries, as Franklin Templeton. As of November 30, 2023, after giving effect to the Transaction, Franklin Templeton’s asset management operations had aggregate assets under management of approximately \$1.546 trillion. As a result of the Transaction, Putnam Management, PIL, and PAC will be able to draw on the broader investment resources, including portfolio management, investment research, trading expertise and other capabilities, of Franklin Templeton to the benefit of the Putnam Funds.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), the Transaction resulted in the automatic termination of the investment management contract between each Putnam Fund and Putnam Management and any related sub-advisory contracts that were in place for each Putnam Fund before the Transaction. However, Putnam Management and, where applicable, the Putnam Funds’ sub-adviser(s) continue to provide uninterrupted services with respect to the Putnam Funds listed above pursuant to new investment management and sub-advisory contracts that were previously approved by shareholders of each above-listed Putnam Fund at shareholder meetings held in connection with the Transaction. The terms of the new investment management and sub-advisory contracts are substantially similar to those of the previous investment management and sub-advisory contracts.

The Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for each of the Putnam Funds listed above are amended to reflect the foregoing.

## **Prospectus**

***For each Putnam Fund that offers Class Y shares, the following disclosure replaces and supersedes the corresponding bullet point under “The following investors may purchase class Y shares if approved by Putnam” in the “Here is a summary of the differences among the classes of shares” section:***

- current and retired employees of Putnam or an affiliate (including affiliates of Franklin Templeton) and their immediate family members (including an employee’s spouse, domestic partner, fiancé(e), or other family members who are living in the same household) as well as, in each case, Putnam-offered health savings accounts, IRAs, and other similar tax-advantaged plans solely owned by the foregoing individuals;
- current directors of Putnam Investments, LLC who commenced service prior to January 1, 2024 and retired directors of Putnam Investments, LLC who served prior to January 1, 2024, regardless of when they retired;
- current employees of Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company who began their employment prior to January 1, 2024 and retired employees of Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company who were employees prior to January 1, 2024, regardless of when they retired; and current and retired Trustees of the fund. Upon the departure of any member of this group of individuals from Putnam, Empower Life & Annuity Insurance

Company, or the fund's Board of Trustees, the member's class Y shares convert automatically to class A shares, unless the member's departure is a retirement, as determined by Putnam in its discretion for employees and directors of Putnam and employees of Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company and by the Board of Trustees in its discretion for Trustees; provided that conversion will not take place with respect to class Y shares held by former Putnam employees and their immediate family members in health savings accounts where it is not operationally practicable due to platform or other limitations; and

***For each Putnam Fund that offers Class A shares, the following disclosure replaces and supersedes the corresponding bullet point under "Class A shares" in the "Additional reductions and waivers of sales charges" sub-section in the "Here is a summary of the differences among the classes of shares" section:***

- (i) current and former Trustees of the fund, their family members, business and personal associates; current and former employees of Putnam Management, certain current corporate affiliates (including affiliates of Franklin Templeton), and certain former corporate affiliates, their family members, business and personal associates; employer-sponsored retirement plans for the foregoing; and partnerships, trusts or other entities in which any of the foregoing has a substantial interest;

#### **Statement of Additional Information**

***The following disclosure replaces and supersedes the corresponding information in the footnote to the table in the sub-section "Trustee responsibilities and fees" in the section "CHARGES AND EXPENSES":***

\*\* Trustee who is an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the fund and Putnam Management. Mr. Reynolds is deemed an "interested person" by virtue of his position as an officer of the fund and his direct beneficial interest in shares of Franklin Resources, of which Putnam Management is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary. Mr. Reynolds is the President of your fund and each of the other Putnam funds, and prior to January 1, 2024, Mr. Reynolds was President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Management and Putnam Investments, LLC, the previous parent company to Putnam Management, PIL, and PAC.

***For Putnam BDC Income ETF, Putnam BioRevolution ETF, Putnam Dynamic Asset Allocation Equity Fund, Putnam Emerging Markets ex-China ETF, Putnam Focused Large Cap Growth ETF, and Putnam Ultra Short MAC Series, the following disclosure replaces and supersedes the corresponding information included in the "Share Ownership" section:***

In light of its share ownership noted below, Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC may be deemed to "control" the fund. Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is owned through a series of subsidiaries by Franklin Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation, whose principal executive offices are at One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403.

***The sub-section “Putnam Management and its Affiliates” in the section “MANAGEMENT” is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:***

### **Putnam Management and its Affiliates**

Putnam Management is one of America’s oldest money management firms. Putnam Management’s staff of experienced portfolio managers and research analysts selects securities and supervises the fund’s portfolio on an ongoing basis. By pooling an investor’s money with that of other investors, a greater variety of securities can be purchased than would be the case individually; the resulting diversification helps reduce investment risk. Putnam Management has been managing mutual funds since 1937.

Putnam Management is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. (“Franklin Resources”), a Delaware corporation. Franklin Resources, whose principal executive offices are at One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403, is a global investment management organization operating, together with its subsidiaries, as Franklin Templeton. As of November 30, 2023, after giving effect to the Transaction, Franklin Templeton’s asset management operations had aggregate assets under management of approximately \$1.546 trillion.

Certain employees and officers of Franklin Resources and its subsidiaries who engage in investment advisory services may be appointed to serve as officers and/or authorized persons of Putnam Management and/or PAC and, in that capacity, may provide investment research, investment recommendations and other services to Putnam Management and/or PAC from time to time.

Trustees and officers of the fund who are also officers of Putnam Management or its affiliates or who are stockholders of Franklin Resources or its affiliates will benefit from the advisory fees, sales commissions, distribution fees and transfer agency fees paid or allowed by the fund.

*The table in the sub-section “Trustees” in the section “MANAGEMENT” is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:*

Name, Address <sup>1</sup> , Year of Birth, Position(s) Held with Fund and Length of Service as a Putnam Fund Trustee	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Funds in the Putnam Funds Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>3</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>Liaquat Ahamed</b> (Born 1952), Trustee since 2012	Author; won Pulitzer Prize for <i>Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World</i> .	105	Chair of the Sun Valley Writers Conference, a literary not-for-profit organization; and a Trustee of the Journal of Philosophy.
<b>Barbara M. Baumann</b> (Born 1955), Trustee since 2010, Vice Chair since 2022	President of Cross Creek Energy Corporation, a strategic consultant to domestic energy firms and direct investor in energy projects.	105	Director of Devon Energy Corporation, a publicly traded independent natural gas and oil exploration and production company; Director of National Fuel Gas Company, a publicly traded energy company that engages in the production, gathering, transportation, distribution and marketing of natural gas; Senior Advisor to the energy private equity firm First Reserve; member of the Finance Committee of the Children’s Hospital of Colorado; member of the Investment Committee of the Board of The Denver Foundation; and previously a Director of publicly traded companies Buckeye Partners LP, UNS Energy Corporation, CVR Energy Company, and SM Energy Corporation.
<b>Katinka Domotorffy</b> (Born 1975), Trustee since 2012	Voting member of the Investment Committees of the Anne Ray Foundation and Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, part of the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies.	105	Director of the Great Lakes Science Center and of College Now Greater Cleveland.
<b>Catharine Bond Hill</b> (Born 1954), Trustee since 2017	Managing Director of Ithaca S+R, a not-for-profit service that helps the academic community navigate economic and technological change.  From 2006 to 2016, Dr. Hill served as the 10th president of Vassar College.	105	Director of Yale-NUS College; and Trustee of Yale University.

Name, Address <sup>1</sup> , Year of Birth, Position(s) Held with Fund and Length of Service as a Putnam Fund Trustee	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Funds in the Putnam Funds Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>3</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
<p><b>Kenneth R. Leibler</b> (Born 1949), Trustee since 2006, Vice Chair from 2016 to 2018, Chair since 2018</p>	<p>Vice Chair Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Member of the Investment Committee of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation.</p>	<p>105</p>	<p>Director of Eversource Corporation, which operates New England's largest energy delivery system; previously the Chairman of the Boston Options Exchange, an electronic marketplace for the trading of listed derivatives securities; previously the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Boston Stock Exchange; and previously the President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Stock Exchange.</p>
<p><b>*Jennifer Williams Murphy</b> (Born 1964), Trustee since 2022</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Runa Digital Assets, LLC, an institutional investment advisory firm specializing in active management of digital assets. Until 2021, Chief Operating Officer of Western Asset Management, LLC, a global investment adviser, and Chief Executive Officer and President of Western Asset Mortgage Capital Corporation, a mortgage finance real estate investment trust.</p>	<p>105</p>	<p>Previously, a Director of Western Asset Mortgage Capital Corporation.</p>
<p><b>Marie Pillai</b> (Born 1954), Trustee since 2022</p>	<p>Senior Advisor, Hunter Street Partners, LP, an asset-oriented private investment firm; Specialty Leader and Member of the Curriculum Committee of the Center for Board Certified Fiduciaries, a public benefit corporation providing coursework for developing fiduciaries. Until 2019, Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer of General Mills, Inc., a global food company.</p>	<p>105</p>	<p>Member of the Investment Committee of the Bush Foundation, a non-profit organization supporting community problem-solving in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota; Member of the Finance Council and Corporate Board of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis; Director of Choice Bank, a private, community bank based in North Dakota; previously a Board Member of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis; former Director of the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota; and former Investment Advisory Board Member of the University of Minnesota.</p>

Name, Address <sup>1</sup> , Year of Birth, Position(s) Held with Fund and Length of Service as a Putnam Fund Trustee	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Funds in the Putnam Funds Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>3</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
<b>George Putnam III</b> (Born 1951), Trustee since 1984	Chair of New Generation Research, Inc., a publisher of financial advisory and other research services, and President of New Generation Advisors, LLC, a registered investment adviser to private funds.	105	Director of The Boston Family Office, LLC, a registered investment adviser; a Director of the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute; a Trustee of the Lowell Observatory Foundation; and previously a Trustee of the Marine Biological Laboratory.
<b>Manoj P. Singh</b> (Born 1952), Trustee since 2017	Until 2015, Chief Operating Officer and Global Managing Director at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ltd., a global professional services organization, serving on the Deloitte U.S. Board of Directors and the boards of Deloitte member firms in China, Mexico and Southeast Asia.	105	Director of ReNew Energy Global Plc, a publicly traded renewable energy company; Director of Abt Associates, a global research firm working in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, and international development; Trustee of Carnegie Mellon University; Director of Pratham USA, an organization dedicated to children's education in India; member of the advisory board of Altimetrik, a business transformation and technology solutions firm; and Director of DXC Technology, a global IT services and consulting company.
<b>Mona K. Sutphen</b> (Born 1967), Trustee since 2020	Partner, Investment Strategies at The Vistria Group, a private investment firm focused on middle-market companies in the healthcare, education, and financial services industries. From 2014 to 2018, Partner at Macro Advisory Partners, a global consulting firm.	105	Director of Spotify Technology S.A., a publicly traded audio content streaming service; Director of Unitek Learning, a private nursing and medical services education provider in the United States; Board Member, International Rescue Committee; Co-Chair of the Board of Human Rights First; Trustee of Mount Holyoke College; member of the Advisory Board for the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs; previously Director of Pattern Energy and Pioneer Natural Resources, publicly traded energy companies; and previously Managing Director of UBS AG.



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<b>Interested Trustees</b>			
<b>**Robert L. Reynolds</b> (Born 1952), Trustee since 2008	Chair of Great-West Lifeco U.S. LLC. Prior to 2019, also President and Chief Executive Officer of Great-West Financial, a financial services company that provides retirement savings plans, life insurance, and annuity and executive benefits products, and of Great-West Lifeco U.S. LLC, a holding company that owns Putnam Investments and Great-West Financial, and a member of Great-West Financial's Board of Directors. Until 2023, President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Investments, President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Management, and member of Putnam Investments' Board of Directors.	105	Director of the Concord Museum; Director of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Director of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Foundation; Chair of the Boston Advisory Board of the American Ireland Fund; Council Co-Chair of the American Enterprise Institute; Member of U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness; Chair of Massachusetts High Technology Council; Member of the Chief Executives Club of Boston; Member of the Massachusetts General Hospital President's Council; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ron Burton Training Village; Director and former Chair of the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership; former Chair of the West Virginia University Foundation; and former Executive Committee Member of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

1 The address of each Trustee is 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110.

2 Each Trustee serves for an indefinite term, until his or her resignation, retirement during the year he or she reaches age 75, death or removal.

3 The Putnam funds complex is composed of the Putnam mutual funds, closed-end funds, and exchange-traded funds. As of December 31, 2023, there were 89 mutual funds, 4 closed-end funds and 12 exchange-traded funds. Each Trustee listed in the table above serves as Trustee of each fund in the Putnam funds complex.

\* Ms. Murphy is the founder, controlling member, and Chief Executive Officer of Runa Digital Assets, LLC ("RDA"), the investment manager of Runa Digital Partners, LP ("RDP"), a private investment fund. Ms. Murphy also holds a controlling interest in RDP's general partner and is a limited partner in RDP. A subsidiary of Franklin Templeton and certain individuals employed by Franklin Templeton or its affiliates have made passive investments as limited partners in RDP (one of whom serves on the advisory board for RDA, which has no governance or oversight authority over RDA), representing in the aggregate approximately 33% of RDP as of October 31, 2023. In addition, if certain conditions are met, Franklin Templeton will be entitled to receive a portion of any incentive compensation allocable to RDP's general partner. For so long as Franklin Templeton maintains its investment in RDP, Ms. Murphy also has agreed upon request to advise and consult with Franklin Templeton and its affiliates on the market for digital assets. Ms. Murphy provides similar service to other limited partners in RDP that request her advice. Ms. Murphy also is

entitled to receive deferred cash compensation in connection with her prior employment by an affiliate of Franklin Templeton, which employment ended at the end of 2021. With regard to Ms. Murphy, the relationships described above may give rise to a potential conflict of interest with respect to the Funds.

\*\* Trustee who is an “interested person” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the fund and Putnam Management. Mr. Reynolds is deemed an “interested person” by virtue of his position as an officer of the fund and his direct beneficial interest in shares of Franklin Resources, of which Putnam Management is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary. Mr. Reynolds is the President of your fund and each of the other Putnam funds, and prior to January 1, 2024, Mr. Reynolds was President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Management and Putnam Investments, LLC, the previous parent company to Putnam Management, PIL, and PAC.

***The “Interested Trustee” portion of the sub-section “Trustee Qualifications” in the section “MANAGEMENT” is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:***

**Interested Trustee**

Robert L. Reynolds — Mr. Reynolds’s extensive experience as a senior executive of a major mutual fund organization in the United States and his previous role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Management and Putnam Investments, LLC, the previous parent company to Putnam Management, PIL, and PAC.

***The sub-section “Officers” in the section “MANAGEMENT” is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:***

**Officers**

The other officers of the fund, in addition to Robert L. Reynolds, the fund’s President, are shown below. All of the officers of your fund listed below are employees of Putnam Management or its affiliates or are members of the Trustees’ independent administrative staff.

<b>Name, Address<sup>1</sup>, Year of Birth, Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Length of Service with the Putnam Funds<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years and Position(s) with Fund’s Investment Adviser and Distributor<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Jonathan S. Horwitz<sup>4</sup></b> (Born 1955) Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer, and Compliance Liaison	Since 2004	Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer, and Compliance Liaison, The Putnam Funds.
<b>Stephen J. Tate</b> (Born 1974) Vice President and Chief Legal Officer	Since 2021	General Counsel, Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC (“Putnam Holdings”), Putnam Management and Putnam Retail Management (2021–Present). Deputy General Counsel and related positions, Putnam Investments, Putnam Management and Putnam Retail Management (2004–2021).
<b>James F. Clark<sup>3</sup></b> (Born 1974) Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2016	Chief Compliance Officer, Putnam Holdings and Putnam Management (2016–Present). Associate General Counsel, Putnam Investments, Putnam Management and Putnam Retail Management (2003–2015).
<b>Michael J. Higgins<sup>4</sup></b> (Born 1976) Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk	Since 2010	Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk, The Putnam Funds.
<b>Kevin R. Blatchford</b> (Born 1967) Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Since 2023	Director, Financial Reporting, Putnam Holdings
<b>Kelley Hunt</b> (Born 1984) AML Compliance Officer	Since 2023	Manager, U.S. Financial Crime team, Franklin Templeton

Name, Address <sup>1</sup> , Year of Birth, Position(s) Held with Fund	Length of Service with the Putnam Funds <sup>2</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years and Position(s) with Fund's Investment Adviser and Distributor <sup>3</sup>
<b>Janet C. Smith</b> (Born 1965) Vice President, Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer, and Assistant Treasurer	Since 2007	Head of Fund Administration Services, Putnam Holdings and Putnam Management.
<b>Alan G. McCormack</b> <sup>5</sup> (Born 1964) Vice President and Derivatives Risk Manager	Since 2022	Head of Quantitative Equities and Risk, Putnam Management.
<b>Martin Lemaire</b> <sup>5</sup> (Born 1984) Vice President and Derivatives Risk Manager	Since 2022	Risk Manager, Putnam Management (2020–Present). Risk Analyst, Putnam Management (2016–2020).
<b>Denere P. Poulack</b> <sup>4</sup> (Born 1968) Assistant Vice President, Assistant Clerk, and Assistant Treasurer	Since 2004	Assistant Vice President, Assistant Clerk, and Assistant Treasurer, The Putnam Funds.

1 The address of each Officer, other than Ms. Hunt, is 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110. Ms. Hunt's address is 100 Fountain Parkway, St. Petersburg, FL 33716.

2 Each officer serves for an indefinite term, until his or her resignation, retirement, death or removal.

3 Prior positions and/or officer appointments with the fund or the fund's investment adviser and distributor have been omitted.

4 Officers of the fund indicated are members of the Trustees' independent administrative staff. Compensation for these individuals is fixed by the Trustees and reimbursed to Putnam Management by the funds, except in certain cases where a fund has a unitary fee and/or expense limitation arrangement whereby Putnam Management is responsible for all or a portion of these individuals' compensation.

5 Messrs. McCormack and Lemaire each serve as Vice President and Derivatives Risk Manager for the funds, except Putnam Government Money Market Fund, Putnam Money Market Fund, and Putnam VT Government Money Market Fund.

Except as stated above, the principal occupations of the officers and Trustees for the last five years have been with the employers as shown above, although in some cases they have held different positions with their employers.

***The sub-section "Principal Underwriter" in the section "MANAGEMENT" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:***

Putnam Retail Management, located at 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110, is the principal underwriter of shares of the fund and the other continuously offered Putnam Funds. Putnam Retail Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources. Putnam Retail Management is not obligated to sell any specific amount of shares of the fund and will purchase shares for resale only against orders for shares. See "Charges and expenses" in Part I of this SAI for information on sales charges and other payments received by Putnam Retail Management.

*Shareholders should retain this Supplement for future reference.*

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## Fund summary

### Investment objective

Putnam Sustainable Leaders ETF seeks long-term capital appreciation.

### Fees and expenses

The following tables describe the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

#### Annual fund operating expenses

*(expenses you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

Management fees	Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	Other expenses	Acquired fund fees and expenses	Total annual fund operating expenses
0.58%	N/A	0.00%	0.01%	0.59%

#### Example

The following hypothetical example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other funds. It assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then, except as indicated, redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. It assumes a 5% return on your investment each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
\$60	\$190	\$330	\$740

## **Portfolio turnover**

The fund pays transaction-related costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund’s shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or the above example, affect fund performance. The fund’s turnover rate in the most recent fiscal year was 43%.

## **Principal investment strategies**

The fund invests mainly in common stocks of U.S. companies of any size, with a focus on companies that Putnam Investment Management, LLC (Putnam Management) believes exhibit a commitment to financially material sustainable business practices. We may also invest in non-U.S. companies. In evaluating investments for the fund, Putnam Management views “financially material sustainable business practices” as business practices that it believes are reasonably likely to impact the financial condition or operating performance of a company and that relate to environmental, social, or corporate governance (ESG) issues. Putnam Management identifies relevant ESG issues on a sector-specific basis using an internally developed materiality map, which is informed by the industry-specific financial materiality framework of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (“SASB”, now incorporated in the International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation). As part of this analysis, Putnam Management may utilize metrics and information such as emissions data, carbon intensity, sources of energy used for operations, water use and re-use, water generation and diversion from landfill, employee safety and diversity data, supplier audits, product safety, board composition, and incentive compensation structures. Stocks of companies that exhibit a commitment to financially material sustainable business practices are typically, but not always, considered to be growth stocks. Growth stocks are stocks of companies whose revenues, earnings, or cash flows are expected to grow faster than those of similar firms, and whose business growth and other characteristics may lead to an increase in stock price. Putnam Management may consider, among other factors, a company’s sustainable business practices (as described below), 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.

Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of the value of its net assets in securities that meet Putnam Management’s sustainability criteria. These criteria are based on a proprietary materiality map that is informed by the industry-specific financial materiality framework of the SASB. In applying these criteria, Putnam Management will assign each company a proprietary ESG rating ranging from 1 to 4 (1 indicating the highest (best) ESG rating and 4 indicating the lowest (worst) ESG rating). In order to meet Putnam Management’s sustainability criteria for purposes of this investment policy, a company must be rated 2 or 1 by Putnam Management. This policy is non-fundamental and may be changed only after 60 days’ notice to shareholders. In selecting each investment, the fund’s investment manager,

Putnam Management, focuses on companies that have a demonstrated commitment to sustainable business practices in areas that are relevant and material to their long-term financial returns and risk profiles. Putnam Management believes that companies that have exhibited such a commitment also often demonstrate potential for strong financial growth. This commitment may be reflected through ESG policies, practices, or outcomes. The fund's approach to sustainable investing incorporates fundamental research together with consideration of ESG factors. Environmental factors include, for example, a company's carbon intensity and use of resources like water or minerals. Sustainability measures in this area might include plans to reduce waste, increase recycling, raise the proportion of energy supply from renewable sources, or improve product design to be less resource intensive. Social factors include, for example, labor practices and supply chain management. Sustainability measures in this area might include programs to improve employee well-being, commitment to workplace equality and diversity, or improved stewardship of supplier relationships and working conditions. Corporate governance factors include, for example, board composition and executive compensation. Sustainability measures in this area might include improvements in board independence or diversity, or alignment of management incentives with the company's strategic sustainability objectives. Our integrated approach combines analysis of the growing body of ESG data and deep fundamental analysis and looks for companies that demonstrate leadership, beyond compliance, on relevant sustainability issues. The characteristics that Putnam Management may use when considering sustainability leadership include:

- (1) Materiality. The company is focused on sustainability issues that are relevant to long term business success.
- (2) Creativity and proactiveness. The company's sustainability characteristics go beyond compliance to demonstrate heightened commitment.
- (3) Transparency. The company's goals are specific, with candid and consistent progress reporting.
- (4) Impact. The sustainability characteristics create benefits that are meaningful both at the company and more broadly.

The fund is an actively managed ETF that operates pursuant to an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (Order) and does not publicly disclose its complete portfolio holdings each business day. Instead, the fund publishes each business day on its website a "Tracking Basket," which is designed to closely track the daily performance of the fund but is not the fund's actual portfolio. The Tracking Basket is comprised of: (1) select recently disclosed portfolio holdings and/or select securities from the universe from which the fund's investments are selected (Strategy Components); (2) liquid ETFs that convey information about the types of instruments (that are not otherwise fully represented by the Strategy Components) in which the fund invests (Representative ETFs); and (3) cash and cash equivalents. For additional information regarding the Tracking Basket, see "*Additional information about the fund — Tracking basket structure*" in the prospectus.



The fund also publishes each business day on its website the “Tracking Basket Weight Overlap,” which is the percentage weight overlap between the holdings of the prior business day’s Tracking Basket compared to the holdings of the fund that formed the basis for the fund’s calculation of net asset value (NAV) per share at the end of the prior business day. The Tracking Basket Weight Overlap is designed to provide investors with an understanding of how similar the Tracking Basket is to the fund’s actual portfolio in percentage terms.

### **Principal investment risks**

- *Tracking Basket structure risk.* The fund’s Tracking Basket structure may affect the price at which shares of the fund trade in the secondary market. Although the Tracking Basket is intended to provide investors with enough information to allow for an effective arbitrage mechanism that will keep the market price of the fund at or close to the fund’s NAV per share, there is a risk that market prices will vary significantly from NAV. ETFs trading on the basis of a published Tracking Basket may trade at a wider bid/ask spread than ETFs that publish their portfolios on a daily basis, and therefore, may cost investors more to trade. These risks may increase during periods of market disruption or volatility. In addition, although the fund seeks to benefit from keeping its portfolio information secret, market participants may attempt to use the Tracking Basket to identify the fund’s trading strategy. If successful, this could result in such market participants engaging in certain predatory trading practices that may have the potential to harm the fund and its shareholders, such as front running the fund’s trades of portfolio securities.
- *Arbitrage risk.* Unlike ETFs that publicly disclose their complete portfolio holdings each business day, the fund provides certain other information intended to allow market participants to estimate the value of positions in fund shares. Although this information is designed to facilitate arbitrage opportunities in fund shares to reduce bid/ask spread and minimize discounts or premiums between the market price and NAV of fund shares, there is no guarantee the fund’s arbitrage mechanism will operate as intended and that the fund will not experience wide bid/ask spreads and/or large discounts or premiums to NAV. In addition, market participants may attempt to use the disclosed information to “reverse engineer” the fund’s trading strategy, which, if successful, could increase opportunities for predatory trading practices that may have the potential to negatively impact the fund’s performance.
- *Fluctuation of NAV and share price risk.* The fund’s shares may trade at a larger premium or discount to the NAV than shares of other ETFs, including ETFs that make their daily holdings public. The NAV of the fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the fund’s holdings. The fund’s shares can be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Disruptions to creations and redemptions, the existence of extreme market volatility or potential lack of an active trading market for the fund’s shares may result in the fund’s shares trading significantly above (at a premium) or below (at a discount) to NAV. In addition, in stressed market conditions or periods of market disruption or volatility, the market for the fund’s shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the fund’s underlying portfolio holdings.

- *Trading issues risk.* The fund, which began trading publicly in May 2021, has a limited public trading history and will operate differently from other actively managed ETFs that publish their portfolio holdings on a daily basis. There can be no assurance that an active trading market will develop or be maintained or that the market for fund shares will operate as intended, which could lead to the fund's shares trading at wider spreads and larger premiums and discounts to NAV than other actively managed ETFs that publish their portfolio holdings on a daily basis, particularly during periods of market disruption or volatility. As a result, it may cost investors more to trade fund shares than shares of other ETFs. There is no guarantee that the fund will be able to attract market makers and authorized participants. Market makers and authorized participants are not obligated to make a market in the fund's shares or to submit purchase and redemption orders for creation units.

The market prices of the fund's shares are expected to fluctuate, in some cases materially, in response to changes in the fund's NAV, the intraday value of the fund's holdings and supply and demand for the fund's shares. Putnam Management cannot predict whether the fund's shares will trade above, below or at their NAV or the intraday value of the fund's holdings. During such periods, investors may incur significant losses if they sell shares.

The securities held by the fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than the exchange on which the fund's shares are listed. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when the exchange is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads on the exchange and the corresponding premium or discount to the shares' NAV may widen.

- *Trading halt risk.* There may be circumstances where a security held in the fund's portfolio but not in the Tracking Basket does not have readily available market quotations. If Putnam Management determines that such circumstance may affect the reliability of the Tracking Basket as an arbitrage vehicle, that information, along with the identity and weighting of that security in the fund's portfolio, will be publicly disclosed on the fund's website and Putnam Management will assess appropriate remedial measures. In these circumstances, market participants may use this information to engage in certain predatory trading practices that may have the potential to harm the fund and its shareholders. In addition, if securities representing 10% or more of the fund's portfolio do not have readily available market quotations, Putnam Management would promptly request the exchange to halt trading on the fund, meaning that investors would not be able to trade their shares. Trading may also be halted in other circumstances, for example, due to market conditions.
- *Large shareholder risk.* Certain accounts or affiliates of Putnam Management, including other funds advised by Putnam Management or third parties, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a substantial amount of the fund's shares, including through seed capital arrangements. Such shareholders may at times be considered to control the fund. Dispositions of a large number of shares by these shareholders may adversely affect the fund's liquidity and net assets to the extent

such transactions are executed directly with the fund in the form of redemptions through an authorized participant, rather than executed in the secondary market. These redemptions may also force the fund to sell securities, which may increase the fund's brokerage costs. To the extent these large shareholders transact in shares of the fund on the secondary market, such transactions may account for a large percentage of the trading volume on the exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect (upward or downward) on the market price of the fund's shares.

- *Authorized participant concentration risk.* Only an authorized participant may engage in creation and redemption transactions directly with the fund. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that act as authorized participants, none of which are obligated to engage in creation and/or redemption transactions. To the extent that those authorized participants do not engage in creation and redemption orders, there may be a significantly diminished trading market for fund shares or fund shares may trade at a discount (or premium) to NAV and possibly face trading halts and/or de-listing. This risk may be heightened due to the fact that the fund has a novel and unique structure and does not disclose its portfolio holdings daily, unlike certain other actively managed ETFs, and could be greater during market disruptions or periods of volatility.
- *Cash transactions risk.* Unlike certain ETFs, the fund may effect creations and redemptions in cash or partially in cash. Therefore, it may be required to sell portfolio securities and subsequently recognize gains on such sales that the fund might not have recognized if it were to distribute portfolio securities in-kind. As such, investments in the fund's shares may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that distributes portfolio securities entirely in-kind.
- *Market risk.* The value of investments in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general economic, political or financial market conditions, investor sentiment and market perceptions, government actions, geopolitical events or changes, outbreaks of infectious illnesses or other widespread public health issues, and factors related to a specific issuer, geography, industry or sector. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings, may negatively impact the fund's performance, and may exacerbate other risks to which the fund is subject. Companies whose stocks we believe are undervalued by the market may have experienced adverse business developments or may be subject to special risks that have caused their stocks to be out of favor.
- *Common stock risk.* Common stock represents an ownership interest in a company. The value of a company's stock may fall or fail to rise as a result of factors directly relating to that company, such as decisions made by its management or lower demand for the company's products or services. A stock's value may also fall because of factors affecting not just the company, but also other companies in the same industry or in a number of different industries, such as increases in production costs.
- *Growth investing risk.* Growth stocks may be more susceptible to earnings disappointments, and the market may not favor growth-style investing.

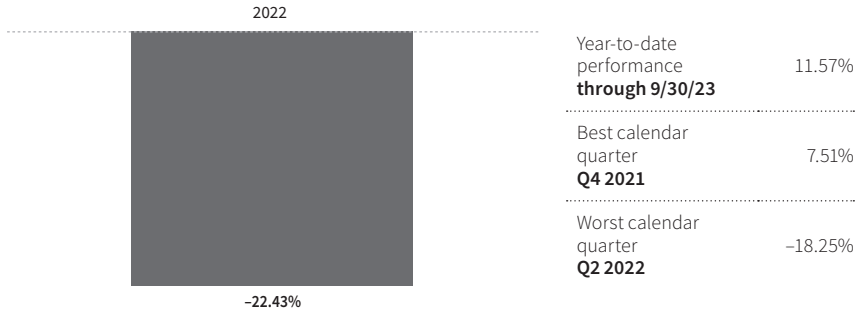
- *Small and midsize companies risk.* Stocks of small and midsize companies often trade in smaller volumes, and their prices may fluctuate more than stocks of larger companies. Stocks of these companies may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those of larger companies.
- *Industry or sector concentration risk.* From time to time, the fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in companies in one or more related industries or sectors, which would make the fund more vulnerable to adverse developments affecting those industries or sectors.
- *Sustainable investing risk.* Investing with a focus on companies that exhibit a commitment to sustainable practices may result in the fund investing in certain types of companies, industries or sectors that the market may not favor. In evaluating an investment opportunity, Putnam Management may make investment decisions without the availability of optimal ESG related data or based on information and data that is incomplete or inaccurate. Sustainability and ESG metrics are not uniformly defined and applying such metrics involves subjective assessments. Sustainability and ESG scorings and assessments of issuers can vary across third-party data providers and may change over time. Putnam Management does not rely exclusively on third party data providers in evaluating ESG criteria. ESG information from third party providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. In addition, a company's business practices, products or services may change over time. As a result of these possibilities, among others, the fund may temporarily hold securities that are inconsistent with the fund's sustainable investment criteria. Regulatory changes or interpretations regarding the definitions and/or use of ESG or other sustainability criteria could have a material adverse effect on the fund's ability to invest in accordance with its investment policies and/or achieve its investment objective, as well as the ability of certain classes of investors to invest in funds, such as the fund, whose strategies include ESG or other sustainability criteria.
- *Management and operational risk.* There is no guarantee that the investment techniques, analyses, or judgments that Putnam Management applies in making investment decisions for the fund will produce the intended outcome or that the investments Putnam Management selects for the fund will perform as well as other securities that were not selected for the fund. Putnam Management, or the fund's other service providers, may experience disruptions or operating errors that could negatively impact the fund. The fund may not achieve its goal, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program.

An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. It is important to understand that you can lose money by investing in the fund.

## **Performance**

The performance information below gives some indication of the risks associated with an investment in the fund by showing the fund's performance year to year and over time. Please remember that past performance is not necessarily an indication of future results. Monthly performance figures for the fund are available at [putnam.com](http://putnam.com).

## Annual total returns



## Average annual total returns (for periods ended 12/31/22)

Share class	1 year	Since Inception (5/25/21)
Returns before taxes	-22.43%	-8.72%
Returns after taxes on distributions	-22.63%	-8.95%
Returns after taxes on distribution and sale of fund shares	-13.28%	-6.68%
S&P 500 Index® (no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-18.11%	-3.82%

After-tax returns reflect the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. These after-tax returns do not apply if you hold your fund shares through a 401(k) plan, an IRA, or another tax-advantaged arrangement.

## Your fund's management

### Investment advisor

Putnam Investment Management, LLC

### Portfolio managers

#### Katherine Collins

Head of Sustainable Investing, portfolio manager of the fund since 2021

#### Stephanie Dobson

Portfolio Manager, portfolio manager of the fund since 2021

### Sub-advisor

Putnam Investments Limited\*

\* Though the investment advisor has retained the services of Putnam Investments Limited (PIL), PIL does not currently manage any assets of the fund.

On May 31, 2023, Franklin Resources, Inc. (Franklin Resources) and Great-West Lifeco Inc., the parent company of Putnam U.S. Holdings I, LLC (Putnam Holdings), announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement for a subsidiary of Franklin Resources to acquire Putnam Holdings in a stock and cash transaction.

As part of this transaction, Putnam Investment Management, LLC (Putnam Management), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Holdings and investment manager to the Putnam family of funds (the “Putnam Funds”), would become an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources.

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of applicable regulatory approvals. Subject to such approvals and the satisfaction of these conditions, the transaction is currently expected to be consummated in the fourth quarter of 2023 or early 2024.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), consummation of the transaction will result in the automatic termination of the investment management contract between each Putnam Fund and Putnam Management and any related sub-management and sub-advisory contracts, where applicable. In anticipation of this automatic termination, on June 23, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Putnam Funds approved a new investment management contract between each Putnam Fund and Putnam Management (and new sub-management and sub-advisory contracts, if applicable), which were, or will be, presented to the shareholders of each Putnam Fund for their approval at shareholder meetings in October 2023 or at adjourned sessions of such meetings. Proxy solicitation materials related to these meetings have been made available to shareholders that held shares of the fund at the close of business on July 24, 2023.

### **Purchase and sale of fund shares**

Shares of the fund are listed and traded on an exchange, and individual fund shares may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker or dealer at market price. These transactions, which do not involve the fund, are made at market prices that may vary throughout the day, rather than at NAV. Shares of the fund may trade at a price greater than the fund’s NAV (premium) or less than the fund’s NAV (discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares (ask) when buying or selling fund shares in the secondary market (the “bid-ask spread”). Recent information, including information regarding the fund’s NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid-ask spread, is available at [putnam.com](http://putnam.com).

### **Tax information**

The fund’s distributions will be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you hold the shares through a tax-advantaged arrangement, in which case you will generally be taxed only upon withdrawal of monies from the arrangement.

### **Financial intermediary compensation**

The fund and its related companies may pay intermediaries, which may include banks, broker/dealers, or financial professionals, for the sale of fund shares and related services. Please bear in mind that these payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker/dealer or other intermediary to recommend the

fund over another investment. Ask your advisor or visit your advisor's website for more information.

## Fund details

### Investment details

#### Investment objective

Putnam Sustainable Leaders ETF seeks long-term capital appreciation.

#### Principal investment strategies

The fund invests mainly in common stocks of U.S. companies of any size, with a focus on companies that Putnam Management believes exhibit a commitment to financially material sustainable business practices. Stocks of companies that exhibit a commitment to financially material sustainable business practices are typically, but not always, considered to be growth stocks. Growth stocks are stocks of companies whose revenues, earnings, or cash flows are expected to grow faster than those of similar firms, and whose business growth and other characteristics may lead to an increase in stock price. The fund may consider, among other factors, a company's sustainable business practices (as described below), 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.

In selecting each investment, Putnam Management focuses on companies that have a demonstrated commitment to financially material sustainable business practices in areas that are relevant and material to their long-term financial returns and risk profiles. Putnam Management believes that companies that have exhibited such a commitment also often demonstrate potential for strong financial growth. This commitment may be reflected through environmental, social and/or corporate governance (ESG) policies, practices, or outcomes. Putnam Management believes that analysis of sustainability factors is best utilized in combination with a strong understanding of a company's fundamentals (including a company's industry, geography, and strategic position). Putnam Management's approach to sustainability analysis is deeply intertwined with its fundamental research process. Putnam Management believes that these companies also often exhibit more profitable, durable financial returns with lower risk profiles.

The fund's approach to sustainable investing incorporates fundamental research together with consideration of ESG factors. The integrated approach of the fund combines analysis of the growing body of ESG data and deep fundamental analysis and looks for companies that demonstrate leadership, beyond compliance, on relevant sustainability issues. ESG factors that the fund may consider include:

- *Environmental factors.* Environmental factors include, for example, a company's carbon intensity and use of resources like water or minerals.

- Sustainability measures in this area might include plans to reduce waste, increase recycling, raise the proportion of energy supply from renewable sources, or improve product design to be less resource intensive.
- *Social factors.* Social factors include, for example, labor practices and supply chain management.
  - Sustainability measures in this area might include programs to improve employee well-being, commitment to workplace equality and diversity, or improved stewardship of supplier relationships and working conditions.
- *Corporate governance factors.* Corporate governance factors include, for example, board composition and executive compensation.
  - Sustainability measures in this area might include improvements in board independence or diversity, or alignment of management incentives with the company’s strategic sustainability objectives.

Putnam Management believes that analysis of sustainability factors is best utilized in combination with a strong understanding of a company’s fundamentals (including a company’s industry, geography, and strategic position). Relevant issues vary by sector, geography, asset class and specific company context. Therefore, the fund uses fundamental research of ESG factors that is tailored to specific sectors, locations, asset classes and companies. The fund’s approach to sustainability analysis is deeply intertwined with the fundamental research process. The fund’s portfolio managers believe that certain environmental, social and governance factors are relevant and material to long-term business fundamentals. Putnam Management uses company disclosures, non-governmental organization or government disclosures, public data sources, and independent third-party data as inputs into its analytical processes. In some cases, evaluation of a company’s financially material sustainable business practices will align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Putnam Management will consider the metrics reported through this or a similar framework. While Putnam Management may consider independent third-party data as a part of its analytical process, the portfolio management team performs its own independent analysis of issuers and does not rely on third-party screens.

The fund is an actively managed ETF that operates pursuant to an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (Order) and does not publicly disclose its complete portfolio holdings each business day. Instead, the fund publishes each business day on its website a “Tracking Basket,” which is designed to closely track the daily performance of the fund but is not the fund’s actual portfolio. The Tracking Basket is comprised of: (1) select recently disclosed portfolio holdings and/or select securities from the universe from which the fund’s investments are selected (Strategy Components); (2) liquid ETFs that convey information about the types of instruments (that are not otherwise fully represented by the Strategy Components) in which the fund invests (Representative ETFs); and (3) cash and cash equivalents. For additional information regarding the Tracking Basket, see “*Additional information about the fund — Tracking basket structure*” in the prospectus.



The fund also publishes each business day on its website the “Tracking Basket Weight Overlap,” which is the percentage weight overlap between the holdings of the prior business day’s Tracking Basket compared to the holdings of the fund that formed the basis for the fund’s calculation of NAV per share at the end of the prior business day. The Tracking Basket Weight Overlap is designed to provide investors with an understanding of how similar the Tracking Basket is to the fund’s actual portfolio in percentage terms.

Shareholders should be aware that investments made by the fund and results achieved by the fund at any given time are not expected to be the same as those made by other funds for which Putnam Management acts as investment manager, including funds with names, investment objectives, and policies that are similar to the fund. The Trustees may change the fund’s goal, investment strategies and other policies set forth in this prospectus without shareholder approval, except as otherwise provided in the prospectus or Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”).

#### Permitted investment types

Under the terms of the Order, the fund’s investments are limited to the following: ETFs, notes, common stocks, preferred stocks, ADRs, real estate investment trusts, commodity pools, metals trusts, and currency trusts, in each case that are traded on a U.S. securities exchange; common stocks listed on a foreign exchange that trade on such exchange contemporaneously with the fund’s shares; exchange-traded futures (where the future contract’s reference asset is an asset that the fund could invest in directly, or in the case of an index future, is based on an index of a type of asset that the fund could invest in directly) that are traded on a U.S. futures exchange contemporaneously with the fund’s shares; and cash and cash equivalents (which are short-term U.S. Treasury securities, government money market funds, and repurchase agreements) (Permitted Investment Types). In addition to the main investment strategies described above under “Principal investment strategies,” the fund may invest in any of the Permitted Investment Types. The fund may not borrow for investment purposes or hold short positions. The fund may not purchase any securities that are illiquid investments (as defined in Rule 22e-4(a)(8) under the 1940 Act) at the time of purchase.

#### **Principal investment risks**

The principal and certain additional risks of investing in the fund are described below. These risks and other factors may adversely affect the fund’s NAV, market price and performance. When you sell your shares, they may be worth more or less than what you paid for them, which means that you could lose money as a result of your investment. An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund may not achieve its investment objective, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. The fund’s SAI contains additional information about the fund’s investment policies and risks.

- *Tracking Basket structure risk.* The fund's Tracking Basket structure may affect the price at which shares of the fund trade in the secondary market. Although the Tracking Basket is intended to provide investors with enough information to allow for an effective arbitrage mechanism that will keep the market price of the fund at or close to the NAV per share of the fund, the Tracking Basket methodology is relatively new as an arbitrage mechanism and has not been proven in all market environments. There is a risk (which may increase during periods of market disruption or volatility) that market prices will vary significantly from the NAV of the fund. ETFs trading on the basis of a published Tracking Basket may trade at a wider bid/ask spread than ETFs that publish their portfolios on a daily basis, especially during periods of market disruption or volatility, and therefore, may cost investors more to trade. At certain thresholds for such premiums/discounts, bid/ask spreads and tracking error, the Fund's Board of Trustees will consider possible remedial measures, which may include liquidation or conversion to a fully-transparent, active ETF or a mutual fund. While the Tracking Basket includes some of the fund's holdings, it is not the fund's actual portfolio. The fund will not disclose its actual portfolio daily and will not require a minimum overlap of holdings between the Tracking Basket and the Fund's actual portfolio. In addition, although the fund seeks to benefit from keeping its portfolio information secret, market participants may attempt to use the Tracking Basket to identify the fund's trading strategy. If successful, this could result in such market participants engaging in certain predatory trading practices that may have the potential to harm the fund and its shareholders, such as front running the fund's trades of portfolio securities.
- *Arbitrage risk.* Unlike ETFs that publicly disclose their complete portfolio holdings each business day, the fund discloses the Tracking Basket and Tracking Basket Weight Overlap, which is intended to allow market participants to estimate the value of positions in fund shares. Although this information is designed to facilitate arbitrage opportunities in fund shares to reduce bid/ask spread and minimize discounts or premiums between the market price and NAV of fund shares, there is no guarantee the fund's arbitrage mechanism will operate as intended and that the fund will not experience wide bid/ask spreads and/or large discounts or premiums to NAV. In addition, market participants may attempt to use the disclosed information to "reverse engineer" the fund's trading strategy, which, if successful, could increase opportunities for predatory trading practices that may have the potential to negatively impact the fund's performance. These practices may include front running (trading ahead of the fund) or free riding (mirroring the fund's strategies).
- *Fluctuation of NAV and share price risk.* The fund's shares may trade at a larger premium or discount to the NAV than shares of other ETFs, including ETFs that make their daily holdings public. The NAV of the fund's shares will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the fund's holdings. The fund's shares are listed on an exchange and can be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The market prices of the fund's shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV and supply and demand on the listing exchange. Although disclosure of the Tracking Basket and Tracking Basket Weight Overlap is designed to facilitate the arbitrage

process which facilitates the shares of the fund to trade at market prices that are at or close to NAV, it is possible that the market price and NAV will vary significantly. As a result, you may sustain losses if you pay more than the shares' NAV when you purchase shares, or receive less than the shares' NAV when you sell the fund's shares, in the secondary market. During periods of disruptions to creations and redemptions, the existence of extreme market volatility, or lack of an active trading market for the fund's shares, the market price of the fund's shares is more likely to differ significantly from the fund's NAV or the intraday value of the fund's holdings or the intraday value of the fund's holdings. During such periods, you may be unable to sell your shares or may incur significant losses if you sell your shares.

There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell shares and various orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling shares of the fund. Disruptions at market makers, authorized participants or market participants may also result in significant differences between the market price of the fund's shares and the fund's NAV. In addition, in stressed market conditions or periods of market disruption or volatility, the market for shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the fund's underlying portfolio holdings.

The market price of the fund's shares during the trading day, like the price of any exchange-traded security, includes a "bid/ask" spread charged by the exchange specialist, market makers, or other participants that trade the particular security. In times of severe market disruption or volatility, the bid/ask spread can increase significantly. At those times, the fund's shares are most likely to be traded at a discount to NAV, and the discount is likely to be greatest when the price of shares is falling fastest, which may be the time that you most want to sell your shares.

- *Trading issues risk.* The fund, which began trading publicly in May 2021, has a limited public trading history and will operate differently from other actively managed ETFs that publish their portfolio holdings on a daily basis. Although shares are listed on an exchange, there can be no assurance that an active trading market or requirements to remain listed will be met or maintained, or that the market for fund shares will operate as intended. If the market does not operate as intended, it could lead to the fund's shares trading at wider spreads and larger premiums and discounts to NAV than other actively managed ETFs that publish their portfolio holdings on a daily basis, particularly during periods of market disruption or volatility. As a result, it may cost investors more to trade fund shares than shares of other ETFs.

Only an authorized participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the fund. There is no guarantee that the fund will be able to attract market makers and authorized participants. There are no obligations of market makers to make a market in the fund's shares or of authorized participants to submit purchase or redemption orders for creation units. In addition, trading of shares in the secondary market may be halted, for example, due to activation of market-wide "circuit breakers." If trading halts or an unanticipated early closing of the listing exchange occurs, a shareholder may be unable to purchase or sell shares of the fund.

If the fund's shares are delisted from the listing exchange, Putnam Management may seek to list the fund shares on another market, merge the fund with another exchange-traded fund or traditional mutual fund, or redeem the fund shares at NAV.

Shares of the fund, similar to shares of other issuers listed on a stock exchange, may be sold short and are therefore subject to the risk of increased volatility and price decreases associated with being sold short.

The market prices of the fund's shares are expected to fluctuate, in some cases materially, in response to changes in the fund's NAV, the intraday value of the fund's holdings and supply and demand for the fund's shares. Putnam Management cannot predict whether the fund's shares will trade above, below or at their NAV or the intraday value of the fund's holdings. During such periods, investors may incur significant losses if they sell shares.

The securities held by the fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than the exchange on which the fund's shares are listed. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when the exchange is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads on the exchange and the corresponding premium or discount to the shares' NAV may widen.

- *Trading halt risk.* There may be circumstances where a security held in the fund's portfolio but not in the Tracking Basket does not have readily available market quotations. If Putnam Management determines that such circumstance may affect the reliability of the Tracking Basket as an arbitrage vehicle, that information, along with the identity and weighting of that security in the fund's portfolio, will be publicly disclosed on the fund's website and Putnam Management will assess appropriate remedial measures. In these circumstances, market participants may use this information to engage in certain predatory trading practices that may have the potential to harm the fund and its shareholders. In addition, if securities representing 10% or more of the fund's portfolio do not have readily available market quotations, Putnam Management would promptly request the exchange to halt trading on the fund, meaning that investors would not be able to trade their shares. Trading may also be halted in other circumstances, for example, due to market conditions.
- *Large shareholder risk.* Certain accounts or affiliates of Putnam Management, including other funds advised by Putnam Management or third parties, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a substantial amount of the fund's shares, including through seed capital arrangements. Such shareholders may at times be considered to control the fund. Dispositions of a large number of shares by these shareholders may adversely affect the fund's liquidity and net assets to the extent such transactions are executed directly with the fund in the form of redemptions through an authorized participant, rather than executed in the secondary market. These redemptions may also force the fund to sell securities, which may increase the fund's brokerage costs. To the extent these large shareholders transact in shares of the fund on the secondary market, such transactions may account for a

large percentage of the trading volume on the exchange and may, therefore, have a material effect (upward or downward) on the market price of the fund's shares.

- *Authorized participant concentration risk.* Only an authorized participant may engage in creation and redemption transactions directly with the fund. The fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that act as authorized participants, none of which are obligated to engage in creation and/or redemption transactions. Decisions by market makers or authorized participants to reduce their role with respect to market making or creation and redemption activities during times of market stress, or a decline in the number of authorized participants due to decisions to exit the business, bankruptcy, or other factors, could inhibit the effectiveness of the arbitrage process in maintaining the relationship between the underlying value of the fund's portfolio securities and the market price of fund shares. To the extent no other authorized participants are able to step forward to create or redeem, shares may trade at a discount (or premium) to NAV and possibly face delisting. The authorized participant concentration risk may be heightened due to the fact that the fund has a novel and unique structure and does not disclose its portfolio holdings daily, unlike certain other actively managed ETFs, and could be greater during market disruptions or periods of market volatility and in scenarios where authorized participants have limited or diminished access to the capital required to post collateral.
- *Cash transactions risk.* Unlike certain ETFs, the fund may effect creations and redemptions in cash or partially in cash. Therefore, it may be required to sell portfolio securities and subsequently recognize gains on such sales that the fund might not have recognized if it were to distribute portfolio securities in-kind. As such, investments in the fund's shares may be less tax-efficient than an investment in an ETF that distributes portfolio securities entirely in-kind.
- *Market risk.* The value of investments in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general economic, political or financial market conditions; investor sentiment and market perceptions (including perceptions about monetary policy, interest rates, inflation, or the risk of default); government actions (including protectionist measures, intervention in the financial markets or other regulation, and changes in fiscal, monetary or tax policies); geopolitical events or changes (including natural disasters, terrorism and war); outbreaks of infectious illnesses or other widespread health issues (including epidemics and pandemics); and factors related to a specific issuer, geography, industry or sector. Foreign financial markets have their own market risks, and they may be more or less volatile than U.S. markets and may move in different directions. These and other factors may lead to increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the fund's portfolio holdings. During those periods, the fund may experience high levels of shareholder redemptions, and may have to sell securities at times when it would otherwise not do so, and at unfavorable prices. These risks may be exacerbated during economic downturns or other periods of economic stress.

The COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to contain its spread have resulted in, among other effects, significant market volatility, exchange trading suspensions and closures, declines in global financial markets, higher default rates, significant changes in fiscal

and monetary policies, and economic downturns and recessions. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have negatively affected, and may continue to negatively affect, the global economy, the economies of the United States and other individual countries, the financial performance of individual issuers, sectors, industries, asset classes, and markets, and the value, volatility, and liquidity of particular securities and other assets. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic also are likely to exacerbate other risks that apply to the fund, including the risks disclosed in this prospectus, which could negatively impact the fund's performance and lead to losses on your investment in the fund. The duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects cannot be determined with certainty.

- *Common stock risk.* Common stock represents an ownership interest in a company. The value of a company's stock may fall or fail to rise as a result of factors directly relating to that company, such as decisions made by its management or lower demand for the company's products or services. A stock's value may also fall because of factors affecting not just the company, but also other companies in the same industry or in a number of different industries, such as increases in production costs. The value of a company's stock may also be affected by changes in financial markets that are relatively unrelated to the company or its industry, such as changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates. In addition, a company's stock generally pays dividends only after the company invests in its own business and makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt. For this reason, the value of a company's stock will usually react more strongly than its bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.
- *Growth investing risk.* Stocks of companies Putnam Management believes are fast-growing may trade at a higher multiple of current earnings than other stocks. The values of these stocks may be more sensitive to changes in current or expected earnings than the values of other stocks. If Putnam Management's assessment of the prospects for a company's earnings growth is wrong, or if Putnam Management's judgment of how other investors will value the company's earnings growth is wrong, then the price of the company's stock may fall or may not approach the value that Putnam Management has placed on it. In addition, growth stocks, at times, may not perform as well as value stocks or the stock market in general, and may be out of favor with investors for varying periods of time.
- *Small and midsize companies risk.* Small and midsize companies, some of which may have a market capitalization of less than \$1 billion, are more likely than larger companies to have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, lack profitability or depend on a small management group. Stocks of these companies often trade in smaller volumes, and their prices may fluctuate more than stocks of larger companies. Stocks of small and midsize companies may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those of larger companies. In addition, stocks of small and midsize companies, at times, may not perform as well as stocks of large companies or the stock market in general, and may be out of favor with investors for varying periods of time.

- *Industry or sector concentration risk.* From time to time, the fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in companies in one or more related industries or sectors, which would make the fund more vulnerable to adverse developments affecting those industries or sectors.
- *Sustainable investing risk.* Investing with a focus on companies that exhibit a commitment to sustainable business practices result in the fund investing in certain types of companies, industries or sectors that the market may not favor. In evaluating an investment opportunity, Putnam Management may make investment decisions without the availability of optimal ESG-related data or based on information and data that is incomplete or inaccurate. Sustainability and ESG factors are not uniformly defined and applying such factors involves subjective assessments. Sustainability and ESG scorings and assessments of issuers can vary across third-party data providers and may change over time. In addition, a company's business practices, products or services may change over time. Putnam Management does not rely exclusively on third-party data providers in evaluating ESG criteria. ESG information from third-party providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. As a result of these possibilities, among others, the fund may temporarily hold securities that are inconsistent with the fund's sustainable investment criteria. Regulatory changes or interpretations regarding the definitions and/or use of ESG or other sustainability criteria could have a material adverse effect on the fund's ability to invest in accordance with its investment policies and/or achieve its investment objective, as well as the ability of certain classes of investors to invest in funds, such as the fund, whose strategies include ESG or other sustainability criteria.
- *Management and operational risk.* The fund is actively managed and its performance will reflect, in part, Putnam Management's ability to make investment decisions that seek to achieve the fund's investment objective. There is no guarantee that the investment techniques, analyses, or judgments that Putnam Management applies in making investment decisions for the fund will produce the intended outcome or that the investments Putnam Management selects for the fund will perform as well as other securities that were not selected for the fund. As a result, the fund may underperform its benchmark or other funds with a similar investment goal and may realize losses. In addition, Putnam Management, or the fund's other service providers, may experience disruptions or operating errors that could negatively impact the fund. Although service providers may have operational risk management policies and procedures and take appropriate precautions to avoid and mitigate risks that could lead to disruptions and operating errors, it may not be possible to identify all of the operational risks that may affect the fund or to develop processes and controls to completely eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects.

#### Other investments

In addition to the main investment strategies described above, the fund may make other types of investments, such as investments in preferred stocks, convertible securities, debt instruments, and derivatives, including for hedging purposes. The fund may also invest in cash or cash equivalents, including money market

instruments or short-term instruments such as commercial paper, bank obligations (e.g., certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances), repurchase agreements, and U.S. Treasury bills or other government obligations. The fund may also from time to time invest all or a portion of its cash balances in money market and/or short-term bond funds advised by Putnam Management or its affiliates. The percentage of the fund invested in cash and cash equivalents and such money market and short-term bond funds is expected to vary over time and will depend on various factors, including market conditions, purchase and redemption activity by fund shareholders, and our assessment of the cash level that is appropriate to allow the fund to pursue investment opportunities as they arise and to meet shareholder redemption requests. Large cash positions may dampen performance and may prevent the fund from achieving its goal. These practices may be subject to other risks, as described under *Miscellaneous Investments, Investment Practices and Risks* in the SAI.

### Temporary defensive strategies

In response to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, Putnam Management may take temporary defensive positions, such as investing some or all of the fund's assets in cash and cash equivalents, that differ from the fund's usual investment strategies. However, Putnam Management may choose not to use these temporary defensive strategies for a variety of reasons, even in very volatile market conditions. If we do employ these strategies, the fund may miss out on investment opportunities and may not achieve its goal. Additionally, while temporary defensive strategies are mainly designed to limit losses, they may not work as intended.

### Portfolio turnover rate

The fund's portfolio turnover rate measures how frequently the fund buys and sells investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100%, for example, would mean that the fund sold and replaced securities valued at 100% of the fund's assets within a one-year period. From time to time the fund may engage in frequent trading. Funds with high turnover may be more likely to realize capital gains that must be distributed to shareholders as taxable income. High turnover may also cause a fund to pay more brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, which may detract from performance. The fund's portfolio turnover rate and the amount of brokerage commissions it pays will vary over time based on market conditions.

## **Fund management**

### **Investment manager**

The Trustees have retained Putnam Management, which has managed mutual funds since 1937, to be the fund's investment manager, responsible for making investment decisions for the fund and managing the fund's other affairs and business.

The basis for the Trustees' approval of the fund's management contract and the sub-management contract described below is discussed in the fund's annual report to shareholders dated August 31, 2023.



The fund pays an annual all-inclusive management fee of 0.59% to Putnam Management based on the fund's average daily net assets. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily. The management fee covers all of the other expenses of the fund with limited exceptions. The fund paid Putnam Management a management fee (after any applicable waivers) of 0.58% of average net assets for the fund's last fiscal year.

Putnam Management's address is 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110.

Putnam Management has retained its affiliate PIL to make investment decisions for such fund assets as may be designated from time to time for its management by Putnam Management. PIL is not currently managing any fund assets. If PIL were to manage any fund assets, Putnam Management (and not the fund) would pay a quarterly sub-management fee to PIL for its services at the annual rate of 0.25% of the average NAV of any fund assets managed by PIL. PIL, which provides a full range of international investment advisory services to institutional clients, is located at 16 St James's Street, London, England, SW1A 1ER.

Pursuant to this arrangement, Putnam investment professionals who are based in foreign jurisdictions may serve as portfolio managers of the fund or provide other investment services, consistent with local regulations.

A discussion about the factors considered by the fund's Board of Trustees and its conclusions in approving the investment management and sub-advisory agreements for the fund are discussed in the fund's annual report to shareholders for the period ended August 31, 2023.

## Portfolio managers

The officers of Putnam Management identified below are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

Portfolio managers	Joined fund	Employer	Positions over past five years
Katherine Collins	2021	<b>Putnam Management</b> 2017 – Present	Head of Sustainable Investing
Stephanie Dobson	2021	<b>Putnam Management</b> 2017 – Present	Portfolio Manager Previously Portfolio Manager, Analyst

The SAI provides information about these individuals' compensation, other accounts managed by these individuals and these individuals' ownership of securities in the fund.

## Shareholder information

### Valuation of fund shares

The price of the fund's shares is based on its NAV. The NAV per share equals the total value of its assets, less its liabilities, divided by the number of its outstanding shares. Shares are only valued as of the scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE each day the exchange is open.

The fund values its investments for which market quotations are readily available at market value. It values all other investments and assets at their fair value, which may differ from recent market prices. For example, the fund may value a stock traded on a U.S. exchange at its fair value when the exchange closes early or trading in the stock is suspended. It may also value a stock at fair value if recent transactions in the stock have been very limited or if, in the case of a security traded on a market that closes before the NYSE closes, material information about the issuer becomes available after the close of the relevant market.

The fund translates prices for its investments quoted in foreign currencies into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates, which are generally determined as of 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time each day the NYSE is open. As a result, changes in the value of those currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar may affect the fund's NAV.

### **Additional information about the fund**

The fund is an actively managed ETF that operates pursuant to the Order. Like other ETFs, shares of the fund are generally purchased and redeemed in creation unit aggregations through authorized participants, shares of the fund are listed and traded on a stock exchange, and individual investors can purchase or sell shares in less than creation unit sizes and for cash in the secondary market through a broker. The fund's creation units generally can be purchased or redeemed in-kind in exchange for the Strategy Components included in the fund's Tracking Basket, together with an amount of cash corresponding to the value of the Representative ETFs and cash and cash equivalents that form the remainder of the Tracking Basket.

#### Tracking basket structure

However, the fund has some unique features that differentiate it from other ETFs. As described above, the fund does not disclose its complete portfolio holdings each business day, and instead, the fund discloses other information to the market that is designed to facilitate arbitrage opportunities in fund shares to maintain efficient secondary market trading of shares. On each business day before the commencement of trading in shares on the listing exchange, the fund publishes on its website a Tracking Basket that is designed to closely track the daily performance of the fund. The Tracking Basket is comprised of Strategy Components (select recently disclosed portfolio holdings and/or select securities from the universe from which the fund's investments are selected), Representative ETFs (liquid ETFs that convey information about the types of instruments (that are not otherwise fully represented by the Strategy Components) in which the fund invests), and cash and cash equivalents. Representative ETFs are selected for inclusion in the Tracking Basket such that, when aggregated with the other Tracking Basket components, the Tracking Basket corresponds to the fund's overall holdings exposure. Representative ETFs may constitute no more than 50% of the Tracking Basket's assets on each business day at the time that the Tracking Basket is published.

The Tracking Basket is constructed utilizing a proprietary optimization process to minimize daily deviations in return of the Tracking Basket relative to the fund and is used to facilitate the creation/redemption process and arbitrage. The Tracking Basket is typically expected to be rebalanced on schedule with the public disclosure of the fund's holdings; however, a new Tracking Basket may be generated as frequently as daily. In determining whether to rebalance the Tracking Basket, Putnam Management will consider various factors, including liquidity of the securities in the Tracking Basket, tracking error of the Tracking Basket relative to the fund, and the cost to create and trade the Tracking Basket.

#### Tracking basket weight overlap

In addition to disclosure of the Tracking Basket, the fund publishes the "Tracking Basket Weight Overlap" on its website on each business day before the commencement of trading in shares on the listing exchange. The Tracking Basket Weight Overlap is the percentage weight overlap between the holdings of the prior day's Tracking Basket compared to the holdings of the fund that formed the basis for the fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the prior business day. It is calculated by taking the lesser weight of each asset held in common between the fund's portfolio and the Tracking Basket and adding the totals. The Tracking Basket Weight Overlap is intended to provide investors with an understanding of the degree to which the Tracking Basket and the fund's portfolio overlap and help investors evaluate the risk that the performance of the Tracking Basket may deviate from the performance of the portfolio holdings of the fund.

#### Information on the fund's website

Investors can access information about the Tracking Basket and Tracking Basket Weight Overlap for each business day on putnam.com. The fund discloses its complete portfolio holdings, including the name, identifier, market value and weight of each security and instrument in the portfolio, on putnam.com on a quarterly basis with an 8-day lag. Recent information, including information regarding the fund's NAV, market price, premiums and discounts, and bid/ask spread, is also available at putnam.com.

#### Derivative actions

The fund is a series of Putnam ETF Trust (the Trust). The Trust's Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust imposes certain conditions on derivative actions that are not otherwise required by law, including, in the case of any claim not arising under the federal securities laws, a requirement that the holders of 10% or more of the total outstanding shares of the applicable fund join the request to commence the action. Although these conditions are intended to permit legitimate inquiries and claims while avoiding the time, expense, distraction, and other harm that can be caused to a fund or its shareholders as a result of spurious shareholder demands and derivative actions, they may make it more difficult or costly for fund shareholders to bring derivative actions on behalf of the Trust.

## **Buying and selling shares in the secondary market**

Shares of the fund are listed and traded on an exchange, and individual fund shares may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker. The fund does not impose any minimum investment for shares of the fund purchased on an exchange. These transactions are made at market prices that may vary throughout the day and may be greater than the fund's NAV (premium) or less than the fund's NAV (discount). As a result, you may pay more than NAV when you purchase shares, and receive less than NAV when you sell shares, in the secondary market. If you buy or sell shares in the secondary market, you will generally incur customary brokerage commissions and charges and you may also incur the cost of the spread between the price at which a dealer will buy fund shares and the somewhat higher price at which a dealer will sell shares. Due to such commissions and charges and spread costs, frequent trading may detract significantly from investment returns.

The fund is designed to offer investors an investment that can be bought and sold frequently in the secondary market without impact on the fund, and such trading activity is designed to enable the market price of fund shares to remain at or close to NAV. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees has not adopted policies and procedures designed to discourage excessive or short-term trading by these investors.

The fund accommodates frequent purchases and redemptions of creation units by authorized participants and does not place a limit on purchases or redemptions of creation units by these investors. The fund reserves the right, but does not have the obligation, to reject any purchase or redemption transaction (subject to legal and regulatory limits regarding redemption transactions) at any time. In addition, the fund reserves the right to impose restrictions on disruptive, excessive, or short-term trading.

## **Precautionary notes**

### Note to registered investment companies

Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act restricts investments by registered investment companies in the securities of other investment companies, including shares of the fund. Registered investment companies are permitted to invest in the fund beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain terms and conditions, including that such investment companies enter into an agreement with the fund.

### Note to authorized participants regarding continuous offering

Certain legal risks may exist that are unique to authorized participants purchasing creation units directly from the fund. Because new creation units may be issued on an ongoing basis, at any point a "distribution," as such term is used in the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), could be occurring. As a broker-dealer, certain activities that you perform may, depending on the circumstances, result in your being deemed a participant in a distribution, in a manner which could render you a statutory underwriter and subject you to the prospectus delivery and liability provisions of the Securities Act.

For example, you may be deemed a statutory underwriter if you purchase creation units from the fund, break them down into individual fund shares, and sell such shares directly to customers, or if you choose to couple the creation of a supply of new fund shares with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for fund shares. A determination of whether a person is an underwriter for purposes of the Securities Act depends upon all of the facts and circumstances pertaining to that person's activities, and the examples mentioned here should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that could lead to a categorization as an underwriter.

Dealers who are not "underwriters" but are participating in a distribution (as opposed to engaging in ordinary secondary market transactions), and thus dealing with shares as part of an "unsold allotment" within the meaning of Section 4(a)(3)(C) of the Securities Act, will be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act. This is because the prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act is not available in respect of such transactions as a result of Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act. As a result, you should note that dealers who are not underwriters but are participating in a distribution (as opposed to engaging in ordinary secondary market transactions) and thus dealing with the shares that are part of an overallotment within the meaning of Section 4(a)(3)(A) of the Securities Act would be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(a)(3) of the Securities Act. Firms that incur a prospectus-delivery obligation with respect to shares of the fund are reminded that, under Rule 153 under the Securities Act, a prospectus delivery obligation under Section 5(b)(2) of the Securities Act owed to an exchange member in connection with a sale on an exchange is satisfied by the fact that the prospectus is available at the exchange upon request. The prospectus delivery mechanism provided in Rule 153 is only available with respect to transactions on an exchange.

Certain affiliates of the fund may purchase and resell fund shares pursuant to this prospectus.

#### Note to secondary market investors

The Depository Trust Company (DTC), a limited trust company and securities depository that facilitates the clearance and settlement of trades for its participating banks and broker-dealers, has executed an agreement with Foreside Fund Services, LLC (Foreside), the Fund's distributor. DTC, or its nominee, is the registered owner of all outstanding shares of the fund. Putnam Management will not have any record of your ownership. Your ownership of shares will be shown on the records of DTC and the DTC participant broker through which you hold the shares. Your broker will provide you with account statements, confirmations of your purchases and sales, and tax information. Your broker will also be responsible for distributing income and capital gain distributions and for sending you shareholder reports and other information as may be required.

## **Costs associated with creations and redemptions**

The fund generally imposes a creation transaction fee and a redemption transaction fee to offset transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of creation units of shares. Information about the procedures regarding creation and redemption of creation units and the applicable transaction fees is included in the SAI.

## **Distribution plans and payments to intermediaries**

### **Principal distributor**

Foreside distributes creation units for the fund on an agency basis, does not maintain a secondary market in shares of the fund, and has no role in determining the investment policies of the fund or the securities that are purchased or sold by the fund. Foreside is not affiliated with Putnam Management, PIL, or any other service provider for the fund.

Foreside's address is Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, ME 04101.

Intermediaries may receive from Putnam Management, Foreside, and/or their respective affiliates compensation for providing recordkeeping and administrative services, as well as other retirement plan expenses, and compensation for services intended to result in the sale of fund shares. These payments are described in more detail in this section and in the SAI.

### **Distribution and service plan**

The fund has adopted a distribution and service plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act that authorizes the fund to pay distribution fees in connection with the sale and distribution of its shares and service fees in connection with the provision of ongoing shareholder support services. No Rule 12b-1 fees are currently paid by the fund, and there are no current plans to impose these fees. However, in the event Rule 12b-1 fees are charged in the future, because these fees are paid out of the fund's assets on an ongoing basis, these fees will increase the cost of your investment in the fund.

No dealer, sales representative, or any other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained in this prospectus and in the related SAI, in connection with the offer contained in this prospectus. If given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the fund or Foreside. This prospectus and the related SAI do not constitute an offer by the fund or by Foreside to sell shares of the fund to or to buy shares of the fund from any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer.

### **Payments to intermediaries**

Investors may purchase shares of the fund on an exchange through intermediaries (including any broker, intermediary, bank, bank trust department, registered investment advisor, financial planner, retirement plan administrator and any other

institution that offers shares of the fund to its customers). In addition to distribution and service plans, Putnam Management and its affiliates may make payments to intermediaries that do not increase your fund expenses, as described below.

Putnam Management and its affiliates also pay additional compensation to selected intermediaries in recognition of their marketing support and/or program servicing (each of which is described in more detail below). These payments may create an incentive for an intermediary firm or its representatives to recommend or offer shares of the fund or other Putnam funds to its customers. These additional payments are made by Putnam Management and its affiliates and do not increase the amount paid by you or the fund as shown under *Fund summary — Fees and expenses*. The additional payments to intermediaries by Putnam Management and its affiliates are generally based on one or more of the following factors: average net assets of a fund attributable to that intermediary, sales or net sales of a fund attributable to that intermediary, or reimbursement of ticket charges (fees that an intermediary firm charges its representatives for effecting transactions in fund shares), or on the basis of a negotiated lump sum payment for services provided.

*Marketing support payments* are generally available to most intermediaries engaging in significant sales of Putnam fund shares. These payments are individually negotiated with each intermediary firm, taking into account the marketing support services provided by the intermediary, including business planning assistance, educating intermediary personnel about the Putnam funds and shareholder financial planning needs, placement on the intermediary's preferred or recommended fund company list, access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the intermediary, market data, as well as the size of the intermediary's relationship with Putnam Management.

*Program servicing payments* are paid in some instances to intermediaries in connection with investments in the fund through intermediary platforms and other investment programs. These payments are made for program or platform services provided by the intermediary, including shareholder recordkeeping, reporting, or transaction processing, as well as services rendered in connection with intermediary platform development and maintenance, fund/investment selection and monitoring, or other similar services.

You can find a list of all intermediaries to which Putnam made marketing support and/or program servicing payments in the SAI, which is on file with the SEC and is also available on Putnam's website at [putnam.com](http://putnam.com). You can also find other details in the SAI about the payments made by Putnam Management and its affiliates and the services provided by your intermediary. Your intermediary may charge you fees or commissions in addition to those disclosed in this prospectus. You can also ask your intermediary about any payments it receives from Putnam Management and its affiliates and any services your intermediary provides, as well as about fees and/or commissions it charges.

## **Other payments**

Putnam Management and its affiliates may make other payments (including payments in connection with educational seminars or conferences) or allow other promotional incentives to intermediaries to the extent permitted by SEC and NASD (as adopted by FINRA) rules and by other applicable laws and regulations.

## **Fund distributions and taxes**

The fund earns dividends, interest, and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. The fund also realizes capital gains from its investments and distributes these gains (less any losses) as capital gain distributions. If you purchased your shares in the secondary market, your broker is responsible for distributing the income and capital gain distributions to you. The fund normally distributes any net investment income and any net realized capital gains at least annually.

For federal income tax purposes, distributions of net investment income are generally taxable to you as ordinary income. Taxes on distributions of capital gains are determined by how long the fund owned (or is deemed to have owned) the investments that generated them, rather than by how long you have owned (or are deemed to have owned) your shares. Distributions that the fund properly reports to you as gains from investments that the fund owned for more than one year are generally taxable to you as long-term capital gains includible in net capital gain and taxed to individuals at long-term capital tax rates. Distributions of gains from investments that the fund owned for one year or less and gains on the sale of or payment on bonds characterized as market discount are generally taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions that the fund properly reports to you as “qualified dividend income” are taxable at the reduced rates applicable to your net capital gain provided that both you and the fund meet certain holding period and other requirements.

Distributions by the fund to retirement plans that qualify for tax-advantaged treatment under federal income tax laws will not be taxable. Special tax rules apply to investments through such plans. You should consult your tax advisor to determine the suitability of the fund as an investment through such a plan and the tax treatment of distributions (including distributions of amounts attributable to an investment in the fund) from such a plan.

Unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged retirement account (such as an IRA), you should consider avoiding a purchase of fund shares shortly before the fund makes a distribution because doing so may cost you money in taxes. Distributions are taxable to you even if they are paid from income or gains earned by the fund before your investment (and thus were included in the price you paid). Contact your financial representative or Putnam to find out the distribution schedule for your fund.



## **Other tax considerations**

Unlike other ETFs, the securities exchanged for a creation unit will not correspond pro rata to the positions in the fund's portfolio, and the fund will effect its creations and redemptions partially or wholly for cash rather than on an in-kind basis. Because of this, the fund may be unable to realize certain tax benefits associated with in-kind transfers of portfolio securities that may be realized by other ETFs. Shareholders may be subject to tax on gains they would not otherwise have been subject to and/or at an earlier date than if the fund had effected redemptions wholly on an in-kind basis. If investors buy shares when the fund has realized but not yet distributed income or capital gains, they will be "buying a dividend" by paying the full price for the shares and then receiving a portion of the price back in the form of a taxable distribution. Any taxable distributions investors receive will normally be taxable to them when they receive them.

### Taxes on transactions

Purchases and sales of shares, as well as purchases and redemptions of creation units, may result in a capital gain or loss for federal tax purposes.

The above is a general summary of the tax implications of investing in the fund. Please refer to the SAI for further details. You should consult your tax advisor for more information on your own tax situation, including possible foreign, state and local taxes.

## **Information about the Summary Prospectus, Prospectus, and SAI**

The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI for a fund provide information concerning the fund. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and SAI are updated at least annually, and any information provided in a summary prospectus, prospectus, or SAI can be changed without a shareholder vote unless specifically stated otherwise. The summary prospectus, prospectus, and the SAI are not contracts between the fund and its shareholders, and do not give rise to any contractual rights or obligations or any shareholder rights other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

## **Financial highlights**

The financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the fund's recent financial performance. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. The total returns represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the fund, assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The financial highlights have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm's report and the fund's financial statements are included in the fund's annual report to shareholders, which is available upon request.

## Financial highlights

(For a common share outstanding throughout the period)

PER-SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE			
	Year ended 8/31/23	Year ended 8/31/22	For the period 5/25/21 (commencement of operations) to 8/31/21
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$21.98</b>	<b>\$27.44</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<i>Investment operations:</i>			
Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	.19	.13	.03
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	3.18	(5.48)	2.41
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>(5.35)</b>	<b>2.44</b>
<i>Less distributions:</i>			
From net investment income	(.13)	(.11)	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(.13)</b>	<b>(.11)</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>\$21.98</b>	<b>\$27.44</b>
<b>Total return at net asset value (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>15.44</b>	<b>(19.58)</b>	<b>9.76 *</b>
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
<b>Net assets, end of period (in thousands)</b>	<b>\$376,402</b>	<b>\$6,044</b>	<b>\$7,545</b>
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) <sup>c</sup>	.58 <sup>e</sup>	.59	.16 *
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%)	.81 <sup>e</sup>	.53	.11 *
Portfolio turnover (%) <sup>d</sup>	43	40	14 *

\* Not annualized.

- <sup>a</sup> Per share net investment income (loss) has been determined on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.
- <sup>b</sup> Total return assumes dividend reinvestment.
- <sup>c</sup> Excludes acquired fund fees and expenses, if any.
- <sup>d</sup> Portfolio turnover excludes securities received or delivered in-kind.
- <sup>e</sup> Reflects waivers of certain fund expenses in connection with investments in Putnam Government Money Market Fund during the period. As a result of such waivers, the expenses of the fund reflect a reduction of less than 0.01% as a percentage of average net assets.

## Appendix — Related Performance Information of Similar Accounts

THE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION PRESENTED BELOW IS FOR THE PUTNAM SUSTAINABLE LEADERS COMPOSITE (THE “COMPOSITE”). IT IS NOT THAT OF THE FUND AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FUND’S OWN PERFORMANCE. PAST RETURNS ARE NOT INDICATIVE OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

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Included below are the average annual total returns over the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, and since inception periods ended October 31, 2023 for the Composite. Certain of the other accounts in the Composite (the “Other Accounts”), unlike the Fund, are not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) and, therefore, are not subject to certain investment restrictions, diversification requirements, and other regulatory requirements imposed by the 1940 Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If the Other Accounts had been registered under the 1940 Act, their returns might have been lower. For each period shown, we have also included information about the average annual total return for the S&P 500 Index, a free-float, weighted measurement stock market index of 500 of the largest companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States. The index results assume the reinvestment of dividends or interest paid on the securities constituting the index. Unlike the accounts in the Composite (and the Fund), the index does not incur fees or expenses.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. An investment in the Fund can lose value. Composite returns are presented in U.S. dollars and include the reinvestment of dividends and interest. The Fund's return will be reduced by management fees. The performance below reflects the deduction of a model fee (55 bps), equal to the actual management fee incurred by a portfolio in the composite or the highest tier of a fee schedule for a portfolio in the Composite, whichever is higher. Actual management fees may vary among clients with the same investment strategy. The inception date for the Putnam Sustainable Leaders Composite was March 31, 2018. As of October 31, 2023, there were 6 accounts in the Composite with approximately \$6.4 billion in aggregate assets.

Actual performance of the Other Accounts, including the Fund, will be different, and may be higher or lower, than the Composite returns shown below.

**Average Annual Total Returns** *(for periods ending October 31, 2023)*

<b>Composite</b>	<b>Inception Date</b>	<b>1 year</b>	<b>3 years</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>Since inception of composite</b>
Putnam Sustainable Leaders Composite (net)	3/31/2018	8.41%	6.21%	11.82%	10.99%
S&P 500 Index®		10.14%	10.36%	11.01%	10.54%

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The fund's SAI and annual and semiannual reports to shareholders include additional information about the fund. The SAI is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means it is part of this prospectus for legal purposes. The fund's annual report discusses the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. You may get free copies of these materials, request other information about any Putnam fund, or make shareholder inquiries, by contacting your financial representative, by visiting Putnam's website at [putnam.com/individual](http://putnam.com/individual), or by calling Putnam toll-free at 1-833-228-5577. You may access reports and other information about the fund on the EDGAR Database on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may get copies of this information, with payment of a duplication fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). You may need to refer to the fund's file number.

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