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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
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Exact name of registrant as specified in charter: Putnam High Income Securities Fund

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Date of fiscal year end: August 31, 2014

Date of reporting period: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

Item 1. Report to Stockholders:

The following is a copy of the report transmitted to stockholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940:

Putnam  
High Income  
Securities Fund

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Consider these risks before investing: Lower-rated bonds may offer higher yields in return for more risk. Bond investments are subject to interest-rate risk (the risk of bond prices falling if interest rates rise) and credit risk (the risk of an issuer defaulting on interest or principal payments). Interest-rate risk is greater for longer-term bonds, and credit risk is greater for below-investment-grade bonds. Unlike bonds, funds that invest in bonds have fees and expenses. The value of bonds in the fund's portfolio may fall or fail to rise over extended periods of time for a variety of reasons, including general financial market conditions, changing market perceptions of the risk of default, changes in government intervention, and factors related to a specific issuer. These factors may also lead to periods of high volatility and reduced liquidity in the bond markets. You can lose money by investing in the fund. The fund's shares trade on a stock exchange at market prices, which may be lower than the fund's net asset value.

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Message from the Trustees

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

With a better-than-expected second-quarter earnings season, the S&P 500 Index was up 8.34% for the first nine months of 2014. This benchmark eclipsed the 2000 level for the first time in late August — one of many record highs set year to date. Government bonds, including municipal bonds, and other fixed-income securities have also performed well, particularly as interest rates have remained steady and even declined from historically low levels.

In the United States, economic indicators have gradually improved. Notably, second-quarter GDP expanded at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.6%, according to a revised estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. In addition, the unemployment rate has steadily declined, and data show that the housing and manufacturing sectors are gaining strength. World markets have lagged, however. Geopolitical risk has increased in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, although there has been little negative impact on oil and commodity prices to date. In Europe, a sputtering recovery ground to a halt in the second quarter. The European Central Bank has responded by cutting interest rates further and announcing asset- and bond-buying programs to help lift the region out of its economic doldrums.

As U.S. markets enter the fourth quarter, we encourage you to meet with your financial advisor to ensure that your portfolio is properly diversified and aligned with your objectives and risk tolerance. Keep in mind that Putnam offers a wide range of strategies for all environments, as well as new ways of thinking about building portfolios for today's markets.

As always, thank you for investing with Putnam.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Reynolds  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Putnam Investments

Jameson A. Baxter  
Chair, Board of Trustees

October 16, 2014

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Performance  
snapshot

Annualized total return (%) comparison as of 8/31/14

*Data are historical. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment return and net asset value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Fund returns in the bar chart are at NAV. See pages 5 and 11–12 for additional performance information, including fund returns at market price. Index and Lipper results should be compared with fund performance at NAV.*

*\*The fund's blended benchmark is an unmanaged index administered by Putnam Management, 50% of which is the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index and 50% of which is the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index. The BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index and the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index were introduced on 12/31/92 and 12/31/94, respectively, which post-date the inception of the fund. The blended benchmark was previously shown as two individual indexes.*

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Interview with your fund's portfolio managers

Eric N. Harthun, CFA

Robert L. Salvin

What was the market environment like for high-yield convertibles and bonds during the 12 months ended August 31, 2014?

*Eric:* Overall, it was a supportive environment for both asset classes, although there were periods of volatility. High-yield convertible securities rode a wave of generally rising stock prices and solid demand to post a gain of nearly 21%, as measured by the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index. Investor sentiment swung between safety [demand for U.S. Treasuries and other investment-grade bonds] and opportunity [demand for stocks] in response to several factors. These included concern about the durability of the U.S. economic recovery; weaker-than-expected economic data in China and Europe; uncertainty about when the Federal Reserve would begin reducing its stimulative bond-buying program; and geopolitical tensions over Russia's activities in Ukraine, along with developments in Iraq. By the latter months of the period, investors were encouraged by greater clarity on Fed policy and steady improvement in the U.S. economy, although geopolitical concerns remained.

*Rob:* In the high-yield bond market, with the search for yield continuing, solid demand supported the asset class and high-yield

Broad market index and fund performance

\* The fund's blended benchmark is an unmanaged index administered by Putnam Management, 50% of which is the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index and 50% of which is the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index.

This comparison shows your fund's performance in the context of broad market indexes for the 12 months ended 8/31/14. See pages 4 and 11–12 for additional fund performance information. Index descriptions can be found on page 13.

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bonds gained about 11%, as measured by the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index.

The U.S. economy shrank early in the new year — its first quarterly contraction since 2011 — partly due to severe winter weather in some of the nation's most densely populated regions that suppressed spending by consumers and businesses. By February, however, market participants were encouraged by the resiliency of U.S. stocks as well as lower Treasury yields. High-yield demand also received a boost in June when the European Central Bank [ECB] implemented a negative deposit rate of  $-0.10\%$  in the hope of stimulating bank lending to help stave off deflation and bolster eurozone economic growth.

Concern about stretched high-yield valuations resulted in a period of outflows from the asset class between late June and early August, pushing the yield advantage that high-yield bonds offer over Treasuries higher during this period. Attracted by these higher yields, buyers steadily returned to the asset class during the period's final weeks.

Year to date through August 31, 2014, higher-quality Ba-rated securities outpaced lower-quality B-rated and Caa-rated bonds. From an industry perspective, utilities, diversified media, and energy were the best performers, while gaming/lodging/leisure, consumer products, and industrials were the weakest performers. High-yield new-issue volume totaled \$242.1 billion, compared with \$258.3 billion for the same period in 2013 and

Credit quality overview

Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets as of 8/31/14. A bond rated Baa or higher (Prime-3 or higher, for short-term debt) is considered investment grade. The chart reflects Moody's ratings; percentages may include bonds or derivatives not rated by Moody's but rated by Standard & Poor's (S&P) or, if unrated by S&P, by Fitch ratings, and then included in the closest equivalent Moody's rating based on analysis of these agencies' respective ratings criteria. Moody's ratings are used in recognition of Moody's prominence among rating agencies and breadth of coverage of rated securities. Ratings may vary over time.

Cash and net other assets, if any, represent the market value weights of cash, derivatives, short-term securities, and other unclassified assets in the portfolio. The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.

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“With the Fed reducing its monetary stimulus, we are now in a transitional phase for the markets and the economy.”

Eric Harthun

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a record \$399 billion for the full year 2013. Refinancing accounted for 59% of new-issue volume, followed by mergers and acquisitions at 21%.

The fund registered a solid absolute return, but lagged its blended benchmark. What factors hampered its relative performance?

*Eric:* On the high-yield convertibles side of the fund, adverse positioning in financials and technology, along with weak security selection in transportation and consumer cyclicals, weighed on the fund's performance versus the benchmark. In terms of individual holdings, the biggest detractor was an underweight in semiconductor maker and index component Micron Technology. Additionally, an out-of-benchmark position in industrial conglomerate United Technologies proved unproductive. Not holding two other index constituents — government-sponsored mortgage-finance provider FNMA and automaker Tesla Motors — also worked against the fund.

*Rob:* Within the fund's high-yield bond portfolio, unfavorable security selection in metals/mining and utilities, coupled with lighter-than-benchmark allocations in diversified media and transportation, were the primary areas of weakness. With respect to

Top 10 holdings

This table shows the fund's top 10 individual holdings and the percentage of the fund's net assets that each represented as of 8/31/14. Short-term holdings and derivatives, if any, are excluded. Holdings may vary over time.

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individual investments, the biggest individual detractors were cosmetics and beauty products maker Elizabeth Arden and wireless services provider NII Holdings, the latter of which announced in March that it plans to explore strategic options following a warning that it faces long-term liquidity issues. We held common stock, as well as bonds issued by NII Capital, the financing subsidiary of NII Holdings, and sold the bonds during the period.

Which areas helped the fund's performance versus the blended benchmark?

*Eric:* Among convertible securities, selections in consumer staples and health care were the primary contributors. The biggest individual contributor was an out-of-benchmark position in biotechnology firm Gilead Sciences. Avoiding several underperforming index components also helped, such as Nuance Communications, which makes speech-recognition software, mining company Molycorp, and Chart Industries, which develops products for cryogenic and gas-processing applications.

*Rob:* On the high-yield bond side of the fund, beneficial overall positioning in financials was, by far, the biggest relative contributor. Solid bond picks in gaming/lodging/leisure, along with overweights in cable/satellite and broadcasting also bolstered the fund's performance. Looking at individual holdings, the top contributors were global payments processing company First Data, United Kingdom-based financial services company Lloyds Banking Group, and chemicals producer Huntsman.

Portfolio composition comparison

This chart shows how the fund's top weightings have changed over the past six months. Allocations are shown as a percentage of the fund's net assets. Cash and net other assets, if any, represent the market value weights of cash, derivatives, short-term securities, and other unclassified assets in the portfolio. Current period summary information may differ from the portfolio schedule included in the financial statements due to the inclusion of derivative securities, any interest accruals, and the use of different classifications of securities for presentation purposes. Holdings and allocations may vary over time.

The fund reduced its distribution rate twice during the period. What led to those decisions?

*Rob:* The fund's monthly distribution rate was lowered to \$0.033 from \$0.039 in February and to \$0.031 in August due to a reduction in the amount of income earned by the portfolio, which resulted from the generally lower yields available in the marketplace.

What is your outlook for the months ahead, and how are you positioning the fund?

*Rob:* As the period came to a close, there were many encouraging signs for high-yield investors: improving U.S. employment indicators, positive data on corporate capital expenditures, abundant merger-and-acquisition activity, and a solid quarterly earnings season.

U.S. corporate earnings continue to trend higher, and revenue growth could become a more meaningful driver of earnings growth during the balance of 2014 and into 2015. High-yield issuers appear to be in reasonably good financial shape, and we believe the default rate, which stood at 1.93% at period-end — well below the long-term average of 3.90% — could remain low for an extended period of time. All told, we believe the fundamental environment for high-yield bonds remains supportive, although valuations are not as attractive as they were earlier in the economic cycle.

As for portfolio positioning, we increased the fund's allocations to Ba-rated bonds while reducing its exposure to Caa-rated securities. Additionally, we are keeping the portfolio's interest-rate sensitivity below that of the blended benchmark and, given constrained marketplace liquidity, expect to maintain a modest cash allocation.

#### ABOUT DERIVATIVES

Derivatives are an increasingly common type of investment instrument, the performance of which is *derived* from an underlying security, index, currency, or other area of the capital markets. Derivatives employed by the fund's managers generally serve one of two main purposes: to implement a strategy that may be difficult or more expensive to invest in through traditional securities, or to hedge unwanted risk associated with a particular position.

For example, the fund's managers might use currency forward contracts to capitalize on an anticipated change in exchange rates between two currencies. This approach would require a significantly smaller outlay of capital than purchasing traditional bonds denominated in the underlying currencies. In another example, the managers may identify a bond that they believe is undervalued relative to its risk of default, but may seek to reduce the interest-rate risk of that bond by using interest-rate swaps, a derivative through which two parties "swap" payments based on the movement of certain rates.

Like any other investment, derivatives may not appreciate in value and may lose money. Derivatives may amplify traditional investment risks through the creation of leverage and may be less liquid than traditional securities. And because derivatives typically represent contractual agreements between two financial institutions, derivatives entail "counterparty risk," which is the risk that the other party is unable or unwilling to pay. Putnam monitors the

counterparty risks we assume. For example, Putnam often enters into collateral agreements that require the counterparties to post collateral on a regular basis to cover their obligations to the fund. Counterparty risk for exchange-traded futures and centrally cleared swaps is mitigated by the daily exchange of margin and other safeguards against default through their respective clearinghouses.

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What are your closing thoughts on the outlook for convertibles?

*Eric:* We are still finding attractive values among convertible bonds, and believe the asset class may have more upside potential if the investment environment remains positive. We will continue to closely assess equity and credit market conditions to ascertain what we believe is the most advantageous balance of equity upside potential, yield, and downside protection in the portfolio. In our view, the economic environment remains hospitable for stocks and the credit markets are healthy, providing a generally positive backdrop for convertibles.

With the Fed reducing its monetary stimulus, we are now in a transitional phase for the markets and the economy, which adds uncertainty and potential volatility, as do geopolitical risks. That said, we believe the momentum for convertible securities could remain positive for some time, especially given their hybrid structure, which allows them to bridge both the fixed-income and equity markets.

Thanks for your time and for bringing us up to date, gentlemen.

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

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

Portfolio Manager Eric N. Harthun has an M.B.A. from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a B.S. from San Diego State University. Eric joined Putnam in 2000 and has been in the investment industry since 1994.

Portfolio Manager Robert L. Salvin has an M.B.A. from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a B.S. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He joined Putnam in 2000 and has been in the investment industry since 1986.

#### IN THE NEWS

A pledge two years ago by the European Central Bank (ECB) to “do whatever it takes” to save the euro is reflected in a landmark decision made early this September. The ECB instituted a bond-buying program that earmarked upward of €700 billion, or \$906 billion, aimed at jump-starting lending activity and, ultimately, at reigniting Europe’s decelerating

economic recovery. In addition, the ECB slashed its main refinancing rate to a record low of 0.05% and drove its deposit rate deeper into negative territory. This means banks will now pay an even greater premium for parking money at the ECB for short periods of time rather than lending it to businesses. The new measures also seek to lift the eurozone's historically low inflation rate to its target of 2%. Still, skeptics fear that more intensive fiscal and structural reforms among the 18-nation euro currency bloc will be needed to stimulate a long-term European economic recovery.

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### Your fund's performance

This section shows your fund's performance, price, and distribution information for periods ended August 31, 2014, the end of its most recent fiscal year. In accordance with regulatory requirements for mutual funds, we also include performance information as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. Performance should always be considered in light of a fund's investment strategy. Data represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment return, net asset value, and market price will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares.

### Fund performance Total return for periods ended 8/31/14

	NAV	Market price
Annual average		
Life of fund (since 7/9/87)	9.21%	8.81%
10 years	115.78	122.29
Annual average	7.99	8.32
5 years	80.26	72.20
Annual average	12.51	11.48
3 years	39.14	26.79
Annual average	11.64	8.23
1 year	14.24	17.94

Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes.

Performance is shown net of expenses.

Fund price and distribution information For the 12-month period ended 8/31/14

Distributions		
Number	12	
Income	\$0.4251	
Capital gains	—	
Total	\$0.4251	
Share value	NAV	Market price
8/31/13	\$8.76	\$7.68
8/31/14	9.56	8.61
Current rate (end of period)	NAV	Market price
Current dividend rate*	3.88%	4.31%

The classification of distributions, if any, is an estimate. Final distribution information will appear on your year-end tax forms.

\* Most recent distribution, including any return of capital and excluding capital gains, annualized and divided by NAV or market price at end of period.

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Comparative index returns For periods ended 8/31/14

	Fund's blended benchmark (50% JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index/50% BofA Merrill Lynch All- Convertibles Speculative Quality Index)	Lipper Convertible Securities Funds (closed-end) category average*
Annual average		
Life of fund (since 7/9/87)	—†	8.68%
10 years	138.29%	110.79

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Annual average	9.07	7.68
5 years	93.46	87.25
Annual average	14.11	13.25
3 years	45.72	46.81
Annual average	13.37	13.60
1 year	15.99	16.00

Index and Lipper results should be compared with fund performance at net asset value.

\* Over the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, and life-of-fund periods ended 8/31/14, there were 11, 11, 11, 9, and 2 funds, respectively, in this Lipper category.

† The fund's blended benchmark is an unmanaged index administered by Putnam Management, 50% of which is the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index and 50% of which is the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index. The BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index and the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index were introduced on 12/31/92 and 12/31/94, respectively, which post-date the inception of the fund.

Fund performance as of most recent calendar quarter  
Total return for periods ended 9/30/14

	NAV	Market price
Annual average		
Life of fund (since 7/9/87)	9.08%	8.66%
10 years	107.05	110.48
Annual average	7.55	7.73
5 years	66.85	59.19
Annual average	10.78	9.75
3 years	42.70	33.06
Annual average	12.58	9.99
1 year	8.56	11.08

See the discussion following the fund performance table on page 11 for information about the calculation of fund performance.

## Terms and definitions

### Important terms

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

Net asset value (NAV) is the value of all your fund's assets, minus any liabilities, divided by the number of outstanding shares.

Market price is the current trading price of one share of the fund. Market prices are set by transactions between buyers and sellers on exchanges such as the New York Stock Exchange.

### Fixed-income terms

Current rate is the annual rate of return earned from dividends or interest of an investment. Current rate is expressed as a percentage of the price of a security, fund share, or principal investment.

Yield curve is a graph that plots the yields of bonds with equal credit quality against their differing maturity dates, ranging from shortest to longest. It is used as a benchmark for other debt, such as mortgage or bank lending rates.

### Comparative indexes

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

The fund's blended benchmark is an unmanaged index administered by Putnam Management, 50% of which is the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index and 50% of which is the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index.

BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. convertible securities.

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

JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index is an unmanaged index of high-yield fixed-income securities issued in developed countries.

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

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

Lipper is a third-party industry-ranking entity that ranks mutual funds. Its rankings do not reflect sales charges. Lipper rankings are based on total return at net asset value relative to other funds that have similar current investment styles or objectives as determined by Lipper. Lipper may change a fund's category assignment at its discretion. Lipper category averages reflect performance trends for funds within a category.

#### Other information for shareholders

##### Important notice regarding share repurchase program

In September 2014, the Trustees of your fund approved the renewal of a share repurchase program that had been in effect since 2005. This renewal allows your fund to repurchase, in the 12 months beginning October 8, 2014, up to 10% of the fund's common shares outstanding as of October 7, 2014.

##### Important notice regarding delivery of shareholder documents

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

##### Proxy voting

Putnam is committed to managing our mutual funds in the best interests of our shareholders. The Putnam funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures, as well as information regarding how your fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30, 2014, are available in the Individual Investors section of [putnam.com](http://putnam.com), and on the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). If you have questions about finding forms on the SEC's website, you may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also obtain the Putnam funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures at no charge by calling Putnam's Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-1581.

##### Fund portfolio holdings

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

##### Trustee and employee fund ownership

Putnam employees and members of the Board of Trustees place their faith, confidence, and, most importantly, investment dollars in Putnam mutual funds. As of August 31, 2014, Putnam employees had approximately \$498,000,000 and the Trustees had approximately \$138,000,000 invested in Putnam mutual funds. These amounts include investments by the Trustees' and employees' immediate family members as well as investments through retirement and deferred compensation plans.

Important notice regarding Putnam's privacy policy

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

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

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

Summary of Putnam Closed-End Funds' Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment Plans

Putnam High Income Securities Fund, Putnam Managed Municipal Income Trust, Putnam Master Intermediate Income Trust, Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust and Putnam Premier Income Trust (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds") each offer a dividend reinvestment plan (each, a "Plan" and collectively, the "Plans"). If you participate in a Plan, all income dividends and capital gain distributions are automatically reinvested in Fund shares by the Fund's agent, Putnam Investor Services, Inc. (the "Agent"). If you are not participating in a Plan, every month you will receive all dividends and other distributions in cash, paid by check and mailed directly to you.

Upon a purchase (or, where applicable, upon registration of transfer on the shareholder records of a Fund) of shares of a Fund by a registered shareholder, each such shareholder will be deemed to have elected to participate in that Fund's Plan. Each such shareholder will have all distributions by a Fund automatically reinvested in additional shares, unless such shareholder elects to terminate participation in a Plan by instructing the Agent to pay future distributions in cash. Shareholders who were not participants in a Plan as of January 31, 2010, will continue to receive distributions in cash but may enroll in a Plan at any time by contacting the Agent.

If you participate in a Fund's Plan, the Agent will automatically reinvest subsequent distributions, and the Agent will send you a confirmation in the mail telling you how many additional shares were issued to your account.

To change your enrollment status or to request additional information about the Plans, you may contact the Agent either in writing, at P.O. Box 8383, Boston, MA 02266-8383, or by telephone at 1-800-225-1581 during normal East Coast business hours.

How you acquire additional shares through a Plan If the market price per share for your Fund's shares (plus estimated brokerage commissions) is greater than or equal to their net asset value per share on the payment date for a distribution, you will be issued shares of the Fund at a value equal to the higher of the net asset value per share on that date or 95% of the market price per share on that date.

If the market price per share for your Fund's shares (plus estimated brokerage commissions) is less than their net asset value per share on the payment date for a distribution, the Agent will buy Fund shares for participating accounts in the open market. The Agent will aggregate open-market purchases on behalf of all participants, and the average price (including brokerage commissions) of all shares purchased by the Agent will be the price per share allocable to each participant. The Agent will generally complete these open-market purchases within five business days following the payment date. If, before the Agent has completed open-market purchases, the market price per share (plus estimated brokerage commissions) rises to exceed the net asset value per share on the payment date, then the purchase price may exceed the net asset value per share, potentially resulting in the acquisition of fewer shares than if the distribution had been paid in newly issued shares.

How to withdraw from a Plan Participants may withdraw from a Fund's Plan at any time by notifying the Agent, either in writing or by telephone. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if notice is received by the Agent with sufficient time prior to any distribution record date; otherwise, such withdrawal will be effective with respect to any subsequent

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distribution following notice of withdrawal. There is no penalty for withdrawing from or not participating in a Plan.

Plan administration The Agent will credit all shares acquired for a participant under a Plan to the account in which the participant's common shares are held. Each participant will be sent reasonably promptly a confirmation by the Agent of each acquisition made for his or her account.

**About brokerage fees** Each participant pays a proportionate share of any brokerage commissions incurred if the Agent purchases additional shares on the open market, in accordance with the Plans. There are no brokerage charges applied to shares issued directly by the Funds under the Plans.

**About taxes and Plan amendments** Reinvesting dividend and capital gain distributions in shares of the Funds does not relieve you of tax obligations, which are the same as if you had received cash distributions. The Agent supplies tax information to you and to the IRS annually. Each Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate its Plan upon 30 days' written notice. However, the Agent may assign its rights, and delegate its duties, to a successor agent with the prior consent of a Fund and without prior notice to Plan participants.

**If your shares are held in a broker or nominee name** If your shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee offering a dividend reinvestment service, consult your broker or nominee to ensure that an appropriate election is made on your behalf. If the broker or nominee holding your shares does not provide a reinvestment service, you may need to register your shares in your own name in order to participate in a Plan.

**In the case of record shareholders such as banks, brokers or nominees that hold shares for others who are the beneficial owners of such shares,** the Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares certified by the record shareholder as representing the total amount registered in such shareholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who are to participate in the Plan.

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Trustee approval of management contract

General conclusions

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

At the outset of the review process, members of the Board's independent staff and independent legal counsel met with representatives of Putnam Management to review the annual contract review materials furnished to the Contract Committee during the course of the previous year's review and to discuss possible changes in these materials that might be necessary or desirable for the coming year. Following these discussions and in consultation with the Contract Committee, the Independent Trustees' independent legal counsel requested that Putnam Management furnish specified information, together with any additional information that Putnam Management considered relevant, to the Contract

Committee. Over the course of several months ending in June 2014, the Contract Committee met on a number of occasions with representatives of Putnam Management, and separately in executive session, to consider the information that Putnam Management provided, as well as supplemental information provided in response to additional requests made by the Contract Committee. Throughout this process, the Contract Committee was assisted by the members of the Board's independent staff and by independent legal counsel for the Putnam funds and the Independent Trustees.

In May 2014, the Contract Committee met in executive session to discuss and consider its preliminary recommendations with respect to the continuance of the contracts. At the Trustees' June 20, 2014 meeting, the Contract Committee met in executive session with the other Independent Trustees to review a summary of the key financial, performance and other data that the Contract Committee considered in the course of its review. The Contract Committee then presented its written report, which summarized the key factors that the Committee had considered and set forth its final recommendations. The Contract Committee then recommended, and the Independent Trustees approved, the continuance of your fund's management and sub-management contracts, effective July 1, 2014. (Because PIL is an affiliate of Putnam Management and Putnam Management remains fully responsible for all services provided by PIL, the Trustees have not attempted to evaluate PIL as a separate entity, and all subsequent references to Putnam Management below should be deemed to include reference to PIL as necessary or appropriate in the context.)

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

- That the fee schedule in effect for your fund represented reasonable compensation in light of the nature and quality of the services being provided to the fund, the fees paid by competitive funds, and the costs incurred by Putnam Management in providing services to the fund, and

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- That the fee schedule in effect for your fund represented an appropriate sharing between fund shareholders and Putnam Management of such economies of scale as may exist in the management of the fund at current asset levels.

These conclusions were based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Trustees and were not the result of any single factor. Some of the factors that figured particularly in the Trustees' deliberations and how the Trustees considered these factors are described below, although individual Trustees may have evaluated the information presented differently, giving different weights to various factors. It is also important to recognize that the management arrangements for your fund and the other Putnam funds are the result of many years of review and discussion between the Independent Trustees and Putnam Management, that some aspects of the arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than others, and that the Trustees' conclusions may be based, in part, on their consideration of fee arrangements in previous years. The Trustees also considered that the fund's shareholders most recently approved the fund's current fee arrangements in early 2014, when they were asked to approve new management contracts (with the same fees and substantially identical other provisions) following the possible termination of the previous management contracts as a result of the death of the Honorable Paul G. Desmarais. (Mr. Desmarais, both directly and through holding companies, controlled a majority of the voting shares of Power

Corporation of Canada, which (directly and indirectly) is the majority owner of Putnam Management. Mr. Desmarais' voting control of shares of Power Corporation of Canada was transferred to The Desmarais Family Residuary Trust upon his death and this transfer, as a technical matter, may have constituted an "assignment" within the meaning of the 1940 Act, causing the Putnam funds' management contracts to terminate automatically.)

#### Management fee schedules and total expenses

The Trustees reviewed the management fee schedules in effect for all Putnam funds, including fee levels and breakpoints. The Trustees also reviewed the total expenses of each Putnam fund, recognizing that in most cases management fees represented the major, but not the sole, determinant of total costs to shareholders.

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

Under its management contract, your fund has the benefit of breakpoints in its management fee schedule that provide shareholders with economies of scale in the form of reduced fee levels as the fund's assets under management increase. The Trustees noted, however, that because your fund is a closed-end management investment company, it has relatively stable levels of assets under management and is not expected to be affected significantly by breakpoints in its management fee schedule. The Trustees concluded that the fee schedule in effect for your fund represented an appropriate sharing of economies of scale between fund shareholders and Putnam Management.

The Trustees reviewed comparative fee and expense information for a custom group of competitive funds selected by Lipper Inc. ("Lipper"). This comparative information included your fund's percentile ranking for effective management fees and total expenses, which provides a general indication of your fund's relative standing. In the custom peer

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group, your fund ranked in the first quintile in effective management fees (determined for your fund and the other funds in the custom peer group based on fund asset size and the applicable contractual management fee schedule) and in the first quintile in total expenses as of December 31, 2013 (the first quintile representing the least expensive funds and the fifth quintile the most expensive funds). The fee and expense data reported by Lipper as of December 31, 2013 reflected the most recent fiscal year-end data available in Lipper's database at that time.

In connection with their review of the management fees and total expenses of the Putnam funds, the Trustees also reviewed the costs of the services provided and the profits realized by Putnam Management and its affiliates from their contractual relationships with the funds. This information included trends in revenues, expenses and profitability of Putnam Management and its affiliates relating to the investment management, investor servicing and distribution services provided to the funds. In this regard, the Trustees also reviewed an analysis of Putnam Management's

revenues, expenses and profitability, allocated on a fund-by-fund basis, with respect to the funds' management, distribution, and investor servicing contracts. For each fund, the analysis presented information about revenues, expenses and profitability for each of the agreements separately and for the agreements taken together on a combined basis. The Trustees concluded that, at current asset levels, the fee schedules in place represented reasonable compensation for the services being provided and represented an appropriate sharing of such economies of scale as may exist in the management of the Putnam funds at that time.

The information examined by the Trustees as part of their annual contract review for the Putnam funds has included for many years information regarding fees charged by Putnam Management and its affiliates to institutional clients such as defined benefit pension plans, college endowments, and the like. This information included comparisons of those fees with fees charged to the Putnam funds, as well as an assessment of the differences in the services provided to these different types of clients. The Trustees observed that the differences in fee rates between institutional clients and mutual funds are by no means uniform when examined by individual asset sectors, suggesting that differences in the pricing of investment management services to these types of clients may reflect historical competitive forces operating in separate markets. The Trustees considered the fact that in many cases fee rates across different asset classes are higher on average for mutual funds than for institutional clients, as well as the differences between the services that Putnam Management provides to the Putnam funds and those that it provides to its institutional clients. The Trustees did not rely on these comparisons to any significant extent in concluding that the management fees paid by your fund are reasonable.

#### Investment performance

The quality of the investment process provided by Putnam Management represented a major factor in the Trustees' evaluation of the quality of services provided by Putnam Management under your fund's management contract. The Trustees were assisted in their review of the Putnam funds' investment process and performance by the work of the investment oversight committees of the Trustees, which meet on a regular basis with the funds' portfolio teams and with the Chief Investment Officer and other senior members of Putnam Management's Investment Division throughout the year. The Trustees concluded that Putnam Management generally provides a high-quality investment process — based on the experience and skills of the individuals assigned to the management of fund portfolios, the resources made available

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to them, and in general Putnam Management's ability to attract and retain high-quality personnel — but also recognized that this does not guarantee favorable investment results for every fund in every time period.

The Trustees considered that 2013 was a year of strong competitive performance for many of the Putnam funds, with only a relatively small number of exceptions. They noted that this strong performance was exemplified by the fact that the Putnam funds were recognized by Barron's as the second-best performing mutual fund complex for both 2013 and the five-year period ended December 31, 2013. They also noted, however, the disappointing investment performance of some funds for periods ended December 31, 2013 and considered information provided by Putnam Management

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

For purposes of evaluating investment performance, the Trustees generally focus on competitive industry rankings for the one-year, three-year and five-year periods. For a number of Putnam funds with relatively unique investment mandates for which meaningful competitive performance rankings are not considered available, the Trustees evaluated performance based on comparisons of fund returns with the returns of selected investment benchmarks. In the case of your fund, the Trustees considered that its common share cumulative total return performance at net asset value was in the following quartiles of its Lipper peer group (Lipper Convertible Securities Funds (closed-end)) for the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2013 (the first quartile representing the best-performing funds and the fourth quartile the worst-performing funds):

One-year period 4th  
Three-year period 3rd  
Five-year period 2nd

Over the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2013, there were 11, 11 and 11 funds, respectively, in your fund's Lipper peer group. (When considering performance information, shareholders should be mindful that past performance is not a guarantee of future results.)

The Trustees expressed concern about your fund's fourth quartile performance over the one-year period then ended and considered the circumstances that may have contributed to this disappointing performance. The Trustees considered Putnam Management's view that the fund's underperformance over this period was due in significant part to the poor performance of some of the convertible securities that the fund purchased or held, particularly within the financial and energy sector.

The Trustees also observed that, although the fund had not performed well over the one-year period, the fund ranked in the second quartile for the five-year period ended December 31, 2013, and that Putnam Management remained confident in the portfolio managers and their investment process. The Trustees also considered Putnam Management's continued efforts to support fund performance through initiatives including structuring compensation for portfolio managers and research analysts to enhance accountability for fund performance, emphasizing accountability in the portfolio management process, and affirming its commitment to a fundamental-driven approach to investing. The Trustees noted further that Putnam Management continued to strengthen its fundamental research capabilities by adding new investment personnel.

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

#### Brokerage and soft-dollar allocations; investor servicing

The Trustees considered various potential benefits that Putnam Management may receive in connection with the services it provides under the management contract with your fund. These include benefits related to brokerage allocation and the use of soft dollars, whereby a portion of the commissions paid by a fund for brokerage may be used to acquire research services that are expected to be useful to Putnam Management in managing the assets of the fund and of other clients. Subject to policies established by the Trustees, soft dollars generated by these means are used primarily to acquire brokerage and research services that enhance Putnam Management's investment capabilities and supplement Putnam Management's internal research efforts. However, the Trustees noted that a portion of available soft dollars continues to be used to pay fund expenses. The Trustees indicated their continued intent to monitor regulatory and industry developments in this area with the assistance of their Brokerage Committee and also indicated their continued intent to monitor the allocation of the Putnam funds' brokerage in order to ensure that the principle of seeking best price and execution remains paramount in the portfolio trading process.

Putnam Management may also receive benefits from payments that the funds make to Putnam Management's affiliates for investor services. In conjunction with the annual review of your fund's management and sub-management contracts, the Trustees reviewed your fund's investor servicing agreement with Putnam Investor Services, Inc. ("PSERV"), which is an affiliate of Putnam Management. The Trustees concluded that the fees payable by the funds to PSERV for such services are reasonable in relation to the nature and quality of such services, the fees paid by competitive funds, and the costs incurred by PSERV in providing such services.

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### Financial statements

#### A note about your fund's auditors

Between July 18, 2013 and December 16, 2013, which included a portion of your fund's fiscal year, a non-U.S. member firm in PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's ("PwC") global network of firms had an investment in certain non-U.S.

funds that became affiliated with Putnam Investments as a result of the acquisition of the funds' advisor by Putnam's parent company, Great-West Lifeco Inc. The investment consisted of pension plan assets for the benefit of the member firm's personnel. This investment is inconsistent with the SEC's independence rules applicable to auditors. Although upon the disposition of the investment by the member firm on December 16, 2013, PwC and its affiliates took all necessary steps to eliminate this issue, the requirements of the SEC's independence rules were not met for your fund's fiscal year because the SEC's rules require an audit firm to be independent for the entire fiscal year under audit. Based on its knowledge of the facts and its experience with PwC, the Audit and Compliance Committee of your fund's Board of Trustees concluded that the investment by the PwC member firm would not affect PwC's ability to render an objective audit opinion to your fund. Based on this conclusion and consideration of the potential risks that the disruption of a change of auditor could present, the Audit and Compliance Committee determined that PwC should continue to act as auditor for your fund.

These sections of the report, as well as the accompanying Notes, preceded by the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, constitute the fund's financial statements.

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

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

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

Statement of changes in net assets shows how the fund's net assets were affected by the fund's net investment gain or loss, by distributions to shareholders, and by changes in the number of the fund's shares. It lists distributions and their sources (net investment income or realized capital gains) over the current reporting period and the most recent fiscal year-end. The distributions listed here may not match the sources listed in the Statement of operations because the distributions are determined on a tax basis and may be paid in a different period from the one in which they were earned.

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

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Trustees and Shareholders of  
Putnam High Income Securities Fund:

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Putnam High Income Securities Fund (the “fund”) at August 31, 2014, and the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for each of the periods indicated, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as “financial statements”) are the responsibility of the fund’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of investments owned at August 31, 2014 by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and transfer agent, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts  
October 16, 2014

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The fund’s portfolio 8/31/14

CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)*	Principal amount	Value
Basic materials (3.3%)		
Ainsworth Lumber Co., Ltd. 144A sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2017 (Canada)	\$36,000	\$37,620
Alcoa, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5.4s, 2021	55,000	59,968
ArcelorMittal SA sr. unsec. bonds 10.35s, 2019 (France)	200,000	252,000
ArcelorMittal SA sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/2s, 2039 (France)	90,000	97,875
Boise Cascade Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2020	140,000	149,100

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Celanese US Holdings, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 5/8s, 2022 (Germany)	85,000	86,381
Celanese US Holdings, LLC sr. notes 5 7/8s, 2021 (Germany)	140,000	153,650
Cemex SAB de CV 144A company guaranty sr. notes 5 7/8s, 2019 (Mexico)	320,000	335,200
Compass Minerals International, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 7/8s, 2024	100,000	99,000
CPG Merger Sub, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2021	125,000	131,250
Eldorado Gold Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 1/8s, 2020 (Canada)	35,000	35,719
First Quantum Minerals, Ltd. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7s, 2021 (Canada)	85,000	89,250
First Quantum Minerals, Ltd. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2020 (Canada)	125,000	129,688
FMG Resources August 2006 Pty, Ltd. 144A sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2019 (Australia)	140,000	153,300
HD Supply, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	160,000	172,000
HD Supply, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 11 1/2s, 2020	80,000	94,000
Hexion U.S. Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 6 5/8s, 2020	45,000	47,363
Hexion U.S. Finance Corp./Hexion Nova Scotia Finance, ULC company guaranty notes 9s, 2020	35,000	35,438
Hexion U.S. Finance Corp./Hexion Nova Scotia Finance, ULC company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2018	130,000	134,875
HudBay Minerals, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2020 (Canada)	60,000	65,250
HudBay Minerals, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2020 (Canada)	115,000	125,063
Huntsman International, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 5/8s, 2021	160,000	175,600
Huntsman International, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 5/8s, 2020	25,000	26,813
Huntsman International, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 7/8s, 2020	130,000	132,600
JM Huber Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2019	160,000	180,000
Louisiana-Pacific Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	55,000	59,950
Momentive Performance Materials, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2020	5,000	4,694

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)\* *cont.*

Basic materials *cont.*

	Principal amount	Value
New Gold, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7s, 2020 (Canada)	\$65,000	\$69,225
New Gold, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2022 (Canada)	65,000	68,413
Novelis, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 3/4s, 2020	190,000	210,188

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Perstorp Holding AB 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 3/4s, 2017 (Sweden)	200,000	213,500
PQ Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 3/4s, 2018	130,000	139,263
Roofing Supply Group, LLC/Roofing Supply Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10s, 2020	65,000	68,738
Ryerson, Inc./Joseph T Ryerson & Son, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2017	135,000	143,775
Sealed Air Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2020	95,000	104,500
Sealed Air Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2023	100,000	102,000
Smurfit Kappa Treasury Funding, Ltd. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 7 1/2s, 2025 (Ireland)	60,000	68,700
Steel Dynamics, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2020	100,000	105,750
Steel Dynamics, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2022	20,000	21,400
Steel Dynamics, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/8s, 2019	25,000	26,750
Steel Dynamics, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/4s, 2023	10,000	10,150
Taminco Global Chemical Corp. 144A sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2020 (Belgium)	135,000	148,500
TMS International Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2021	100,000	106,250
TPC Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 3/4s, 2020	105,000	115,763
USG Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2021	20,000	21,000
Weekley Homes, LLC/Weekley Finance Corp. sr. unsec. bonds 6s, 2023	140,000	138,600
		4,946,112
Capital goods (2.3%)		
ADS Waste Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2020	310,000	330,150
American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2019	270,000	308,138
B/E Aerospace, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	35,000	37,713
Belden, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 5 1/4s, 2024	80,000	78,800
Berry Plastics Corp. company guaranty notes 5 1/2s, 2022	55,000	54,863
Berry Plastics Corp. company guaranty unsub. notes 9 3/4s, 2021	130,000	146,413
BlueLine Rental Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 7s, 2019	170,000	179,775
Bombardier, Inc. 144A sr. notes 6 1/8s, 2023 (Canada)	65,000	66,625
Bombardier, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2020 (Canada)	50,000	55,625
Briggs & Stratton Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	150,000	166,875
Crown Americas, LLC/Crown Americas Capital Corp. IV company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 1/2s, 2023	115,000	112,844

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	Principal amount	Value
CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>		
Capital goods <i>cont.</i>		
Exide Technologies sr. notes 8 5/8s, 2018 (In default) †	\$10,000	\$3,900
Gates Global LLC/Gates Global Co. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2022	165,000	163,350
Legrand France SA sr. unsec. unsub. debts 8 1/2s, 2025 (France)	185,000	260,048
Manitowoc Co., Inc. (The) company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	110,000	117,975
MasTec, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 7/8s, 2023	90,000	87,750
Oshkosh Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2022	80,000	81,800
Pittsburgh Glass Works, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8s, 2018	155,000	165,463
Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc./Reynolds Group Issuer, LLC/Reynolds Group Issuer Lu company guaranty sr. notes 5 3/4s, 2020	115,000	120,175
Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc./Reynolds Group Issuer, LLC/Reynolds Group Issuer Lu company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9s, 2019	120,000	126,000
Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc./Reynolds Group Issuer, LLC/Reynolds Group Issuer Lu company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/4s, 2021 (New Zealand)	205,000	223,706
Tenneco, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	100,000	108,125
Terex Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/2s, 2020	25,000	26,750
Terex Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2021	220,000	233,200
TransDigm, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 1/2s, 2021	85,000	92,863
TransDigm, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 5 1/2s, 2020	105,000	105,000
TransDigm, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 1/2s, 2024	25,000	25,625
Vander Intermediate Holding II Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 3/4s, 2019	55,000	58,850
		3,538,401
Communication services (5.3%)		
Adelphia Communications Corp. escrow bonds zero %, 2015	235,000	2,056
Adelphia Communications Corp. escrow bonds zero %, 2014	20,000	175
Altice SA 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 3/4s, 2022 (Luxembourg)	400,000	426,040
Cablevision Systems Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 5/8s, 2017	140,000	159,600
Cablevision Systems Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2020	35,000	39,900
Cablevision Systems Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	40,000	44,500
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2021	145,000	154,063
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2022	115,000	116,581
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. bonds 5 1/8s, 2023	125,000	125,000
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/8s, 2020	70,000	75,775
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 5/8s, 2022	35,000	37,580

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	Principal amount	Value
CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>		
Communication services <i>cont.</i>		
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 7s, 2019	\$115,000	\$120,606
CenturyLink, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/4s, 2023	110,000	121,756
CenturyLink, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 5/8s, 2020	25,000	26,438
Crown Castle International Corp. sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2023 <sup>R</sup>	175,000	180,742
Crown Castle International Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 7/8s, 2022 <sup>R</sup>	55,000	56,031
CSC Holdings, LLC sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	65,000	71,500
CSC Holdings, LLC 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2024	85,000	84,150
Digicel Group, Ltd. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2020 (Jamaica)	200,000	216,000
Digicel, Ltd. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2017 (Jamaica)	165,000	167,681
DISH DBS Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2019	120,000	139,200
DISH DBS Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	185,000	206,960
Frontier Communications Corp. sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2018	125,000	145,469
Frontier Communications Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 5/8s, 2024	30,000	32,063
Hughes Satellite Systems Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 6 1/2s, 2019	130,000	143,000
Hughes Satellite Systems Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2021	100,000	113,000
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 6 5/8s, 2022 (Bermuda)	50,000	52,250
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2021 (Bermuda)	95,000	102,838
Intelsat Luxembourg SA company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 8 1/8s, 2023 (Luxembourg)	150,000	162,375
Intelsat Luxembourg SA company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 7 3/4s, 2021 (Luxembourg)	400,000	422,000
Level 3 Escrow II, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/8s, 2022	90,000	90,900
Level 3 Financing, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 5/8s, 2020	85,000	94,138
Level 3 Financing, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/8s, 2019	20,000	21,650
Level 3 Financing, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7s, 2020	100,000	107,750
Level 3 Financing, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/8s, 2021	40,000	42,200
Mediacom, LLC/Mediacom Capital Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2022	85,000	91,588
	85,000	56,100

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NII International Telecom SCA 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2019 (Luxembourg) (In default) †		
Numericable Group SA 144A sr. notes 6s, 2022 (France)	200,000	206,050
PAETEC Holding Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2018	160,000	170,600
Quebecor Media, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/4s, 2023 (Canada)	80,000	82,000
Quebecor Media, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 3/8s, 2021 (Canada)	CAD 75,000	74,319
Qwest Corp. sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	\$115,000	133,802

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
Communication services <i>cont.</i>		
Qwest Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2025	\$65,000	\$76,848
SBA Communications Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 4 7/8s, 2022	145,000	142,825
SBA Telecommunications, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/4s, 2020	35,000	36,925
Sprint Capital Corp. company guaranty 6 7/8s, 2028	260,000	253,500
Sprint Communications, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 3/8s, 2017	80,000	91,200
Sprint Communications, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7s, 2020	60,000	63,900
Sprint Communications, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2018	170,000	202,088
Sprint Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2023	220,000	235,950
Sprint Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2021	265,000	280,900
T-Mobile USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6.836s, 2023	75,000	79,688
T-Mobile USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6.633s, 2021	45,000	47,419
T-Mobile USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 5/8s, 2023	145,000	152,794
T-Mobile USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6.464s, 2019	45,000	46,913
T-Mobile USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/4s, 2021	165,000	171,394
T-Mobile USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/8s, 2022	125,000	129,219
Videotron, Ltd. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 7/8s, 2021 (Canada)	CAD 75,000	75,606
Videotron, Ltd. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5s, 2022 (Canada)	\$195,000	200,363
West Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2022	95,000	92,863
WideOpenWest Finance, LLC/WideOpenWest Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 1/4s, 2019	220,000	245,300

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Wind Acquisition Finance SA 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 7 3/8s, 2021 (Luxembourg)	200,000	211,000
Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 7/8s, 2017	65,000	73,938
Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2021	170,000	185,300
Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2023	55,000	55,138
		8,067,497
Consumer cyclicals (8.2%)		
Alliance Data Systems Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2022	165,000	165,825
AMC Entertainment, Inc. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 9 3/4s, 2020	75,000	84,188
AMC Entertainment, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	70,000	72,100
American Media, Inc. 144A notes 13 1/2s, 2018	18,955	20,187

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
Consumer cyclicals <i>cont.</i>		
Autonation, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2018	\$40,000	\$45,875
Autonation, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/2s, 2020	105,000	114,450
Beazer Homes USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2016	55,000	59,950
Bon-Ton Department Stores, Inc. (The) company guaranty notes 10 5/8s, 2017	106,000	106,133
Bon-Ton Department Stores, Inc. (The) company guaranty notes 8s, 2021	35,000	32,725
Boyd Gaming Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	60,000	63,150
Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2020 (Canada)	145,000	153,881
Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc./Brookfield Residential US Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/8s, 2022 (Canada)	85,000	87,869
Building Materials Corp. of America 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	100,000	106,000
Building Materials Corp. of America 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7s, 2020	45,000	47,250
Building Materials Corp. of America 144A sr. notes 6 7/8s, 2018	50,000	51,875
Building Materials Corp. of America 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	45,000	48,263
Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2020	80,000	64,000
CBS Outdoor Americas Capital, LLC/CBS Outdoor Americas Capital Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2024	125,000	129,063

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CCM Merger, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2019	80,000	85,400
Cedar Fair LP/Canada's Wonderland Co./Magnum Management Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2021	60,000	60,900
Cedar Fair LP/Canada's Wonderland Co./Magnum Management Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2024	30,000	30,150
Ceridian, LLC 144A sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2019	65,000	72,881
Ceridian, LLC/Comdata, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/8s, 2017	85,000	86,275
Chrysler Group, LLC/CG Co-Issuer, Inc. company guaranty notes 8 1/4s, 2021	200,000	223,500
Cinemark USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2022	65,000	66,056
Cinemark USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 7/8s, 2023	65,000	64,513
Cinemark USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 3/8s, 2021	15,000	16,313
Clear Channel Communications, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2021	120,000	124,500
Clear Channel Communications, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2019	255,000	263,925

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
Consumer cyclicals <i>cont.</i>		
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2020	\$190,000	\$203,775
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/2s, 2022	330,000	353,100
Cumulus Media Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2019	95,000	98,563
Dana Holding Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2023	125,000	133,125
Dana Holding Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/8s, 2021	85,000	88,188
DH Services Luxembourg Sarl 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2020 (Luxembourg)	135,000	143,775
Entercom Radio, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 10 1/2s, 2019	100,000	111,750
FelCor Lodging LP company guaranty sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2019 <sup>R</sup>	165,000	174,075
FelCor Lodging LP company guaranty sr. notes 5 5/8s, 2023 <sup>R</sup>	30,000	30,375
First Cash Financial Services, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2021 (Mexico)	60,000	63,300
Gannett Co., Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 5 1/8s, 2020	60,000	61,800
Gannett Co., Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2019	15,000	15,375
	145,000	146,530

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Garda World Security Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2021 (Canada)		
Gibson Brands, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2018	70,000	70,700
GLP Capital LP/GLP Financing II, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 7/8s, 2020	125,000	130,625
GLP Capital LP/GLP Financing II, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 3/8s, 2018	40,000	41,500
Gray Television, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	165,000	174,075
Great Canadian Gaming Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2022 (Canada)	CAD 155,000	151,181
Griffey Intermediate, Inc./Griffey Finance Sub, LLC 144A sr. unsec. notes 7s, 2020	\$60,000	50,400
Howard Hughes Corp. (The) 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2021	170,000	179,988
Igloo Holdings Corp. 144A sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/4s, 2017	150,000	153,750
Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2021	65,000	67,925
Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 7/8s, 2020	75,000	80,625
Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2019	90,000	95,175
Jeld-Wen, Inc. 144A sr. notes 12 1/4s, 2017	115,000	123,050
Jo-Ann Stores Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 3/4s, 2019	45,000	43,200
Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2019	140,000	137,200
L Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2021	130,000	146,900
L Brands, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2022	50,000	53,875
Lamar Media Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	75,000	78,750

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
Consumer cyclicals <i>cont.</i>		
Lamar Media Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2024	\$45,000	\$46,350
Lender Processing Services, Inc./Black Knight Lending Solutions, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/4s, 2023	220,000	234,300
Lennar Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 3/4s, 2022	125,000	123,125
Lennar Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 1/2s, 2019	125,000	127,500
LIN Television Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2021	40,000	41,400
M/I Homes, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	210,000	221,550

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Masonite International Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	140,000	151,900
Mattamy Group Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2020 (Canada)	130,000	131,950
MGM Resorts International company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2020	110,000	121,825
MGM Resorts International company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2020	125,000	130,313
MGM Resorts International company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 5/8s, 2019	70,000	82,425
MGM Resorts International company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 5/8s, 2021	90,000	100,125
MTR Gaming Group, Inc. company guaranty notes 11 1/2s, 2019	292,907	327,324
Navistar International Corp. sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	174,000	180,525
Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 3/4s, 2021	175,000	190,313
Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2021	60,000	64,725
Neiman Marcus Group, LLC (The) company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/8s, 2028	140,000	141,400
Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	90,000	95,400
Nielsen Co. Luxembourg S.a.r.l. (The) 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/2s, 2021 (Luxembourg)	190,000	196,650
Nortek, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10s, 2018	140,000	148,400
Nortek, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/2s, 2021	95,000	103,313
Owens Corning company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2019	38,000	47,174
Penn National Gaming, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2021	90,000	86,175
Penske Automotive Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 5 3/4s, 2022	160,000	165,600
Petco Animal Supplies, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/4s, 2018	65,000	69,144
Petco Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/2s, 2017	60,000	61,275
PulteGroup, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2017	140,000	159,600
PulteGroup, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 7/8s, 2032	75,000	84,563
Regal Entertainment Group sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2025	45,000	45,113
Regal Entertainment Group sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2023	90,000	91,350

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
Consumer cyclicals <i>cont.</i>		
Regal Entertainment Group sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2022	\$55,000	\$56,375
Rivers Pittsburgh Borrower LP/Rivers Pittsburgh Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 9 1/2s, 2019	61,000	65,423

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ROC Finance, LLC/ROC Finance 1 Corp. 144A notes 12 1/8s, 2018	135,000	145,463
Sabre Holdings Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8.35s, 2016	120,000	129,600
Sabre, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8 1/2s, 2019	60,000	65,550
Schaeffler Finance BV 144A sr. notes 4 3/4s, 2021 (Netherlands)	200,000	204,000
Sinclair Television Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2021	80,000	85,200
Sinclair Television Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2021	60,000	61,200
Sinclair Television Group, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/8s, 2022	30,000	31,500
Sinclair Television Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2024	30,000	29,925
Sirius XM Radio, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2024	130,000	135,525
Sirius XM Radio, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. bonds 5 7/8s, 2020	205,000	214,481
Six Flags Entertainment Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/4s, 2021	220,000	222,750
Spectrum Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2022	5,000	5,413
Spectrum Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2020	10,000	10,750
Spectrum Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/4s, 2020	95,000	101,175
Standard Pacific Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2021	90,000	95,400
SugarHouse HSP Gaming Prop. Mezz LP/SugarHouse HSP Gaming Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 6 3/8s, 2021	50,000	48,375
Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch Communities, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	21,000	22,654
Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch Communities, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2024	45,000	44,888
Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch Communities, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2021	75,000	75,375
Taylor Morrison Communities, Inc./Monarch Communities, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	119,000	128,818
Townsquare Radio, LLC/Townsquare Radio, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2019	65,000	70,688
Travelport, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 11 7/8s, 2016	120,000	120,000
Travelport, LLC/Travelport Holdings, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 13 7/8s, 2016	220,248	221,349
TRW Automotive, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 1/2s, 2021	30,000	30,825
Univision Communications, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/2s, 2021	180,000	197,100
Univision Communications, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	65,000	70,850
		12,411,306

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Consumer staples (2.2%)		
Ashtead Capital, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6 1/2s, 2022	\$145,000	\$157,688
Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC/Avis Budget Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 3/4s, 2020	35,000	39,419
Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC/Avis Budget Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/2s, 2023	45,000	46,013
Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC/Avis Budget Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/8s, 2022	40,000	40,300
B&G Foods, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 5/8s, 2021	60,000	59,100
CEC Entertainment, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2022	55,000	55,825
Ceridian HCM Holding, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 11s, 2021	195,000	222,788
Constellation Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 1/4s, 2023	95,000	96,188
Constellation Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2016	105,000	115,763
Constellation Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2022	115,000	129,519
Corrections Corp. of America company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 5/8s, 2023 <sup>R</sup>	120,000	118,950
Corrections Corp. of America company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 1/8s, 2020 <sup>R</sup>	25,000	24,781
Elizabeth Arden, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/8s, 2021	195,000	182,813
Hertz Corp. (The) company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2022	115,000	119,888
Hertz Corp. (The) company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2020	50,000	51,438
HJ Heinz Co. company guaranty notes 4 1/4s, 2020	270,000	273,713
JBS USA, LLC/JBS USA Finance, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2020 (Brazil)	40,000	43,060
JBS USA, LLC/JBS USA Finance, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2021 (Brazil)	135,000	144,956
JBS USA, LLC/JBS USA Finance, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2021 (Brazil)	35,000	37,363
Landry's Holdings II, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 10 1/4s, 2018	35,000	36,488
Landry's, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 3/8s, 2020	245,000	263,375
Prestige Brands, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2021	90,000	89,550
Revlon Consumer Products Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2021	140,000	142,100
Rite Aid Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 1/4s, 2020	225,000	252,000
Rite Aid Corp. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 8s, 2020	35,000	38,194
RSC Equipment Rental, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	35,000	38,500
Smithfield Foods, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 5/8s, 2022	90,000	98,888
Smithfield Foods, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2021	25,000	26,750
Smithfield Foods, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2018	15,000	15,638
United Rentals North America, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2022	65,000	72,800

CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<i>Consumer staples cont.</i>		
United Rentals North America, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2024	\$90,000	\$94,275
United Rentals North America, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/8s, 2023	125,000	133,438
		3,261,561
<i>Energy (5.8%)</i>		
Access Midstream Partners LP/ACMP Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2021	45,000	47,813
Access Midstream Partners LP/ACMP Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/8s, 2022	35,000	38,063
Access Midstream Partners LP/ACMP Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 7/8s, 2023	240,000	252,900
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2021	95,000	65,313
Antero Resources Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2022	85,000	86,275
Antero Resources Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2021	90,000	92,700
Athlon Holdings LP/Athlon Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/8s, 2021	196,000	212,660
Athlon Holdings LP/Athlon Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2022	70,000	71,925
Baytex Energy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2024 (Canada)	95,000	95,000
Baytex Energy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2021 (Canada)	100,000	100,125
Calfrac Holdings LP 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	80,000	85,000
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	155,000	162,556
Chaparral Energy, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2020	30,000	33,375
Chaparral Energy, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	125,000	134,844
Chesapeake Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2023	30,000	33,488
Chesapeake Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 7/8s, 2022	60,000	62,772
Chesapeake Oilfield Operating, LLC/Chesapeake Oilfield Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 5/8s, 2019	115,000	123,050
Cimarex Energy Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 3/8s, 2024	70,000	72,888
Compressco Partners LP/Compressco Finance Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2022	30,000	30,300
Concho Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2022	120,000	132,300
Concho Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/2s, 2023	140,000	149,625

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Concho Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/2s, 2022	50,000	53,500
Connacher Oil and Gas, Ltd. 144A notes 8 1/2s, 2019 (Canada)	75,000	59,906

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<i>Energy cont.</i>		
CONSOL Energy, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2020	\$195,000	\$207,675
CONSOL Energy, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	140,000	146,300
Denbury Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 3/8s, 2021	65,000	69,550
Denbury Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 5 1/2s, 2022	140,000	143,500
EXCO Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2018	75,000	74,250
Exterran Partners LP/EXLP Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2022	130,000	130,325
Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2021	115,000	121,900
FTS International, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6 1/4s, 2022	70,000	71,575
Goodrich Petroleum Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 7/8s, 2019	75,000	78,750
Gulfport Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	120,000	129,000
Gulfport Energy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	60,000	64,500
Halcon Resources Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 3/4s, 2020	40,000	43,100
Halcon Resources Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 7/8s, 2021	265,000	278,913
Hiland Partners LP/Hiland Partners Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/4s, 2020	90,000	96,975
Hiland Partners LP/Hiland Partners Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/2s, 2022	30,000	30,300
Hilcorp Energy I LP/Hilcorp Finance Co. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5s, 2024	45,000	44,888
Key Energy Services, Inc. company guaranty unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	135,000	137,025
Kodiak Oil & Gas Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/8s, 2019	175,000	192,500
Kodiak Oil & Gas Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/2s, 2022	25,000	26,375
Lightstream Resources, Ltd. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2020 (Canada)	305,000	315,675
Linn Energy, LLC/Linn Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2019	145,000	149,259
Linn Energy, LLC/Linn Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2019	150,000	154,875
	45,000	2

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Lone Pine Resources Canada, Ltd. escrow company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 10 3/8s, 2017 (Canada) <sup>F</sup>		
MEG Energy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7s, 2024 (Canada)	20,000	21,750
MEG Energy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2021 (Canada)	120,000	126,600

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<i>Energy cont.</i>		
MEG Energy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2023 (Canada)	\$55,000	\$58,300
Milagro Oil & Gas, Inc. company guaranty notes 10 1/2s, 2016 (In default) †	120,000	94,200
Newfield Exploration Co. sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2022	95,000	104,975
Oasis Petroleum, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2023	50,000	54,625
Oasis Petroleum, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 7/8s, 2022	225,000	245,813
Offshore Group Investment, Ltd. company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2019 (Cayman Islands)	220,000	224,400
Offshore Group Investment, Ltd. company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/8s, 2023 (Cayman Islands)	55,000	54,588
Paragon Offshore PLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2022	55,000	50,050
Paragon Offshore PLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2024	195,000	178,425
Peabody Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/8s, 2016	90,000	97,313
Peabody Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2018	85,000	87,550
Plains Exploration & Production Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2022	114,000	129,390
Range Resources Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 6 3/4s, 2020	50,000	53,500
Range Resources Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 5s, 2022	45,000	47,869
Rose Rock Midstream LP/Rose Rock Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2022	55,000	56,100
Rosetta Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 7/8s, 2024	125,000	127,188
Rosetta Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 5/8s, 2021	80,000	81,900
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC company guaranty sr. notes 5 5/8s, 2023	230,000	239,200
Sabine Pass LNG LP company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2016	185,000	200,956
Sabine Pass LNG LP company guaranty sr. notes 6 1/2s, 2020	45,000	47,756
Samson Investment Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 3/4s, 2020	245,000	249,900
Seven Generations Energy, Ltd. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2020 (Canada)	100,000	109,905

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Seventy Seven Energy, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2022	105,000	108,150
Shelf Drilling Holdings, Ltd. 144A sr. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	100,000	106,500
SM Energy Co. sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2019	55,000	57,475
SM Energy Co. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2021	50,000	54,250
SM Energy Co. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/2s, 2023	20,000	21,650
Tervita Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 10 7/8s, 2018 (Canada)	30,000	31,134
Triangle USA Petroleum Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2022	55,000	56,238
Unit Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 6 5/8s, 2021	150,000	157,125

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<i>Energy cont.</i>		
Whiting Petroleum Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/4s, 2021	\$230,000	\$252,713
Williams Companies, Inc. (The) sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2021	71,000	87,467
WPX Energy, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2022	65,000	69,713
WPX Energy, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/4s, 2017	145,000	152,613
		8,800,871
<i>Financials (4.7%)</i>		
A-S Co-Issuer Subsidiary, Inc./A-S Merger Sub., LLC 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	115,000	122,619
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 6 1/4s, 2017	90,000	99,113
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8.3s, 2015	65,000	66,950
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2031	175,000	226,406
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2020	60,000	72,900
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	65,000	77,756
Ally Financial, Inc. unsec. sub. notes 8s, 2018	65,000	75,847
American International Group, Inc. jr. sub. FRB bonds 8.175s, 2058	100,000	137,750
BBVA International Preferred SAU bank guaranty jr. unsec. sub. FRB bonds 5.919s, perpetual maturity (Spain)	105,000	109,200
CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2020	135,000	142,088
CBRE Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5s, 2023	75,000	76,035
CIT Group, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5s, 2023	65,000	68,088

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CIT Group, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5s, 2022	100,000	105,500
CIT Group, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/8s, 2020	80,000	86,600
CIT Group, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3 7/8s, 2019	45,000	45,563
CIT Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty notes 6 5/8s, 2018	135,000	150,525
CIT Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty notes 5 1/2s, 2019	185,000	199,569
Citigroup, Inc. jr. unsec. sub. FRB bonds Ser. B, 5.9s, perpetual maturity	40,000	40,125
CNG Holdings, Inc./OH 144A sr. notes 9 3/8s, 2020	125,000	101,250
CNO Financial Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6 3/8s, 2020	65,000	69,631
Community Choice Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10 3/4s, 2019	75,000	61,500
Credit Acceptance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/8s, 2021	75,000	77,250
DFC Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 10 1/2s, 2020	150,000	152,063
Dresdner Funding Trust I 144A bonds 8.151s, 2031	240,000	285,000
E*Trade Financial Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2019	175,000	187,688
Genworth Holdings, Inc. company guaranty jr. unsec. sub. FRB bonds 6.15s, 2066	70,000	61,600
Hockey Merger Sub 2, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2021	130,000	136,825

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
Financials <i>cont.</i>		
Hub Holdings LLC/Hub Holdings Finance, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2019	\$20,000	\$20,225
Icahn Enterprises LP/Icahn Enterprises Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2020	215,000	229,513
Icahn Enterprises LP/Icahn Enterprises Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	125,000	130,313
International Lease Finance Corp. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2019	80,000	88,600
International Lease Finance Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	60,000	65,550
iStar Financial, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 7 1/8s, 2018 <sup>R</sup>	70,000	75,950
iStar Financial, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5s, 2019 <sup>R</sup>	5,000	5,000
Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty jr. unsec. sub. bonds 7.8s, 2037	75,000	88,500
Lloyds Bank PLC jr. sub. FRN notes Ser. EMTN, 13s, perpetual maturity (United Kingdom)	GBP 100,000	274,944

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Lloyds Banking Group PLC jr. unsec. sub. FRB bonds 7 1/2s, perpetual maturity (United Kingdom)	\$249,000	261,139
MPT Operating Partnership LP/MPT Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2021 <sup>R</sup>	50,000	53,750
MPT Operating Partnership LP/MPT Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2022 <sup>R</sup>	125,000	133,438
Nationstar Mortgage, LLC/Nationstar Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	100,000	103,000
Nationstar Mortgage, LLC/Nationstar Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/2s, 2021	85,000	83,300
Navient, LLC sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. A, MTN, 8.45s, 2018	105,000	122,189
Neuberger Berman Group, LLC/Neuberger Berman Finance Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	85,000	91,163
Neuberger Berman Group, LLC/Neuberger Berman Finance Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2020	50,000	52,750
NRG Yield Operating LLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/8s, 2024	90,000	93,150
Nuveen Investments, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2017	160,000	171,680
Ocwen Financial Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2019	135,000	130,950
PHH Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/8s, 2019	75,000	82,500
PHH Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2021	140,000	141,050
Provident Funding Associates LP/PFG Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	120,000	120,600
Provident Funding Associates LP/PFG Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 10 1/8s, 2019	60,000	64,575
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC jr. sub. unsec. FRN notes Ser. U, 7.64s, perpetual maturity (United Kingdom)	100,000	105,750
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC jr. unsec. sub. FRB bonds 7.648s, perpetual maturity (United Kingdom)	265,000	314,688
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC unsec. sub. notes 6s, 2023 (United Kingdom)	65,000	70,660
Springleaf Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. MTN, 6.9s, 2017	295,000	322,288
Springleaf Finance Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2021	30,000	34,050
Springleaf Finance Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2020	85,000	89,038

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<i>Financials cont.</i>		
Stearns Holdings, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 3/8s, 2020	\$90,000	\$94,275
TMX Finance, LLC/TitleMax Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 1/2s, 2018	105,000	111,038
USI, Inc./NY 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2021	155,000	159,650
Walter Investment Management Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2021	90,000	91,575
Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Co. 144A sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 7/8s, 2024	70,000	71,400
		7,183,682
<i>Health care (3.4%)</i>		
Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 1/8s, 2021	60,000	63,300
Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2022	75,000	75,750
Aviv Healthcare Properties LP/Aviv Healthcare Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2019	95,000	100,463
Aviv Healthcare Properties LP/Aviv Healthcare Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2021	105,000	110,775
Capsugel SA 144A sr. unsec. notes 7s, 2019 (Luxembourg)	95,000	97,138
Catamaran Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 4 3/4s, 2021	150,000	151,125
Centene Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 3/4s, 2022	55,000	55,825
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 5 1/8s, 2018	40,000	41,600
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2019	40,000	43,500
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 5 1/8s, 2021	150,000	153,750
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2022	25,000	26,563
Crimson Merger Sub, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2022	165,000	157,575
DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2024	180,000	182,588
Endo Finance, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2022	155,000	158,100
Endo Finance, LLC & Endo Finco, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/8s, 2023	100,000	100,250
Envision Healthcare Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2022	45,000	45,563
Fresenius Medical Care US Finance II, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2019	95,000	102,363
HCA, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 3 3/4s, 2019	65,000	65,650
HCA, Inc. sr. notes 6 1/2s, 2020	430,000	481,535
HCA, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2022	30,000	34,950
Health Net, Inc. sr. unsec. bonds 6 3/8s, 2017	190,000	205,200
IASIS Healthcare, LLC/IASIS Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 3/8s, 2019	100,000	106,000
IMS Health, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2020	50,000	52,563
Jaguar Holding Co. I 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 3/8s, 2017	120,000	123,450

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>		
Health care <i>cont.</i>		
Jaguar Holding Co. II/Jaguar Merger Sub, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2019	\$80,000	\$87,000
JLL/Delta Dutch Newco BV 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2022 (Netherlands)	95,000	96,900
Kinetic Concepts, Inc./KCI USA, Inc. company guaranty notes 10 1/2s, 2018	180,000	201,375
Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2022 <sup>R</sup>	70,000	75,425
Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 4.95s, 2024 <sup>R</sup>	85,000	87,804
Par Pharmaceutical Cos., Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/8s, 2020	150,000	159,000
Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2021	40,000	43,400
Service Corp. International sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/8s, 2022	120,000	124,200
Service Corp. International 144A sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 3/8s, 2024	155,000	160,038
Service Corp. International/US sr. notes 7s, 2017	65,000	71,744
Teleflex, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 7/8s, 2019	85,000	89,888
Teleflex, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2024	25,000	25,469
Tenet Healthcare Corp. company guaranty sr. bonds 4 1/2s, 2021	55,000	55,138
Tenet Healthcare Corp. company guaranty sr. bonds 4 3/8s, 2021	80,000	79,400
Tenet Healthcare Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 6 1/4s, 2018	225,000	245,813
Tenet Healthcare Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 6s, 2020	140,000	151,900
Tenet Healthcare Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 4 3/4s, 2020	25,000	25,438
United Surgical Partners International, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9s, 2020	80,000	87,400
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7s, 2020	20,000	21,250
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2018	45,000	46,856
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2020	150,000	156,750
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2017	120,000	124,650
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2018	80,000	85,600
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 5/8s, 2021	10,000	10,163
WellCare Health Plans, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2020	160,000	165,800
		5,213,977
Technology (1.6%)		
ACI Worldwide, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2020	75,000	78,375
Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2020	245,000	258,475
Avaya, Inc. 144A company guaranty notes 10 1/2s, 2021	90,000	82,575

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	Principal amount	Value
CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>		
Technology <i>cont.</i>		
Avaya, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7s, 2019	\$285,000	\$283,575
Epicor Software Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2019	55,000	58,988
First Data Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 12 5/8s, 2021	85,000	103,913
First Data Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 11 1/4s, 2021	8,000	9,300
First Data Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 11 3/4s, 2021	109,000	128,893
First Data Corp. 144A company guaranty notes 8 1/4s, 2021	320,000	348,800
First Data Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 14 1/2s, 2019	10,799	12,257
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 3/4s, 2020	64,000	72,000
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 5s, 2021	100,000	100,750
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. 144A sr. notes 6s, 2022	120,000	125,700
Iron Mountain, Inc. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 7 3/4s, 2019 <sup>R</sup>	45,000	48,656
Iron Mountain, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6s, 2023 <sup>R</sup>	105,000	112,088
Micron Technology, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	85,000	91,056
SoftBank Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 4 1/2s, 2020 (Japan)	200,000	203,500
SunGard Data Systems, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 5/8s, 2019	70,000	73,325
Syniverse Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2019	140,000	148,225
		2,340,451
Transportation (0.3%)		
Air Medical Group Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/4s, 2018	149,000	157,195
CHC Helicopter SA company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/4s, 2020 (Canada)	90,000	98,325
Swift Services Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2018	110,000	117,150
Watco Cos., LLC/Watco Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2023	130,000	132,925
		505,595
Utilities and power (1.9%)		
AES Corp./Virginia (The) sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2020	85,000	100,725
AES Corp./Virginia (The) sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2017	85,000	97,963
AES Corp./Virginia (The) sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/8s, 2021	145,000	166,025
AES Corp./Virginia (The) sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 7/8s, 2023	45,000	44,325

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Calpine Corp. sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2025	225,000	227,250
Calpine Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6s, 2022	30,000	32,400
Calpine Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 5 7/8s, 2024	25,000	26,750
Colorado Interstate Gas Co., LLC sr. unsec. debts. 6.85s, 2037	95,000	116,336
DPL, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2016	155,000	164,300
Dynegy Holdings, LLC escrow bonds 7 3/4s, 2019	175,000	219
El Paso Natural Gas Co., LLC sr. unsec. debts. 8 5/8s, 2022	40,000	52,009
El Paso, LLC sr. unsec. notes Ser. GMTN, 7.8s, 2031	100,000	124,028

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.0%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<i>Utilities and power cont.</i>		
Energy Transfer Equity LP company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	\$107,000	\$123,853
EP Energy, LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 6 7/8s, 2019	75,000	79,313
EP Energy, LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2022	35,000	39,288
EP Energy, LLC/Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 9 3/8s, 2020	155,000	174,763
GenOn Americas Generation, LLC sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2031	100,000	97,250
GenOn Energy, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2020	125,000	131,875
GenOn Energy, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2018	25,000	26,563
Kinder Morgan, Inc./DE 144A sr. notes 5s, 2021	125,000	133,750
NRG Energy, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2021	325,000	356,688
Regency Energy Partners LP/Regency Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 7/8s, 2022	140,000	150,500
Regency Energy Partners LP/Regency Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/2s, 2023	75,000	78,563
Regency Energy Partners LP/Regency Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5s, 2022	55,000	56,856
Regency Energy Partners LP/Regency Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 1/2s, 2023	95,000	95,713
Southern Star Central Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 5 1/8s, 2022	130,000	131,625
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., LLC sr. unsec. unsub. debts. 7s, 2028	15,000	19,279

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Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co., LLC/TCEH Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 11 1/2s, 2020 (In default) †	60,000	52,200
		2,900,409
Total corporate bonds and notes (cost \$56,526,011)		\$59,169,862

CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (38.1%)*	Principal amount	Value
Basic materials (1.5%)		
AK Steel Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5s, 2019	\$635,000	\$1,371,997
Cemex SAB de CV cv. unsec. sub. notes 3 3/4s, 2018 (Mexico)	580,000	871,450
		2,243,447
Capital goods (1.3%)		
General Cable Corp. cv. unsec. sub. notes stepped-coupon 4 1/2s (2 1/4s, 11/15/19) 2029 ††	595,000	528,434
Trinity Industries, Inc. cv. unsec. sub. notes 3 7/8s, 2036	685,000	1,378,134
		1,906,568
Communication services (0.6%)		
Clearwire Communications, LLC/Clearwire Finance, Inc. 144A cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2040	199,000	225,865
Level 3 Communications, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. B, 7s, 2015	435,000	735,694
Powerwave Technologies, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 3 7/8s, 2027 (In default) ††	1,160,000	116
		961,675

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CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (38.1%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Communications equipment (0.5%)		
Ciena Corp. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4s, 2020	\$618,000	\$825,030
		825,030
Computers (1.5%)		
SanDisk Corp. cv. sr. unsec. notes 1 1/2s, 2017	939,000	1,807,575
ServiceNow, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes zero %, 2018	405,000	440,184

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		2,247,759
Consumer cyclicals (8.1%)		
Callaway Golf Co. cv. sr. unsec. bonds 3 3/4s, 2019	453,000	525,480
CBIZ, Inc. 144A cv. sr. sub. notes 4 7/8s, 2015	397,000	500,716
Ford Motor Co. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4 1/4s, 2016	381,000	771,049
Forestar Group, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3 3/4s, 2020	60,000	66,113
Host Hotels & Resorts LP 144A cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 2 1/2s, 2029 <sup>R</sup>	391,000	684,006
Lennar Corp. 144A cv. sr. notes 2 3/4s, 2020	344,000	614,685
Liberty Interactive, LLC cv. sr. unsec. unsub. bonds 3/4s, 2043	833,000	1,129,236
Liberty Interactive, LLC cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3 1/2s, 2031	1,635,000	891,075
Liberty Interactive, LLC 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 1s, 2043	575,000	594,406
MGM Resorts International Co. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 4 1/4s, 2015	1,350,000	1,827,563
Navistar International Corp. 144A cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 3/4s, 2019	644,000	678,213
Priceline Group, Inc. (The) cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 1s, 2018	320,000	457,800
Ryland Group, Inc. (The) cv. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 1 5/8s, 2018	480,000	635,700
Standard Pacific Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 1 1/4s, 2032	710,000	863,981
TiVo, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 4s, 2016	385,000	534,909
TRW Automotive, Inc. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 3 1/2s, 2015	195,000	634,481
XM Satellite Radio, Inc. 144A cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7s, 2014	527,000	1,044,778
		12,454,191
Consumer staples (1.3%)		
Rite Aid Corp. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/2s, 2015	345,000	844,388
Vector Group, Ltd. cv. sr. unsec. FRN notes 2 1/2s, 2019	740,000	1,075,708
		1,920,096
Electronics (4.6%)		
Jazz Technologies, Inc. 144A cv. unsec. notes 8s, 2018	385,000	475,475
Micron Technology, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. bonds Ser. E, 1 5/8s, 2033	1,740,000	5,173,238
Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 1/4s, 2041	745,000	743,138
Xilinx, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 5/8s, 2017	345,000	517,500
		6,909,351
Energy (4.0%)		
Chesapeake Energy Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 2 1/4s, 2038	2,230,000	2,143,588
Cobalt International Energy, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 2 5/8s, 2019	810,000	713,813
Energy XXI Bermuda, Ltd. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 3s, 2018	451,000	404,773
Goodrich Petroleum Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 5s, 2032	569,000	657,551

	Principal amount	Value
CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (38.1%)* <i>cont.</i>		
<i>Energy cont.</i>		
Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 1 1/2s, 2019	\$377,000	\$430,723
Peabody Energy Corp. cv. jr. unsec. sub. debs. 4 3/4s, 2041	655,000	470,781
SEACOR Holdings, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 3s, 2028	621,000	592,667
Trico Marine Services, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. debs. 3s, 2027 (In default) †	500,000	16,875
Vantage Drilling Co. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 7/8s, 2042	615,000	680,728
		6,111,499
<i>Financials (5.4%)</i>		
Ares Capital Corp. cv. sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2016	790,000	835,425
Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 5 1/4s, 2018 <sup>R</sup>	626,000	670,603
Cowen Group, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 3s, 2019	458,000	474,889
Empire State Realty OP LP 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 5/8s, 2019 <sup>R</sup>	442,000	443,901
Forest City Enterprises, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4 1/4s, 2018	816,000	930,240
Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2016	453,000	593,147
iStar Financial, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3s, 2016 <sup>R</sup>	330,000	447,769
PHH Corp. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4s, 2014	760,000	760,000
Radian Group, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3s, 2017	430,000	607,375
Spirit Realty Capital, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 7/8s, 2019 <sup>R</sup>	561,000	563,805
Starwood Property Trust, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4s, 2019 <sup>R</sup>	631,000	716,579
TCP Capital Corp. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2019	827,000	824,416
Walter Investment Management Corp. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 4 1/2s, 2019	312,000	278,850
		8,146,999
<i>Health care (5.2%)</i>		
Accuray, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 3 3/4s, 2016	694,000	761,665
Alere, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 3s, 2016	430,000	451,500
Auxilium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 1 1/2s, 2018	415,000	420,706
Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 2 3/4s, 2018	720,000	983,700
China Medical Technologies, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. bonds Ser. CMT, 4s, 2016 (China) (In default) <sup>F</sup>	763,000	61,040
China Medical Technologies, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2016 (China) (In default) <sup>F</sup> †	445,000	31,150
Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 1 1/8s, 2018	465,000	516,441
Gilead Sciences, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 1 5/8s, 2016	225,000	1,062,000
HealthSouth Corp. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 2s, 2043	709,000	803,829
Hologic, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes stepped-coupon 2s (zero %, 3/1/18) 2042 ††	1,075,000	1,154,281

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Jazz Investments I, Ltd. 144A cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 1 7/8s, 2021 (Ireland)	722,000	813,604
Medidata Solutions, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 1s, 2018	370,000	411,163
PDL BioPharma, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4s, 2018	335,000	378,759
		7,849,838

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CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (38.1%)* <i>cont.</i>	Principal amount	Value
<b>Semiconductor (0.5%)</b>		
Novellus Systems, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 5/8s, 2041	\$370,000	\$779,313
		779,313
<b>Software (1.5%)</b>		
Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. bonds 5 1/4s, 2018	970,000	1,217,253
TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	1,075,000	1,064,250
		2,281,503
<b>Technology (0.4%)</b>		
ON Semiconductor Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes Ser. B, 2 5/8s, 2026	562,000	664,214
		664,214
<b>Technology services (1.7%)</b>		
j2 Global, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 3 1/4s, 2029	570,000	589,238
Salesforce.com, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 1/4s, 2018	600,000	693,000
Web.com Group, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 1s, 2018	646,000	583,015
Yahoo!, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes zero %, 2018	670,000	690,519
		2,555,772
<b>Total convertible bonds and notes (cost \$49,945,601)</b>		<b>\$57,857,255</b>

CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (20.4%)*	Shares	Value
<b>Basic materials (0.9%)</b>		
Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. (Escrow) zero % cv. pfd. <sup>F</sup>	65,720	\$657
Weyerhaeuser Co. Ser. A, \$3.188 cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	23,460	1,354,815

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	1,355,472	
Capital goods (1.1%)		
United Technologies Corp. \$3.75 cv. pfd.	28,240	1,696,094
		1,696,094
Communication services (3.0%)		
American Tower Corp. Ser. A, \$5.25 cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	11,745	1,330,855
Cincinnati Bell, Inc. Ser. B, \$3.378 cum. cv. pfd.	28,570	1,383,859
Crown Castle International Corp. Ser. A, Class A, \$4.50 cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	10,529	1,102,255
Iridium Communications, Inc. Ser. B, 6.75% cv. pfd. †	680	239,788
Iridium Communications, Inc. 144A \$7.00 cv. pfd.	4,095	479,627
		4,536,384
Consumer cyclical (1.6%)		
FelCor Lodging Trust, Inc. Ser. A, \$0.488 cum. cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	45,325	1,144,456
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. \$6.25 cv. pfd.	10,485	1,218,357
		2,362,813
Consumer staples (1.0%)		
Post Holdings, Inc. 144A \$3.75 cv. pfd.	5,894	540,716
Tyson Foods, Inc. \$2.375 cv. pfd. †	18,767	942,666
		1,483,382
Energy (2.1%)		
Chesapeake Energy Corp. 144A 5.75% cv. pfd.	1,848	2,222,220
Halcon Resources Corp. Ser. A, 5.75% cv. pfd.	610	589,260
McDermott International, Inc. \$1.563 cv. pfd.	15,461	388,844
		3,200,324
Financials (7.3%)		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. Ser. D, \$1.75 cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	32,805	907,777
AMG Capital Trust II \$2.575 cv. pfd.	21,285	1,360,910
Banc of California, Inc. \$4.00 cv. pfd.	8,217	492,412
Bank of America Corp. Ser. L, 7.25% cv. pfd.	2,653	3,107,326

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CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (20.4%)\* *cont.* Shares Value

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Financials *cont.*

EPR Properties Ser. C, \$1.44 cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	44,170	\$1,031,096
Health Care REIT, Inc. Ser. I, \$3.25 cv. pfd. <sup>R</sup>	14,532	885,089
Maiden Holdings, Ltd. Ser. B, \$3.625 cv. pfd. (Bermuda)	15,345	721,829
MetLife, Inc. \$1.25 cv. pfd.	20,060	629,282
OFG Bancorp Ser. C, 8.75% cv. pfd. (Puerto Rico)	620	930,000
Wells Fargo & Co. Ser. L, 7.50% cv. pfd.	925	1,123,875
		11,189,596
Health care (0.2%)		
AmSurg Corp. Ser. A-1, \$5.25 cv. pfd. †	3,013	341,976
		341,976
Transportation (1.1%)		
Continental Financial Trust II \$3.00 cv. pfd.	18,090	898,847
Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. \$5.00 cv. pfd.	5,548	710,421
		1,609,268
Utilities and power (2.1%)		
Dominion Resources, Inc. Ser. A, \$3.063 cv. pfd.	12,268	696,209
Dominion Resources, Inc./VA \$3.188 cv. pfd. †	5,838	296,746
El Paso Energy Capital Trust I \$2.375 cv. pfd.	1,069	63,372
Exelon Corp. \$3.25 cv. pfd. †	13,178	665,489
Laclede Group, Inc. \$3.375 cv. pfd. †	12,857	706,106
NextEra Energy, Inc. \$2.799 cv. pfd.	12,172	784,729
		3,212,651
Total convertible preferred stocks (cost \$27,174,190)		\$30,987,960

COMMON STOCKS (0.9%)*	Shares	Value
Ally Financial, Inc. <sup>F</sup>	4,650	\$114,390
American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. †	4,896	88,618
CIT Group, Inc.	1,606	77,024
Dana Holding Corp.	2,995	69,574
DISH Network Corp. Class A †	1,525	98,835
Eclipse Resources Corp. †	3,293	60,229
Elizabeth Arden, Inc. †	167	2,856
EP Energy Corp. Class A †	5,301	102,468
General Motors Co.	2,615	91,002
Halcon Resources Corp. †	1,876	10,318
Harry & David Holdings, Inc. †	66	8,976
Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc. †	4,029	102,014
Huntsman Corp.	4,550	122,350
Jarden Corp. †	1,165	69,655

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Lone Pine Resources Canada, Ltd. (Canada) † <sup>F</sup>	5,612	224
Lone Pine Resources, Inc. Class A (Canada) † <sup>F</sup>	5,612	224
MeadWestvaco Corp.	3,045	130,934
Penn National Gaming, Inc. †	8,065	91,054
Rite Aid Corp. †	10,620	66,056
Seventy Seven Energy, Inc. †	2,750	64,543
Vantage Drilling Co. †	36,191	64,420
Total common stocks (cost \$1,448,783)		\$1,435,764

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PREFERRED STOCKS (0.3%)*	Shares	Value
Ally Financial, Inc. 144A 7.00% cum. pfd.	176	\$176,952
Citigroup, Inc. Ser. K, \$1.719 pfd.	1,200	32,376
GMAC Capital Trust I Ser. 2, \$2.031 cum. pfd.	4,695	126,202
M/I Homes, Inc. Ser. A, \$2.438 pfd.	2,305	58,916
Total preferred stocks (cost \$352,809)		\$394,446

SENIOR LOANS (0.1%)* <sup>c</sup>	Principal amount	Value
Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., Inc. bank term loan FRN Ser. B6, 6.948s, 2017	\$203,234	\$190,194
Total senior loans (cost \$191,837)		\$190,194

WARRANTS (—%)* †	Expiration date	Strike price	Warrants	Value
Tower Semiconductor, Ltd. 144A (Israel) <sup>F</sup>	6/30/15	\$1.70	168,777	\$1
Total warrants (cost \$33,755)				\$1

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SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (0.4%)*	Shares	Value
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund 0.04% <sup>L</sup>	673,606	\$673,606
Total short-term investments (cost \$673,606)		\$673,606

TOTAL INVESTMENTS

Total investments (cost \$136,346,592) \$150,709,088

Key to holding's currency abbreviations

CAD Canadian Dollar  
 GBP British Pound  
 USD /\$ United States Dollar

Key to holding's abbreviations

EMTN Euro Medium Term Notes  
 FRB Floating Rate Bonds: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period  
 FRN Floating Rate Notes: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period  
 GMTN Global Medium Term Notes  
 MTN Medium Term Notes

Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 (the reporting period). Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* and references to "OTC", if any, represent over-the-counter.

\* Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$151,658,906.

† Non-income-producing security.

†† The interest rate and date shown parenthetically represent the new interest rate to be paid and the date the fund will begin accruing interest at this rate.

Income may be received in cash or additional securities at the discretion of the issuer.

Senior loans are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans pay interest at rates which adjust periodically. The interest rates shown for senior loans are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period. Senior loans are also subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment which cannot be predicted. As a result, the remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown (Notes 1 and 6).

Security is valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for ASC 820 based on the securities' valuation inputs (Note 1).

Affiliated company (Note 5). The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.

Real Estate Investment Trust.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling \$3,844 to cover certain derivatives contracts.

Debt obligations are considered secured unless otherwise indicated.

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

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

**FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 8/31/14 (aggregate face value \$1,774,922)**

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Bank of America N.A.						
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	10/15/14	\$32,158	\$32,762	\$604
Barclays Bank PLC						
	British Pound	Sell	9/17/14	247,999	250,164	2,165
Credit Suisse International						
	Euro	Buy	9/17/14	252,824	257,361	(4,537)
	Euro	Sell	9/17/14	252,824	253,517	693
JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.						
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	10/15/14	37,671	38,383	712
State Street Bank and Trust Co.						
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	10/15/14	142,414	145,108	2,694

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Euro	Buy	9/17/14	52,168	54,048	(1,880)
Euro	Sell	9/17/14	52,168	52,311	143

WestPac Banking Corp.

Canadian Dollar	Sell	10/15/14	68,083	69,361	1,278
Euro	Buy	9/17/14	304,992	305,832	(840)
Euro	Sell	9/17/14	304,992	316,075	11,083

Total \$12,115

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

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

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

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

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

Investments in securities:	Valuation inputs		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Common stocks*:			
Basic materials	\$253,284	\$—	\$—
Capital goods	88,618	—	—
Communication services	98,835	—	—
Consumer cyclicals	423,299	—	—
Consumer staples	68,912	8,976	—
Energy	301,978	—	448
Financials	77,024	114,390	—
Total common stocks	1,311,950	123,366	448
Convertible bonds and notes	—	57,764,949	92,306

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Convertible preferred stocks	1,454,647	29,532,656	657
Corporate bonds and notes	—	59,169,860	2
Preferred stocks	158,578	235,868	—
Senior loans	—	190,194	—
Warrants	—	1	—
Short-term investments	673,606	—	—
Totals by level	\$3,598,781	\$147,016,894	\$93,413

Valuation inputs

Other financial instruments:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Forward currency contracts	\$—	\$12,115	\$—
Totals by level	\$—	\$12,115	\$—

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

At the start and close of the reporting period, Level 3 investments in securities were not considered a significant portion of the fund's portfolio.

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

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Statement of assets and liabilities 8/31/14

ASSETS

Investment in securities, at value (Note 1):

Unaffiliated issuers (identified cost \$135,672,986)	\$150,035,482
Affiliated issuers (identified cost \$673,606) (Note 5)	673,606
Dividends, interest and other receivables	1,600,347
Receivable for investments sold	363,321
Unrealized appreciation on forward currency contracts (Note 1)	19,372

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Prepaid assets	7,917
Total assets	152,700,045
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Payable for investments purchased	10,724
Payable for compensation of Manager (Note 2)	271,051
Payable for custodian fees (Note 2)	5,508
Payable for investor servicing fees (Note 2)	12,245
Payable for Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	94,702
Payable for administrative services (Note 2)	506
Payable for auditing and tax fees	87,688
Distributions payable to shareholders	491,497
Unrealized depreciation on forward currency contracts (Note 1)	7,257
Other accrued expenses	59,961
Total liabilities	1,041,139
Net assets	\$151,658,906
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	
Paid-in capital (Unlimited shares authorized) (Note 4)	\$155,866,749
Distributions in excess of net investment income (Note 1)	(551,359)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions (Note 1)	(18,031,059)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	14,374,575
Total — Representing net assets applicable to capital shares outstanding	\$151,658,906
<b>COMPUTATION OF NET ASSET VALUE</b>	
Net asset value per share (\$151,658,906 divided by 15,867,867 shares)	\$9.56

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

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Statement of operations Year ended 8/31/14	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Interest (including interest income of \$2,220 from investments in affiliated issuers) (Note 5)	\$5,394,263
Dividends (net of foreign tax of \$5,425)	1,892,659
Total investment income	7,286,922
EXPENSES	
Compensation of Manager (Note 2)	1,050,501
Investor servicing fees (Note 2)	75,102
Custodian fees (Note 2)	19,612
Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	10,021
Administrative services (Note 2)	3,764
Auditing and tax fees	88,464
Other	171,928
Total expenses	1,419,392
Expense reduction (Note 2)	(580)
Net expenses	1,418,812
Net investment income	5,868,110
Net realized gain on investments (Notes 1 and 3)	7,074,186
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions (Note 1)	(50,466)
Net unrealized appreciation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies during the year	21,048
Net unrealized appreciation of investments during the year	6,274,571
Net gain on investments	13,319,339
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$19,187,449

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

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Statement of changes in net assets		
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	Year ended 8/31/14	Year ended 8/31/13
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$5,868,110	\$7,571,456
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	7,023,720	3,997,858
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	6,295,619	5,548,340
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	19,187,449	17,117,654
Distributions to shareholders (Note 1):		
From ordinary income		
Net investment income	(6,887,772)	(8,257,620)
Increase in capital share transactions from reinvestment of distributions	—	71,369
Decrease from capital shares repurchased (Note 4)	(6,189,863)	(4,385,422)
Total increase in net assets	6,109,814	4,545,981
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	145,549,092	141,003,111
End of year (including distributions in excess of net investment income of \$551,359 and \$167,549, respectively)	\$151,658,906	\$145,549,092
NUMBER OF FUND SHARES		
Shares outstanding at beginning of year	16,617,625	17,166,630
Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions	—	8,584
Shares repurchased (Note 4)	(749,758)	(557,542)
Retirement of shares held by the fund	—	(47)
Shares outstanding at end of year	15,867,867	16,617,625

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

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

PER-SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE

	Year ended				
	8/31/14	8/31/13	8/31/12	8/31/11	8/31/10
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$8.76	\$8.21	\$8.12	\$7.93	\$7.13
<i>Investment operations:</i>					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>a</sup>	.36	.44	.49	.50	.51
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.82	.56	.13	.22	.81
Total from investment operations	1.18	1.00	.62	.72	1.32
<i>Less distributions:</i>					
From net investment income	(.43)	(.48)	(.53)	(.53)	(.53)
Total distributions	(.43)	(.48)	(.53)	(.53)	(.53)
Increase from shares repurchased	.05	.03	—	<u>d</u>	.01
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.56	\$8.76	\$8.21	\$8.12	\$7.93
Market price, end of period	\$8.61	\$7.68	\$8.27	\$8.10	\$8.19
Total return at market price (%) <sup>b</sup>	17.94	(1.44)	9.08	5.22	29.08
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$151,659	\$145,549	\$141,003	\$139,120	\$135,777
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) <sup>c</sup>	.94	.90	.93	.91	.93
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%)	3.91	5.10	6.04	5.86	6.60
Portfolio turnover (%)	41	48	36	63	61

<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> Includes amounts paid through expense offset and brokerage/service arrangements, if any (Note 2).

<sup>d</sup> Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

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Notes to financial statements 8/31/14

Within the following Notes to financial statements, references to “State Street” represent State Street Bank and Trust Company, references to “the SEC” represent the Securities and Exchange Commission, references to “Putnam Management” represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund’s manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC and references to “OTC”, if any, represent over-the-counter. Unless otherwise noted, the “reporting period” represents the period from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

Putnam High Income Securities Fund (the fund) is a Massachusetts business trust, which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The goal of the fund is to provide high current income as a primary objective and capital appreciation as a secondary objective. The fund pursues its objective primarily by investing in both convertible bonds and convertible preferred stocks, which share many of the same characteristics as convertible bonds, but offer greater potential for capital appreciation. The fund also invests significantly in high-yielding non-convertible securities with the potential for capital appreciation.

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

Note 1: Significant accounting policies

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

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

Investments in open-end investment companies (excluding exchange traded funds), if any, which can be classified as Level 1 or Level 2 securities, are valued based on their net asset value. The net asset value of such investment

companies equals the total value of their assets less their liabilities and divided by the number of their outstanding shares.

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

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

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

Such valuations and procedures are reviewed periodically by the Trustees. The fair value of securities is generally determined as the amount that the fund could reasonably expect to realize from an orderly disposition of such securities over a reasonable period of time. By its nature, a fair value price is a good faith estimate of the value of a security in a current sale and does not reflect an actual market price, which may be different by a material amount.

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

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

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

The fund earned certain fees in connection with its senior loan purchasing activities. These fees are treated as market discount and are amortized into income in the Statement of operations.

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

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

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

Forward currency contracts outstanding at period end, if any, are listed after the fund's portfolio.

**Master agreements** The fund is a party to ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) Master Agreements (Master Agreements) with certain counterparties that govern OTC derivative and foreign exchange contracts entered into from time to time. The Master Agreements may contain provisions regarding, among other things, the parties' general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral requirements, events of default and early termination. With respect to certain counterparties, in accordance with the terms of the Master Agreements,

collateral posted to the fund is held in a segregated account by the fund's custodian and with respect to those amounts which can be sold or repledged, is presented in the fund's portfolio.

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

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

At the close of the reporting period, the fund had a net liability position of \$3,844 on open derivative contracts subject to the Master Agreements. There was no collateral posted by the fund at period end for these agreements.

**Interfund lending** The fund, along with other Putnam funds, may participate in an interfund lending program pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the SEC. This program allows the fund to lend to other Putnam funds that permit such transactions. Interfund lending transactions are subject to each fund's investment policies and borrowing and lending limits. Interest earned or paid on the interfund lending transaction will be based on the average of certain current market rates. During the reporting period, the fund did not utilize the program.

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

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

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

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At August 31, 2014, the fund had a capital loss carryover of \$17,493,764 available to the extent allowed by the Code to offset future net capital gain, if any. The amount of the carryover and the expiration date is:

Loss carryover

Short-term	Long-term	Total	Expiration
\$17,493,764	N/A	\$17,493,764	August 31, 2018

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the fund will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period. However, any losses incurred will be required to be utilized prior to the losses incurred in pre-enactment tax years. As a result of this ordering rule, pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards may be more likely to expire unused. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

Distributions to shareholders Distributions to shareholders from net investment income are recorded by the fund on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid at least annually. The amount and character of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. These differences include

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temporary and/or permanent differences from losses on wash sale transactions, from nontaxable dividends, from dividends payable, from interest on payment-in-kind securities, from amortization and accretion, from convertible preferred income and from deemed distributions. Reclassifications are made to the fund's capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryovers) under income tax regulations. At the close of the reporting period, the fund reclassified \$635,852 to decrease distributions in excess of net investment income, \$50,723 to increase paid-in-capital and \$686,575 to increase accumulated net realized loss.

The tax basis components of distributable earnings and the federal tax cost as of the close of the reporting period were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$17,758,410
Unrealized depreciation	(3,933,209)
Net unrealized appreciation	13,825,201

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Undistributed ordinary income	66,155
Capital loss carryforward	(17,493,764)
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$136,883,887

Note 2: Management fee, administrative services and other transactions

The fund pays Putnam Management for management and investment advisory services quarterly based on the average net assets (including assets, but excluding liabilities, attributable to leverage for investment purposes) of the fund. The fee is based on the following annual rates:

0.700% of the first \$500 million of average net assets,  
0.600% of the next \$500 million of average net assets,  
0.550% of the next \$500 million of average net assets,  
0.500% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.475% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.455% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.440% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.430% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.420% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.410% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.400% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.390% of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,  
0.380% of the next \$8.5 billion of average net assets and  
0.370% of any excess thereafter.

The fund's shareholders approved the fund's current management contract with Putnam Management effective February 27, 2014. Shareholders were asked to approve the fund's management contract following the death on October 8, 2013 of The Honourable Paul G. Desmarais, who had controlled directly and indirectly a majority of the voting shares of Power Corporation of Canada, the ultimate parent company of Putnam Management. The substantive terms of the management contract, including terms relating to fees, are identical to the terms of the fund's previous management contract and reflect the rates provided in the table above.

Putnam Investments Limited (PIL), an affiliate of Putnam Management, is authorized by the Trustees to manage a separate portion of the assets of the fund as determined by Putnam Management from time to time. Putnam Management pays a quarterly sub-management fee to PIL for its services at an annual rate of 0.40% of the average net assets (including assets, but excluding liabilities, attributable to leverage for investment purposes) of the portion of the fund managed by PIL.

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

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

Putnam Investor Services, Inc., an affiliate of Putnam Management, provided investor servicing agent functions to the fund. Putnam Investor Services, Inc. was paid a monthly fee for investor servicing at an annual rate of 0.05%

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of the fund's average net assets. The amounts incurred for investor servicing agent functions during the reporting period are included in Investor servicing fees in the Statement of operations.

The fund has entered into expense offset arrangements with Putnam Investor Services, Inc. and State Street whereby Putnam Investor Services, Inc.'s and State Street's fees are reduced by credits allowed on cash balances. The fund also reduced expenses through brokerage/service arrangements. For the reporting period, the fund's expenses were reduced by \$8 under the expense offset arrangements and by \$572 under the brokerage/service arrangements.

Each Independent Trustee of the fund receives an annual Trustee fee, of which \$89, as a quarterly retainer, has been allocated to the fund, and an additional fee for each Trustees meeting attended. Trustees also are reimbursed for expenses they incur relating to their services as Trustees.

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

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

#### Note 3: Purchases and sales of securities

During the reporting period, cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities other than short-term investments aggregated \$59,311,963 and \$62,422,092, respectively. There were no purchases or proceeds from sales of long-term U.S. government securities.

#### Note 4: Shares repurchased

In September 2014, the Trustees approved the renewal of the repurchase program to allow the fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares over the 12-month period ending October 7, 2015 (based on shares outstanding as of October 7, 2014). Prior to this renewal, the Trustees had approved a repurchase program to allow the fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares over the 12-month period ending October 7, 2014 (based on shares outstanding as of October 7, 2013). Repurchases are made when the fund's shares are trading at less than net asset value and in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's Trustees.

For the reporting period, the fund repurchased 749,758 common shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,189,863, which reflects a weighted-average discount from net asset value per share of 10.55%.

At the close of the reporting period, Putnam Investments, LLC owned approximately 331 shares of the fund (less than 0.01% of the fund's shares outstanding), valued at \$3,164 based on net asset value.

Note 5: Affiliated transactions

Transactions during the reporting period with Putnam Short Term Investment Fund, which is under common ownership and control, were as follows:

Name of affiliate	Fair value at the beginning of the reporting period	Purchase cost	Sale proceeds	Investment income	Fair value at the end of the reporting period
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund*	\$2,095,391	\$31,909,388	\$33,331,173	\$2,220	\$673,606

\* Management fees charged to Putnam Short Term Investment Fund have been waived by Putnam Management.

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Note 6: Senior loan commitments

Senior loans are purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis and may be settled a month or more after the trade date, which from time to time can delay the actual investment of available cash balances; interest income is accrued based on the terms of the securities. Senior loans can be acquired through an agent, by assignment from another holder of the loan, or as a participation interest in another holder's portion of the loan. When the fund invests in a loan or participation, the fund is subject to the risk that an intermediate participant between the fund and the borrower will fail to meet its obligations to the fund, in addition to the risk that the borrower under the loan may default on its obligations.

Note 7: Market, credit and other risks

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

Note 8: Summary of derivative activity

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

Forward currency contracts (contract amount) \$1,600,000  
Warrants (number of warrants) 168,777

The following is a summary of the fair value of derivative instruments as of the close of the reporting period:

Fair value of derivative instruments as of the close of the reporting period

Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Asset derivatives	Fair value	Liability derivatives	Fair value
	Statement of assets and liabilities location		Statement of assets and liabilities location	
Foreign exchange contracts	Receivables	\$19,372	Payables	\$7,257
Equity contracts	Investments	1	Payables	—
Total		\$19,373		\$7,257

The following is a summary of realized and change in unrealized gains or losses of derivative instruments on the Statement of operations for the reporting period (see Note 1):

Amount of realized gain or (loss) on derivatives recognized in net gain or (loss) on investments

Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Forward currency contracts	Total
Foreign exchange contracts	\$(50,370)	\$(50,370)
Total	\$(50,370)	\$(50,370)

Change in unrealized appreciation or (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in net gain or (loss) on investments

<b>Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815</b>	<b>Forward currency contracts</b>	<b>Total</b>
Foreign exchange contracts	\$21,060	\$21,060
Total	\$21,060	\$21,060

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Note 9: Offsetting of financial and derivative assets and liabilities

The following table summarizes any derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, at the end of the reporting period, that are subject to an enforceable master netting agreement or similar agreement. For securities lending transactions or borrowing transactions associated with securities sold short, if any, see Note 1. For financial reporting purposes, the fund does not offset financial assets and financial liabilities that are subject to the master netting agreements in the Statement of assets and liabilities.

	Bank of America N.A.	Barclays Bank PLC	Credit Suisse International	JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.	State Street Bank and Trust Co.	WestPac Banking Corp.	Total
Assets:	\$604	\$2,165	\$693	\$712	\$2,837	\$12,361	\$19,372

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Forward currency contracts#							
Total Assets	\$604	\$2,165	\$693	\$712	\$2,837	\$12,361	\$19,372
Liabilities:							
Forward currency contracts#	\$—	\$—	\$4,537	\$—	\$1,880	\$840	\$7,257
Total Liabilities	\$—	\$—	\$4,537	\$—	\$1,880	\$840	\$7,257
Total Financial and Derivative Net Assets	\$604	\$2,165	\$(3,844)	\$712	\$957	\$11,521	\$12,115
Total collateral received (pledged)†##	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Net amount	\$604	\$2,165	\$(3,844)	\$712	\$957	\$11,521	

† Additional collateral may be required from certain brokers based on individual agreements.

# Covered by master netting agreement. (Note 1)

## Any over-collateralization of total financial and derivative net assets is not shown. Collateral may include amounts related to unsettled agreements.

Federal tax information (Unaudited)

The fund designated 11.79% of ordinary income distributions as qualifying for the dividends received deduction for corporations.

For the reporting period, the fund hereby designates 13.39%, or the maximum amount allowable, of its taxable ordinary income distributions as qualified dividends taxed at the individual net capital gain rates.

The Form 1099 that will be mailed to you in January 2015 will show the tax status of all distributions paid to your account in calendar 2014.

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Shareholder meeting results (Unaudited)

February 27, 2014 special meeting

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A proposal to approve a new management contract between the fund and Putnam Management was approved as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	Broker non-votes
7,400,519	573,306	317,543	—

April 25, 2014 special meeting

At the meeting, a proposal to fix the number of Trustees at 14 was approved as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	Broker non-votes
13,485,077	727,811	285,810	—

At the meeting, each of the nominees for Trustees was elected as follows:

	Votes for	Votes withheld
Liaquat Ahamed	13,516,464	982,241
Ravi Akhoury	13,520,203	978,502
Barbara M. Baumann	13,515,128	983,577
Jameson A. Baxter	13,516,573	982,131
Charles B. Curtis	13,541,372	957,332
Robert J. Darretta	13,554,574	944,130
Katinka Domotorffy	13,529,473	969,232
John A. Hill	13,521,047	977,657
Paul L. Joskow	13,525,762	972,942
Kenneth R. Leibler	13,559,856	938,848
Robert E. Patterson	13,540,674	958,030
George Putnam, III	13,562,988	935,716
Robert L. Reynolds	13,545,959	952,745
W. Thomas Stephens	13,503,902	994,803

Shareholder meeting results (Unaudited) (Continued)

A proposal to convert the fund to an open-end investment company was not approved, as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	Broker non-votes
1,539,482	5,924,874	329,608	—

All tabulations are rounded to the nearest whole number.

June 24, 2014 special meeting

At the meeting, a proposal to authorize the Trustees to amend and restate the fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust to revise the quorum requirement for shareholder meetings, with respect to which the April 25, 2014 meeting had been adjourned, was approved as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	Broker non-votes
8,162,915	1,963,335	482,303	—

At the meeting, a proposal to authorize the Trustees to amend and restate the fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust to make other changes, with respect to which the April 25, 2014 meeting had been adjourned, was approved as follows:

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	Broker non-votes
8,510,425	1,556,883	541,241	—

At the meeting, a proposal to authorize the Trustees to amend the fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust to eliminate certain mandatory shareholder votes on converting the fund to an open-ended investment company, with respect to which the April 25, 2014 meeting had been adjourned, was not approved as follows:

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Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions	Broker non-votes
7,406,997	2,671,360	530,193	—

All tabulations are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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#### About the Trustees

#### Independent Trustees

##### Liaquat Ahamed

*Born 1952, Trustee since 2012*

Principal occupations during past five years: Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World*, whose articles on economics have appeared in such publications as the *New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, and the *Financial Times*. Director of Aspen Insurance Co., a New York Stock Exchange company, and Chair of the Aspen Board's Investment Committee. Trustee of the Brookings Institution and Chair of its Investment Committee.

Other directorships: The Rohatyn Group, an emerging-market fund complex that manages money for institutions

##### Ravi Akhoury

*Born 1947, Trustee since 2009*

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Principal occupations during past five years: Trustee of American India Foundation and of the Rubin Museum. From 1992 to 2007, was Chairman and CEO of MacKay Shields, a multi-product investment management firm.

Other directorships: RAGE Frameworks, Inc., a private software company; English Helper, Inc., a private software company

Barbara M. Baumann

*Born 1955, Trustee since 2010*

Principal occupations during past five years: President and Owner of Cross Creek Energy Corporation, a strategic consultant to domestic energy firms and direct investor in energy projects. Current Board member of The Denver Foundation. Former Chair and current Board member of Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver. Member of the Finance Committee, the Children's Hospital of Colorado.

Other directorships: Buckeye Partners, L.P., a publicly traded master limited partnership focused on pipeline transport, storage, and distribution of petroleum products; Devon Energy Corporation, a leading independent natural gas and oil exploration and production company

Jameson A. Baxter

*Born 1943, Trustee since 1994, Vice Chair from 2005 to 2011, and Chair since 2011*

Principal occupations during past five years: President of Baxter Associates, Inc., a private investment firm. Chair of Mutual Fund Directors Forum. Chair Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of Mount Holyoke College. Director of the Adirondack Land Trust and Trustee of the Nature Conservancy's Adirondack Chapter.

Charles B. Curtis

*Born 1940, Trustee since 2001*

Principal occupations during past five years: Senior Advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. President Emeritus and former President and Chief Operating Officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a private foundation dealing with national security issues. Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and U.S. State Department International Security Advisory Board.

Robert J. Darretta

*Born 1946, Trustee since 2007*

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Principal occupations during past five years: From 2009 until 2012, served as Health Care Industry Advisor to Permira, a global private equity firm. Until April 2007, was Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Johnson & Johnson. Served as Johnson & Johnson's Chief Financial Officer for a decade.

Other directorships: UnitedHealth Group, a diversified health-care company

Katinka Domotorffy

*Born 1975, Trustee since 2012*

Principal occupations during past five years: Voting member of the Investment Committees of the Anne Ray Charitable Trust and Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, part of the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. Until 2011, Partner, Chief Investment Officer, and Global Head of Quantitative Investment Strategies at Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

Other directorships: Reach Out and Read of Greater New York, an organization dedicated to promoting childhood literacy

John A. Hill

*Born 1942, Trustee since 1985 and Chairman from 2000 to 2011*

Principal occupations during past five years: Founder and Vice-Chairman of First Reserve Corporation, the leading private equity buyout firm focused on the worldwide energy industry. Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sarah Lawrence College. Member of the Advisory Board of the Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership at The Columbia University Law School.

Other directorships: Devon Energy Corporation, a leading independent natural gas and oil exploration and production company

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Paul L. Joskow

*Born 1947, Trustee since 1997*

Principal occupations during past five years: Economist and President of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, a philanthropic institution focused primarily on research and education on issues related to science, technology, and economic performance. Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics, Emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Prior to 2007, served as the Director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research at MIT.

Other directorships: Yale University; Exelon Corporation, an energy company focused on power services; Boston Symphony Orchestra; Prior to April 2013, served as Director of TransCanada Corporation and TransCanada Pipelines Ltd., energy companies focused on natural gas transmission, oil pipelines and power services

Kenneth R. Leibler

*Born 1949, Trustee since 2006*

Principal occupations during past five years: Founder and former Chairman of Boston Options Exchange, an electronic marketplace for the trading of derivative securities. Serves on the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Director of Beth Israel Deaconess Care Organization. Until November 2010, director of Ruder Finn Group, a global communications and advertising firm.

Other directorships: Northeast Utilities, which operates New England's largest energy delivery system

Robert E. Patterson

*Born 1945, Trustee since 1984*

Principal occupations during past five years: Co-Chairman of Cabot Properties, Inc., a private equity firm investing in commercial real estate, and Chairman of its Investment Committee. Past Chairman and Trustee of the Joslin Diabetes Center.

George Putnam, III

*Born 1951, Trustee since 1984*

Principal occupations during past five years: Chairman of New Generation Research, Inc., a publisher of financial advisory and other research services. Founder and President of New Generation Advisors, LLC, a registered investment advisor to private funds. Director of The Boston Family Office, LLC, a registered investment advisor.

W. Thomas Stephens

*Born 1942, Trustee from 1997 to 2008 and since 2009*

Principal occupations during past five years: Retired as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Boise Cascade, LLC, a paper, forest products, and timberland assets company, in December 2008. Prior to 2010, Director of Boise Inc., a manufacturer of paper and packaging products.

Other directorships: TransCanada Pipelines Ltd., an energy infrastructure company

Interested Trustee

Robert L. Reynolds\*

*Born 1952, Trustee since 2008 and President of the Putnam Funds since 2009*

Principal occupations during past five years: President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Investments since 2008 and, since 2014, 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. Inc., a holding company that owns Putnam Investments and Great-West Financial. Prior to joining Putnam Investments, served as Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Fidelity Investments from 2000 to 2007.

\* Mr. Reynolds is an “interested person” (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) of the fund and Putnam Investments. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Putnam Investments, as well as the President of your fund and each of the other Putnam funds.

The address of each Trustee is One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109.

As of August 31, 2014, there were 116 Putnam funds. All Trustees serve as Trustees of all Putnam funds.

Each Trustee serves for an indefinite term, until his or her resignation, retirement at age 75, removal, or death.

Officers

In addition to Robert L. Reynolds, the other officers of the fund are shown below:

Jonathan S. Horwitz (*Born 1955*)

Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer, and Compliance Liaison

*Since 2004*

Steven D. Krichmar (*Born 1958*)

Vice President and Principal Financial Officer

*Since 2002*

Chief of Operations, Putnam Investments and Putnam Management

Robert T. Burns (*Born 1961*)

Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

*Since 2011*

General Counsel, Putnam Investments, Putnam Management, and Putnam Retail Management

Robert R. Leveille (*Born 1969*)

Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

*Since 2007*

Chief Compliance Officer, Putnam Investments, Putnam Management, and Putnam Retail Management

Michael J. Higgins (*Born 1976*)

Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk

*Since 2010*

Manager of Finance, Dunkin' Brands (2008–2010); Senior Financial Analyst, Old Mutual Asset Management (2007–2008); Senior Financial Analyst, Putnam Investments (1999–2007)

Janet C. Smith (*Born 1965*)

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Vice President, Principal Accounting Officer, and Assistant Treasurer

*Since 2007*

Director of Fund Administration Services, Putnam Investments and Putnam Management

Susan G. Malloy (*Born 1957*)

Vice President and Assistant Treasurer

*Since 2007*

Director of Accounting & Control Services, Putnam Investments and Putnam Management

James P. Pappas (*Born 1953*)

Vice President

*Since 2004*

Director of Trustee Relations, Putnam Investments and Putnam Management

Mark C. Trenchard (*Born 1962*)

Vice President and BSA Compliance Officer

*Since 2002*

Director of Operational Compliance, Putnam Investments and Putnam Retail Management

Nancy E. Florek (*Born 1957*)

Vice President, Director of Proxy Voting and Corporate Governance, Assistant Clerk, and Associate Treasurer

*Since 2000*

The principal occupations of the officers for the past five years have been with the employers as shown above, although in some cases they have held different positions with such employers. The address of each Officer is One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109.

#### Fund information

Founded over 75 years ago, Putnam Investments was built around the concept that a balance between risk and reward is the hallmark of a well-rounded financial program. We manage over 100 funds across income, value, blend, growth, asset allocation, absolute return, and global sector categories.

#### Investment Manager

Putnam Investment  
Management, LLC  
One Post Office Square  
Boston, MA 02109

#### Investment Sub-Manager

Putnam Investments Limited  
57–59 St James’s Street  
London, England SW1A 1LD

#### Marketing Services

Putnam Retail Management  
One Post Office Square  
Boston, MA 02109

#### Custodian

State Street Bank  
and Trust Company

#### Legal Counsel

Ropes & Gray LLP

#### Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

#### Trustees

Jameson A. Baxter, *Chair*  
Liaquat Ahamed  
Ravi Akhoury  
Barbara M. Baumann  
Charles B. Curtis  
Robert J. Darretta  
Katinka Domotorffy

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BSA Compliance Officer*

Nancy E. Florek  
*Vice President, Director of  
Proxy Voting and Corporate  
Governance, Assistant Clerk,  
and Associate Treasurer*

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Item 2. Code of Ethics:

(a) The Fund's principal executive, financial and accounting officers are employees of Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the Fund's investment manager. As such they are subject to a comprehensive Code of Ethics adopted and administered by Putnam Investments which is designed to protect the interests of the firm and its clients. The Fund has adopted a Code of Ethics which incorporates the Code of Ethics of Putnam Investments with respect to all of its officers and Trustees who are employees of Putnam Investment Management, LLC. For this reason, the Fund has not adopted a separate code of ethics governing its principal executive, financial and accounting officers.

(c) In July 2013, the Code of Ethics of Putnam Investment Management, LLC was amended. The changes to the Code of Ethics were as follows: (i) eliminating the requirement for employees to hold their shares of Putnam mutual funds for specified periods of time, (ii) removing the requirement to preclear transactions in certain kinds of exchange-traded funds and exchange-traded notes, although reporting of all such instruments remains required; (iii) eliminating the excessive trading rule related to employee transactions in securities requiring preclearance under the Code; (iv) adding provisions related to monitoring of employee trading; (v) changing from a set number of shares to a set dollar value of stock of mid- and large-cap companies on the Restricted List that can be purchased or sold; (vi) adding a requirement starting in March 2014 for employees to generally use certain approved brokers that provide Putnam with an electronic feed of transactions and statements for their personal brokerage accounts; and (vii) certain other changes.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert:

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The Funds' Audit and Compliance Committee is comprised solely of Trustees who are "independent" (as such term has been defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in regulations implementing Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (the "Regulations")). The Trustees believe that each of the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee also possess a combination of knowledge and experience with respect to financial accounting matters, as well as other attributes, that qualify them for service on the Committee. In addition, the Trustees have determined that each of Mr. Leibler, Mr. Hill, Mr. Darretta, and Ms. Baumann qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" (as such term has been defined by the Regulations) based on their review of his or her pertinent experience and education. The SEC has stated, and the funds' amended and restated agreement and Declaration of Trust provides, that the designation or identification of a person as an audit committee financial expert pursuant to this Item 3 of Form N-CSR does not impose on such person any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than the duties, obligations and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Board of Trustees in the absence of such designation or identification.

### Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services:

The following table presents fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for services rendered to the fund by the fund's independent auditor:

Fiscal year ended	Audit Fees	Audit-Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
August 31, 2014	\$72,242	\$ —	\$16,223	\$ —
August 31, 2013	\$72,576	\$ —	\$16,169	\$ —

For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2014 and August 31, 2013, the fund's independent auditor billed aggregate non-audit fees in the amounts of \$592,397 and \$163,669 respectively, to the fund, Putnam Management and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with Putnam Management that provides ongoing services to the fund.

Audit Fees represent fees billed for the fund's last two fiscal years relating to the audit and review of the financial statements included in annual reports and registration statements, and other services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

Audit-Related Fees represent fees billed in the fund's last two fiscal years for services traditionally performed by the fund's auditor, including accounting consultation for proposed transactions or concerning financial accounting and reporting standards and other audit or attest services not required by statute or regulation.

Tax Fees represent fees billed in the fund's last two fiscal years for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice services. Tax planning and tax advice services include assistance with tax audits, employee benefit plans and requests for rulings or technical advice from taxing authorities.

Pre-Approval Policies of the Audit and Compliance Committee. The Audit and Compliance Committee of the Putnam funds has determined that, as a matter of policy, all work performed for the funds by the funds' independent auditors will be pre-approved by the Committee itself and thus will generally not be subject to pre-approval procedures.

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The Audit and Compliance Committee also has adopted a policy to pre-approve the engagement by Putnam Management and certain of its affiliates of the funds' independent auditors, even in circumstances where pre-approval is not required by applicable law. Any such requests by Putnam Management or certain of its affiliates are typically submitted in writing to the Committee and explain, among other things, the nature of the proposed engagement, the estimated fees, and why this work should be performed by that particular audit firm as opposed to another one. In reviewing such requests, the Committee considers, among other things, whether the provision of such services by the audit firm are compatible with the independence of the audit firm.

The following table presents fees billed by the fund's independent auditor for services required to be approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

Fiscal year ended	Audit-Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees	Total Non-Audit Fees
August 31, 2014	\$ —	\$576,174	\$ —	\$ —
August 31, 2013	\$ —	\$147,500	\$ —	\$ —

### Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants

(a) The fund has a separately-designated Audit and Compliance Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Audit and Compliance Committee of the fund's Board of Trustees is composed of the following persons:

Kenneth R. Leibler (Chairperson)

Robert J. Darretta

John A. Hill

Barbara M. Baumann

Charles B. Curtis

Katinka Domotorffy

(b) Not applicable

### Item 6. Schedule of Investments:

The registrant's schedule of investments in unaffiliated issuers is included in the report to shareholders in Item 1 above.

### Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures For Closed-End Management Investment Companies:

## **Proxy voting guidelines of the Putnam funds**

The proxy voting guidelines below summarize the funds' positions on various issues of concern to investors, and give a general indication of how fund portfolio securities will be voted on proposals dealing with particular issues. The funds' proxy voting service is instructed to vote all proxies relating to fund portfolio securities in accordance with these guidelines, except as otherwise instructed by the

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Director of Proxy Voting and Corporate Governance (“Proxy Voting Director”), a member of the Office of the Trustees who is appointed to assist in the coordination and voting of the funds’ proxies.

The proxy voting guidelines are just that – guidelines. The guidelines are not exhaustive and do not address all potential voting issues. Because the circumstances of individual companies are so varied, there may be instances when the funds do not vote in strict adherence to these guidelines. For example, the proxy voting service is expected to bring to the Proxy Voting Director’s attention proxy questions that are company-specific and of a non-routine nature and that, even if covered by the guidelines, may be more appropriately handled on a case-by-case basis.

Similarly, Putnam Management’s investment professionals, as part of their ongoing review and analysis of all fund portfolio holdings, are responsible for monitoring significant corporate developments, including proxy proposals submitted to shareholders, and notifying the Proxy Voting Director of circumstances where the interests of fund shareholders may warrant a vote contrary to these guidelines. In such instances, the investment professionals submit a written recommendation to the Proxy Voting Director and the person or persons designated by Putnam Management’s Legal and Compliance Department to assist in processing referral items under the funds’ “Proxy Voting Procedures.” The Proxy Voting Director, in consultation with a senior member of the Office of the Trustees and/or the Chair of the Board Policy and Nominating Committee, as appropriate, will determine how the funds’ proxies will be voted. When indicated, the Chair of the Board Policy and Nominating Committee may consult with other members of the Committee or the full Board of Trustees.

The following guidelines are grouped according to the types of proposals generally presented to shareholders. Part I deals with proposals submitted by management and approved and recommended by a company’s board of directors. Part II deals with proposals submitted by shareholders. Part III addresses unique considerations pertaining to non-U.S. issuers.

The Trustees of the Putnam funds are committed to promoting strong corporate governance practices and encouraging corporate actions that enhance shareholder value through the judicious voting of the funds’ proxies. It is the funds’ policy to vote their proxies at all shareholder meetings where it is practicable to do so. In furtherance of this, the funds’ have requested that their securities lending agent recall each domestic issuer’s voting securities that are on loan, in advance of the record date for the issuer’s shareholder meetings, so that the funds may vote at the meetings.

The Putnam funds will disclose their proxy votes not later than August 31 of each year for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, in accordance with the timetable established by SEC rules.

### **I. BOARD-APPROVED PROPOSALS**

The vast majority of matters presented to shareholders for a vote involve proposals made by a company itself (sometimes referred to as “management proposals”), which have been approved and recommended by its board of directors. In view of the enhanced corporate governance practices currently being implemented in public companies and of the funds’ intent to hold corporate boards accountable for their actions in promoting shareholder interests, the funds’ proxies generally will be voted **for** the decisions reached by majority independent boards of directors, except as otherwise indicated in these guidelines. Accordingly, the funds’ proxies will be voted **for** board-approved proposals, except as follows:

#### **Matters relating to the Board of Directors**

##### ***Uncontested Election of Directors***

The funds’ proxies will be voted **for** the election of a company’s nominees for the board of directors, except as follows:

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if

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- the board does not have a majority of independent directors,
  - the board has not established independent nominating, audit, and compensation committees,
  - the board has more than 19 members or fewer than five members, absent special circumstances,
  - the board has not acted to implement a policy requested in a shareholder proposal that received the support of a majority of the shares of the company cast at its previous two annual meetings, or
  - the board has adopted or renewed a shareholder rights plan (commonly referred to as a “poison pill”) without shareholder approval during the current or prior calendar year.
- The funds will on a **case-by-case basis withhold votes** from the entire board of directors, or from particular directors as may be appropriate, if the board has approved compensation arrangements for one or more company executives that the funds determine are unreasonably excessive relative to the company’s performance or has otherwise failed to observe good corporate governance practices.
- The funds will **withhold votes** from any nominee for director:
- who is considered an independent director by the company and who has received compensation within the last three years from the company other than for service as a director (e.g., investment banking, consulting, legal, or financial advisory fees),
  - who attends less than 75% of board and committee meetings without valid reasons for the absences (e.g., illness, personal emergency, etc.),
  - of a public company (Company A) who is employed as a senior executive of another company (Company B), if a director of Company B serves as a senior executive of Company A (commonly referred to as an “interlocking directorate”), or
  - who serves on more than five unaffiliated public company boards (for the purpose of this guideline, boards of affiliated registered investment companies will count as one board).

### Commentary:

**Board independence:** Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of determining whether a board has a majority of independent directors and independent nominating, audit, and compensation committees, an “independent director” is a director who (1) meets all requirements to serve as an independent director of a company under the NYSE Corporate Governance Rules (e.g., no material business relationships with the company and no present or recent employment relationship with the company including employment of an immediate family member as an executive officer), and (2) has not within the last three years accepted directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the company other than in his or her capacity as a member of the board of directors or any board committee. The funds’ Trustees believe that the recent (*i.e.*, within the last three years) receipt of any amount of compensation for services other than service as a director raises significant independence issues.

**Board size:** The funds’ Trustees believe that the size of the board of directors can have a direct impact on the ability of the board to govern effectively. Boards that have too many members can be unwieldy and ultimately inhibit their ability to oversee management performance. Boards that have too few members can stifle innovation and lead to excessive influence by management.

**Time commitment:** Being a director of a company requires a significant time commitment to adequately prepare for and attend the company’s board and committee meetings. Directors must be able to commit the time and attention necessary to perform their fiduciary duties in proper fashion, particularly in times of crisis. The funds’ Trustees are concerned about over-committed directors. In

some cases, directors may serve on too many boards to make a meaningful contribution. This may be particularly true for senior executives of public companies (or other directors with substantially full-time employment) who serve on more than a few outside boards. The funds may withhold votes from such directors on a case-by-case basis where it appears that they may be unable to discharge their duties properly because of excessive commitments.

**Interlocking directorships:** The funds' Trustees believe that interlocking directorships are inconsistent with the degree of independence required for outside directors of public companies.

**Corporate governance practices:** Board independence depends not only on its members' individual relationships, but also on the board's overall attitude toward management. Independent boards are committed to good corporate governance practices and, by providing objective independent judgment, enhancing shareholder value. The funds may withhold votes on a case-by-case basis from some or all directors who, through their lack of independence or otherwise, have failed to observe good corporate governance practices or, through specific corporate action, have demonstrated a disregard for the interests of shareholders. Such instances may include cases where a board of directors has approved compensation arrangements for one or more members of management that, in the judgment of the funds' Trustees, are excessive by reasonable corporate standards relative to the company's record of performance. It may also represent a disregard for the interests of shareholders if a board of directors fails to register an appropriate response when a director who fails to win the support of a majority of shareholders in an election (sometimes referred to as a "rejected director") continues to serve on the board. While the Trustees recognize that it may in some circumstances be appropriate for a rejected director to continue his or her service on the board, steps should be taken to address the concerns reflected by the shareholders' lack of support for the rejected director.

#### **Contested Elections of Directors**

- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** in contested elections of directors.

#### **Classified Boards**

- The funds will vote **against** proposals to classify a board, absent special circumstances indicating that shareholder interests would be better served by this structure.

**Commentary:** Under a typical classified board structure, the directors are divided into three classes, with each class serving a three-year term. The classified board structure results in directors serving staggered terms, with usually only a third of the directors up for re-election at any given annual meeting. The funds' Trustees generally believe that it is appropriate for directors to stand for election each year, but recognize that, in special circumstances, shareholder interests may be better served under a classified board structure.

#### **Other Board-Related Proposals**

The funds will generally vote **for** proposals that have been approved by a majority independent board, and on a **case-by-case basis** on proposals that have been approved by a board that fails to meet the guidelines' basic independence standards (*i.e.*, majority of independent directors and independent nominating, audit, and compensation committees).

#### **Executive Compensation**

The funds generally favor compensation programs that relate executive compensation to a company's long-term performance. The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on board-approved proposals relating to executive compensation, except as follows:

- Except where the funds are otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors, the funds will vote **for** stock option and restricted stock plans that will result in an average **annual** dilution of 1.67% or less (based on the disclosed term of the plan and including all equity-based plans).

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- The funds will vote **against** stock option and restricted stock plans that will result in an average annual dilution of greater than 1.67% (based on the disclosed term of the plan and including all equity-based plans).
- The funds will vote **against** any stock option or restricted stock plan where the company's actual grants of stock options and restricted stock under all equity-based compensation plans during the prior three (3) fiscal years have resulted in an average annual dilution of greater than 1.67%.
- The funds will vote **against** stock option plans that permit the replacing or repricing of underwater options (and against any proposal to authorize a replacement or repricing of underwater options).
- The funds will vote **against** stock option plans that permit issuance of options with an exercise price below the stock's current market price.
- Except where the funds are otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors, the funds will vote **for** an employee stock purchase plan that has the following features: (1) the shares purchased under the plan are acquired for no less than 85% of their market value; (2) the offering period under the plan is 27 months or less; and (3) dilution is 10% or less.
- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve a company's executive compensation program (*i.e.*, "say on pay" proposals in which the company's board proposes that shareholders indicate their support for the company's compensation philosophy, policies, and practices), except that the funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** if the company is assigned to the lowest category, through independent third party benchmarking performed by the funds' proxy voting service, for the correlation of the company's executive compensation program with its performance.
- The funds will vote **for** bonus plans under which payments are treated as performance-based compensation that is deductible under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that the funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** if any of the following circumstances exist:

the amount per employee under the plan is unlimited, or

the plan's performance criteria is undisclosed, or

the company is assigned to the lowest category, through independent third party benchmarking performed by the funds' proxy voting service, for the correlation of the company's executive compensation program with its performance.

Commentary: Companies should have compensation programs that are reasonable and that align shareholder and management interests over the longer term. Further, disclosure of compensation programs should provide absolute transparency to shareholders regarding the sources and amounts of, and the factors influencing, executive compensation. Appropriately designed equity-based compensation plans can be an effective way to align the interests of long-term shareholders with the interests of management. However, the funds may vote against these or other executive compensation proposals on a case-by-case basis where compensation is excessive by reasonable corporate standards, where a company fails to provide transparent disclosure of executive compensation, or, in some instances, where independent third-party benchmarking indicates that compensation is inadequately correlated with performance, relative to peer companies. (Examples of excessive executive compensation may include, but are not limited to, equity incentive plans that exceed the dilution criteria noted above, excessive perquisites, performance-based compensation programs that do not properly correlate reward and performance, "golden parachutes" or other severance arrangements that present conflicts between management's interests and the interests of shareholders, and "golden coffins" or unearned death benefits.) In voting on a proposal relating to executive compensation, the funds will consider whether the proposal has been approved by an independent compensation committee of the board.

### **Capitalization**

Many proxy proposals involve changes in a company's capitalization, including the authorization of additional stock, the issuance of stock, the repurchase of outstanding stock, or the approval of a stock split. The management of a company's capital structure involves a number of important issues, including cash flow, financing needs, and market conditions that are unique to the circumstances of the company. As a result, the funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on board-approved proposals involving changes to a company's capitalization, except that where the funds are not otherwise withholding votes from the entire board of directors:

- The funds will vote **for** proposals relating to the authorization and issuance of additional common stock (except where such proposals relate to a specific transaction).
- The funds will vote **for** proposals to effect stock splits (excluding reverse stock splits).
- The funds will vote **for** proposals authorizing share repurchase programs.

**Commentary:** A company may decide to authorize additional shares of common stock for reasons relating to executive compensation or for routine business purposes. For the most part, these decisions are best left to the board of directors and senior management. The funds will vote on a case-by-case basis, however, on other proposals to change a company's capitalization, including the authorization of common stock with special voting rights, the authorization or issuance of common stock in connection with a specific transaction (e.g., an acquisition, merger or reorganization), or the authorization or issuance of preferred stock. Actions such as these involve a number of considerations that may affect a shareholder's investment and that warrant a case-by-case determination.

### **Acquisitions, Mergers, Reincorporations, Reorganizations and Other Transactions**

Shareholders may be confronted with a number of different types of transactions, including acquisitions, mergers, reorganizations involving business combinations, liquidations, and the sale of all or substantially all of a company's assets, which may require their consent. Voting on such proposals involves considerations unique to each transaction. As a result, the funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on board-approved proposals to effect these types of transactions, except as follows:

- The funds will vote **for** mergers and reorganizations involving business combinations designed solely to reincorporate a company in Delaware.

**Commentary:** A company may reincorporate into another state through a merger or reorganization by setting up a "shell" company in a different state and then merging the company into the new company. While reincorporation into states with extensive and established corporate laws – notably Delaware – provides companies and shareholders with a more well-defined legal framework, shareholders must carefully consider the reasons for a reincorporation into another jurisdiction, including especially an offshore jurisdiction.

### **Anti-Takeover Measures**

Some proxy proposals involve efforts by management to make it more difficult for an outside party to take control of the company without the approval of the company's board of directors. These include the adoption of a shareholder rights plan, requiring supermajority voting on particular issues, the adoption of fair price provisions, the issuance of blank check preferred stock, and the creation of a separate class of stock with disparate voting rights. Such proposals may adversely affect shareholder rights, lead to management entrenchment, or create conflicts of interest. As a result, the funds will vote **against** board-approved proposals to adopt such anti-takeover measures, except as follows:

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The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on proposals to ratify or approve shareholder rights plans; and

- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on proposals to adopt fair price provisions.

**Commentary:** The funds' Trustees recognize that poison pills and fair price provisions may enhance or protect shareholder value under certain circumstances. For instance, where a company has incurred significant operating losses, a shareholder rights plan may be appropriately tailored to protect shareholder value by preserving a company's net operating losses. Thus, the funds will consider proposals to approve such matters on a case-by-case basis.

### **Other Business Matters**

Many proxies involve approval of routine business matters, such as changing a company's name, ratifying the appointment of auditors, and procedural matters relating to the shareholder meeting. For the most part, these routine matters do not materially affect shareholder interests and are best left to the board of directors and senior management of the company. The funds will vote **for** board-approved proposals approving such matters, except as follows:

- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on proposals to amend a company's charter or bylaws (except for charter amendments necessary to effect stock splits, to change a company's name or to authorize additional shares of common stock).
- The funds will vote **against** authorization to transact other unidentified, substantive business at the meeting.
- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on proposals to ratify the selection of independent auditors if there is evidence that the audit firm's independence or the integrity of an audit is compromised.
- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on other business matters where the funds are otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors.

**Commentary:** Charter and bylaw amendments and the transaction of other unidentified, substantive business at a shareholder meeting may directly affect shareholder rights and have a significant impact on shareholder value. As a result, the funds do not view these items as routine business matters. Putnam Management's investment professionals and the funds' proxy voting service may also bring to the Proxy Voting Director's attention company-specific items that they believe to be non-routine and warranting special consideration. Under these circumstances, the funds will vote on a case-by-case basis.

The fund's proxy voting service may identify circumstances that call into question an audit firm's independence or the integrity of an audit. These circumstances may include recent material restatements of financials, unusual audit fees, egregious contractual relationships, and aggressive accounting policies. The funds will consider proposals to ratify the selection of auditors in these circumstances on a case-by-case basis. In all other cases, given the existence of rules that enhance the independence of audit committees and auditors by, for example, prohibiting auditors from performing a range of non-audit services for audit clients, the funds will vote for the ratification of independent auditors.

## **II. SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS**

SEC regulations permit shareholders to submit proposals for inclusion in a company's proxy statement. These proposals generally seek to change some aspect of the company's corporate governance structure or to change some aspect of its business operations. The funds generally will vote **in accordance with the recommendation of the company's board of directors** on all shareholder proposals, except as follows:

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- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on shareholder proposals requiring that the chairman's position be filled by someone other than the chief executive officer.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals asking that director nominees receive support from holders of a majority of votes cast or a majority of shares outstanding in order to be (re)elected.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals to declassify a board, absent special circumstances which would indicate that shareholder interests are better served by a classified board structure.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals to eliminate supermajority vote requirements in the company's charter documents.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals to require shareholder approval of shareholder rights plans.
- The funds will vote for shareholder proposals to amend a company's charter documents to permit shareholders to call special meetings, but only if both of the following conditions are met:
  - the proposed amendment limits the right to call special meetings to shareholders holding at least 15% of the company's outstanding shares, and
  - applicable state law does not otherwise provide shareholders with the right to call special meetings.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals requiring companies to make cash payments under management severance agreements only if both of the following conditions are met:
  - the company undergoes a change in control, and
  - the change in control results in the termination of employment for the person receiving the severance payment.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals requiring companies to accelerate vesting of equity awards under management severance agreements only if both of the following conditions are met:
  - the company undergoes a change in control, and
  - the change in control results in the termination of employment for the person receiving the severance payment.
- The funds will vote **on a case-by-case basis** on shareholder proposals to limit a company's ability to make excise tax gross-up payments under management severance agreements.
- The funds will vote **on a case-by-case basis** on shareholder proposals requesting that the board adopt a policy to recoup, in the event of a significant restatement of financial results or significant extraordinary write-off, to the fullest extent practicable, for the benefit of the company, all performance-based bonuses or awards that were paid to senior executives based on the company having met or exceeded specific performance targets to the extent that the specific performance targets were not, in fact, met.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals calling for the company to obtain shareholder approval for any future golden coffins or unearned death benefits (payments or awards of unearned salary or bonus, accelerated vesting or the continuation of unvested equity awards, perquisites or other payments or awards in respect of an executive following his or her death), and **for** shareholder proposals calling for the company to cease providing golden coffins or unearned death benefits.

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- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals requiring a company to report on its executive retirement benefits (e.g., deferred compensation, split-dollar life insurance, SERPs and pension benefits).
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals requiring a company to disclose its relationships with executive compensation consultants (e.g., whether the company, the board or the compensation committee retained the consultant, the types of services provided by the consultant over the past five years, and a list of the consultant's clients on which any of the company's executives serve as a director).
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals that are consistent with the funds' proxy voting guidelines for board-approved proposals.
- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on other shareholder proposals where the funds are otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors.

**Commentary:** The funds' Trustees believe that effective corporate reforms should be promoted by holding boards of directors – and in particular their independent directors – accountable for their actions, rather than by imposing additional legal restrictions on board governance through piecemeal proposals. As stated above, the funds' Trustees believe that boards of directors and management are responsible for ensuring that their businesses are operating in accordance with high legal and ethical standards and should be held accountable for resulting corporate behavior. Accordingly, the funds will generally support the recommendations of boards that meet the basic independence and governance standards established in these guidelines. Where boards fail to meet these standards, the funds will generally evaluate shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis. The funds will also consider proposals requiring that the chairman's position be filled by someone other than the company's chief executive officer on a case-by-case basis, recognizing that in some cases this separation may advance the company's corporate governance while in other cases it may be less necessary to the sound governance of the company. The funds will take into account the level of independent leadership on a company's board in evaluating these proposals.

However, the funds generally support shareholder proposals to implement majority voting for directors, observing that majority voting is an emerging standard intended to encourage directors to be attentive to shareholders' interests. The funds also generally support shareholder proposals to declassify a board, to eliminate supermajority vote requirements, or to require shareholder approval of shareholder rights plans. The funds' Trustees believe that these shareholder proposals further the goals of reducing management entrenchment and conflicts of interest, and aligning management's interests with shareholders' interests in evaluating proposed acquisitions of the company. The Trustees also believe that shareholder proposals to limit severance payments may further these goals in some instances. In general, the funds favor arrangements in which severance payments are made to an executive only when there is a change in control and the executive loses his or her job as a result. Arrangements in which an executive receives a payment upon a change of control even if the executive retains employment introduce potential conflicts of interest and may distract management focus from the long term success of the company.

In evaluating shareholder proposals that address severance payments, the funds distinguish between cash and equity payments. The funds generally do not favor cash payments to executives upon a change in control transaction if the executive retains employment. However, the funds recognize that accelerated vesting of equity incentives, even without termination of employment, may help to align management and shareholder interests in some instances, and will evaluate shareholder proposals addressing accelerated vesting of equity incentive payments on a case-by-case basis.

When severance payments exceed a certain amount based on the executive's previous compensation, the payments may be subject to an excise tax. Some compensation arrangements provide for full excise tax gross-ups, which means that the company pays the executive sufficient additional amounts to cover the cost of the excise tax. The funds are concerned that the benefits of providing full excise tax gross-ups to executives may be outweighed by the cost to the company of the gross-up payments. Accordingly, the funds will vote on a case-by-case basis on shareholder proposals to curtail excise tax

gross-up payments. The funds generally favor arrangements in which severance payments do not trigger an excise tax or in which the company's obligations with respect to gross-up payments are limited in a reasonable manner.

The funds' Trustees believe that performance-based compensation can be an effective tool for aligning management and shareholder interests. However, to fulfill its purpose, performance compensation should only be paid to executives if the performance targets are actually met. A significant restatement of financial results or a significant extraordinary write-off may reveal that executives who were previously paid performance compensation did not actually deliver the required business performance to earn that compensation. In these circumstances, it may be appropriate for the company to recoup this performance compensation. The funds will consider on a case-by-case basis shareholder proposals requesting that the board adopt a policy to recoup, in the event of a significant restatement of financial results or significant extraordinary write-off, performance-based bonuses or awards paid to senior executives based on the company having met or exceeded specific performance targets to the extent that the specific performance targets were not, in fact, met. The funds do not believe that such a policy should necessarily disadvantage a company in recruiting executives, as executives should understand that they are only entitled to performance compensation based on the actual performance they deliver.

The funds' Trustees disfavor golden coffins or unearned death benefits, and the funds will generally support shareholder proposals to restrict or terminate these practices. The Trustees will also consider whether a company's overall compensation arrangements, taking all of the pertinent circumstances into account, constitute excessive compensation or otherwise reflect poorly on the corporate governance practices of the company. As the Trustees evaluate these matters, they will be mindful of evolving practices and legislation relevant to executive compensation and corporate governance.

The funds' Trustees also believe that shareholder proposals that are intended to increase transparency, particularly with respect to executive compensation, without establishing rigid restrictions upon a company's ability to attract and motivate talented executives, are generally beneficial to sound corporate governance without imposing undue burdens. The funds will generally support shareholder proposals calling for reasonable disclosure.

### III. VOTING SHARES OF NON-U.S. ISSUERS

Many of the Putnam funds invest on a global basis, and, as a result, they may hold, and have an opportunity to vote, shares in non-U.S. issuers – i.e., issuers that are incorporated under the laws of foreign jurisdictions and whose shares are not listed on a U.S. securities exchange or the NASDAQ stock market.

In many non-U.S. markets, shareholders who vote proxies of a non-U.S. issuer are not able to trade in that company's stock on or around the shareholder meeting date. This practice is known as "share blocking." In countries where share blocking is practiced, the funds will vote proxies only with direction from Putnam Management's investment professionals.

In addition, some non-U.S. markets require that a company's shares be re-registered out of the name of the local custodian or nominee into the name of the shareholder for the shareholder to be able to vote at the meeting. This practice is known as "share re-registration." As a result, shareholders, including the funds, are not able to trade in that company's stock until the shares are re-registered back in the name of the local custodian or nominee following the meeting. In countries where share re-registration is practiced, the funds will generally not vote proxies.

Protection for shareholders of non-U.S. issuers may vary significantly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Laws governing non-U.S. issuers may, in some cases, provide substantially less protection for shareholders than do U.S. laws. As a result, the guidelines applicable to U.S. issuers, which are premised on the existence of a sound corporate governance and disclosure framework, may not be appropriate under some circumstances for non-U.S. issuers. However, the funds will vote proxies of non-U.S. issuers **in accordance with the guidelines applicable to U.S. issuers**, except as follows:

### **Uncontested Board Elections**

#### ***China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand***

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
- fewer than one-third of the directors are independent directors, or
  - the board has not established audit, compensation and nominating committees each composed of a majority of independent directors.

Commentary: Whether a director is considered “independent” or not will be determined by reference to local corporate law or listing standards.

#### ***Europe ex-United Kingdom***

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
- the board has not established audit and compensation committees each composed of a majority of independent, non-executive directors, or
  - the board has not established a nominating committee composed of a majority of independent directors.

Commentary: An “independent director” under the European Commission’s guidelines is one who is free of any business, family or other relationship, with the company, its controlling shareholder or the management of either, that creates a conflict of interest such as to impair his judgment. A “non-executive director” is one who is not engaged in the daily management of the company.

#### ***Germany***

- For companies subject to “co-determination,” the funds will vote **for** the election of nominees to the supervisory board, except that the funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** for any nominee who is either an employee of the company or who is otherwise affiliated with the company (as determined by the funds’ proxy voting service).
- The funds will **withhold votes** for the election of a former member of the company’s managerial board to chair of the supervisory board.

Commentary: German corporate governance is characterized by a two-tier board system — a managerial board composed of the company’s executive officers, and a supervisory board. The supervisory board appoints the members of the managerial board. Shareholders elect members of the supervisory board, except that in the case of companies with a large number of employees, company employees are allowed to elect some of the supervisory board members (one-half of supervisory board members are elected by company employees at companies with more than 2,000 employees; one-third of the supervisory board members are elected by company employees at companies with more than 500 employees but fewer than 2,000). This “co-determination” practice may increase the chances that the supervisory board of a large German company does not contain a majority of independent members. In this situation, under the Fund’s proxy voting guidelines applicable to U.S. issuers, the funds would vote against all nominees. However, in the case of companies subject to “co-determination” and with the goal of supporting independent nominees, the Funds will vote for supervisory board members who are neither employees of the company nor otherwise affiliated with the company.

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Consistent with the funds' belief that the interests of shareholders are best protected by boards with strong, independent leadership, the funds will withhold votes for the election of former chairs of the managerial board to chair of the supervisory board.

### **Hong Kong**

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
  - fewer than one-third of the directors are independent directors, or
  - the board has not established audit, compensation and nominating committees each with at least a majority of its members being independent directors, or
  - the chair of the audit, compensation or nominating committee is not an independent director.

**Commentary.** For purposes of these guidelines, an “independent director” is a director that has no material, financial or other current relationships with the company. In determining whether a director is independent, the funds will apply the standards included in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited Section 3.13.

### **Italy**

- The funds will **withhold votes** from any director not identified in the proxy materials.

**Commentary:** In Italy, companies have the right to nominate co-opted directors for election to the board at the next annual general meeting, but do not have to indicate, until the day of the annual meeting, whether or not they are nominating a co-opted director for election. When a company does not explicitly state in its proxy materials that co-opted directors are standing for election, shareholders will not know for sure who the board nominees are until the actual meeting occurs. The funds will withhold support from any such co-opted director on the grounds that there was insufficient information for evaluation before the meeting.

### **Japan**

- For companies that have established a U.S.-style corporate governance structure, the funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
  - the board does not have a majority of outside directors,
  - the board has not established nominating and compensation committees composed of a majority of outside directors, or
  - the board has not established an audit committee composed of a majority of independent directors.
- The funds will **withhold votes** for the appointment of members of a company's board of statutory auditors if a majority of the members of the board of statutory auditors is not independent.

**Commentary:**

**Board structure:** Recent amendments to the Japanese Commercial Code give companies the option to adopt a U.S.-style corporate governance structure (*i.e.*, a board of directors and audit, nominating, and compensation committees). The funds will vote **for** proposals to amend a company's articles of incorporation to adopt the U.S.-style corporate structure.

**Definition of outside director and independent director:** Corporate governance principles in Japan focus on the distinction between outside directors and independent directors. Under these principles, an outside director is a director who is not and has never been a director, executive, or employee of the company or its parent company, subsidiaries or affiliates. An outside director is “independent” if that person can make decisions completely independent from the managers of the company, its parent, subsidiaries, or affiliates and does not have a material relationship with the company (*i.e.*, major client, trading partner, or other business relationship; familial relationship with current director or executive; etc.). The guidelines have incorporated these definitions in applying the board independence standards above.

### **Korea**

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
  - fewer than half of the directors are outside directors,
  - the board has not established a nominating committee with at least half of the members being outside directors, or
  - the board has not established an audit committee composed of at least three members and in which at least two-thirds of its members are outside directors.
- The funds will vote **withhold votes** from nominees to the audit committee if the board has not established an audit committee composed of (or proposed to be composed of) at least three members, and of which at least two-thirds of its members are (or will be) outside directors.

**Commentary:** For purposes of these guidelines, an “outside director” is a director that is independent from the management or controlling shareholders of the company, and holds no interests that might impair the performance his or her duties impartially with respect to the company, management or controlling shareholder. In determining whether a director is an outside director, the funds will also apply the standards included in Article 415-2(2) of the Korean Commercial Code (*i.e.*, no employment relationship with the company for a period of two years before serving on the committee, no director or employment relationship with the company’s largest shareholder, etc.) and may consider other business relationships that would affect the independence of an outside director.

### **Malaysia**

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
  - in the case of a board with an independent director serving as chair, fewer than one-third of the directors are independent directors; or, in the case of a board not chaired by an independent director, less than a majority of the directors are independent directors,
  - the board has not established audit and nominating committees with at least a majority of the members being independent directors and all of the members being non-executive directors, or
  - the board has not established a compensation committee with at least a majority of the members being non-executive directors.

**Commentary.** For purposes of these guidelines, an “independent director” is a director who has no material, financial or other current relationships with the company. In determining whether a director is independent, the funds will apply the standards included in the Malaysia Code of Corporate Governance, Commentary to Recommendation 3.1. A “non-executive director” is a director who does not take on primary responsibility for leadership of the company.

### **Russia**

- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** for the election of nominees to the board of directors.

**Commentary:** In Russia, director elections are typically handled through a cumulative voting process. Cumulative voting allows shareholders to cast all of their votes for a single nominee for the board of directors, or to allocate their votes among nominees in any other way. In contrast, in “regular” voting, shareholders may not give more than one vote per share to any single nominee. Cumulative voting can help to strengthen the ability of minority shareholders to elect a director.

In Russia, as in some other emerging markets, standards of corporate governance are usually behind those in developed markets. Rather than vote against the entire board of directors, as the funds generally would in the case of a company whose board fails to meet the funds’ standards for independence, the funds may, on a case by case basis, cast all of their votes for one or more independent director nominees. The funds believe that it is important to increase the number of independent directors on the boards of Russian companies to mitigate the risks associated with dominant shareholders.

### **Singapore**

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
- in the case of a board with an independent director serving as chair, fewer than one-third of the directors are independent directors; or, in the case of a board not chaired by an independent director, fewer than half of the directors are independent directors,
  - the board has not established audit and compensation committees, each with an independent director serving as chair, with at least a majority of the members being independent directors, and with all of the directors being non-executive directors, or
  - the board has not established a nominating committee, with an independent director serving as chair, and with at least a majority of the members being independent directors.

**Commentary:** For purposes of these guidelines, an “independent director” is a director that has no material, financial or other current relationships with the company. In determining whether a director is independent, the funds will apply the standards included in the Singapore Code of Corporate Governance, Guideline 2.3. A “non-executive director” is a director who is not employed with the company.

### **United Kingdom**

- The funds will **withhold votes** from the entire board of directors if
- fewer than half of the directors are independent non-executive directors,
  - the board has not established a nomination committee composed of a majority of independent non-executive directors, or
  - the board has not established compensation and audit committees composed of (1) at least three directors (in the case of smaller companies, two directors) and (2) solely independent non-executive directors, provided that, to the extent permitted under the United Kingdom’s Combined Code on Corporate Governance, the company chairman may serve on (but not serve as chairman of) the compensation and audit committees if the chairman was considered independent upon his or her appointment as chairman.
- The funds will **withhold votes** from any nominee for director who is considered an independent director by the company and who has received compensation within the last three years from the

company other than for service as a director, such as investment banking, consulting, legal, or financial advisory fees.

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to amend a company's articles of association to authorize boards to approve situations that might be interpreted to present potential conflicts of interest affecting a director.

Commentary:

**Application of guidelines:** Although the United Kingdom's Combined Code on Corporate Governance ("Combined Code") has adopted the "comply and explain" approach to corporate governance, the funds' Trustees believe that the guidelines discussed above with respect to board independence standards are integral to the protection of investors in U.K. companies. As a result, these guidelines will generally be applied in a prescriptive manner.

**Definition of independence:** For the purposes of these guidelines, a non-executive director shall be considered independent if the director meets the independence standards in section A.3.1 of the Combined Code (*i.e.*, no material business or employment relationships with the company, no remuneration from the company for non-board services, no close family ties with senior employees or directors of the company, etc.), except that the funds do not view service on the board for more than nine years as affecting a director's independence. Company chairmen in the U.K. are generally considered affiliated upon appointment as chairman due to the nature of the position of chairman. Consistent with the Combined Code, a company chairman who was considered independent upon appointment as chairman: may serve as a member of, but not as the chairman of, the compensation (remuneration) committee; and, in the case of smaller companies, may serve as a member of, but not as the chairman of, the audit committee.

**Smaller companies:** A smaller company is one that is below the FTSE 350 throughout the year immediately prior to the reporting year.

**Conflicts of interest:** The Companies Act 2006 requires a director to avoid a situation in which he or she has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company. This broadly written requirement could be construed to prevent a director from becoming a trustee or director of another organization. Provided there are reasonable safeguards, such as the exclusion of the relevant director from deliberations, the funds believe that the board may approve this type of potential conflict of interest in its discretion.

***All other jurisdictions***

- The funds will vote **for** supervisory board nominees when the supervisory board meets the funds' independence standards, otherwise the funds will vote **against** supervisory board nominees.

Commentary: Companies in many jurisdictions operate under the oversight of supervisory boards. In the absence of jurisdiction-specific guidelines, the funds will generally hold supervisory boards to the same standards of independence as it applies to boards of directors in the United States.

**Contested Board Elections**

***Italy***

- The funds will vote **for** the management- or board-sponsored slate of nominees if the board meets the funds' independence standards, and **against** the management- or board-sponsored slate of nominees if the board does not meet the funds' independence standards; the funds will not vote on shareholder-proposed slates of nominees.

Commentary: Contested elections in Italy may involve a variety of competing slates of nominees. In these circumstances, the funds will focus their analysis on the board- or management-sponsored slate.

### **Corporate Governance**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to change the size of a board if the board meets the funds' independence standards, and **against** proposals to change the size of a board if the board does not meet the funds' independence standards.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals calling for a majority of a company's directors to be independent of management.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals seeking to increase the independence of board nominating, audit, and compensation committees.
- The funds will vote **for** shareholder proposals that implement corporate governance standards similar to those established under U.S. federal law and the listing requirements of U.S. stock exchanges, and that do not otherwise violate the laws of the jurisdiction under which the company is incorporated.

### **Australia**

- The funds will vote on a **case-by-case basis** on board spill resolutions.

Commentary: The *Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Director and Executive Compensation) Bill 2011* provides that, if a company's remuneration report receives a "no" vote of 25% or more of all votes cast at two consecutive annual general meetings, at the second annual general meeting, a spill resolution must be proposed. If the spill resolution is approved (by simple majority), then a further meeting to elect a new board (excluding the managing director) must be held within 90 days. The funds will consider board spill resolutions on a case-by-case basis.

### **Europe**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to ratify board acts, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

### **Taiwan**

- The funds will vote **against** proposals to release directors from their non-competition obligations (their obligations not to engage in any business that is competitive with the company), unless the proposal is narrowly drafted to permit directors to engage in a business that is competitive with the company only on behalf of a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

### **Compensation**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve annual directors' fees, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** in each case in which the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against such a proposal.
- The funds will vote **for** non-binding proposals to approve remuneration reports, except that the funds will vote **against** proposals to approve remuneration reports that indicate that awards under a long-term incentive plan are not linked to performance targets.

Commentary: Since proposals relating to directors' fees for non-U.S. issuers generally address relatively modest fees paid to non-executive directors, the funds generally support these proposals, provided that the fees are consistent with directors' fees paid by the company's peers and do not otherwise appear unwarranted. Consistent with the approach taken for U.S. issuers, the funds generally favor compensation programs that relate executive compensation to a company's long-term

performance and will support non-binding remuneration reports unless such a correlation is not made.

### **Europe and Asia ex-Japan**

- In the case of proposals that do not include sufficient information for determining average annual dilution, the funds will will vote **for** stock option and restricted stock plans that will result in an average gross potential dilution of 5% or less.

Commentary: Asia ex-Japan means China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. In these markets, companies may not disclose the life of the plan and there may not be a specific number of shares requested; therefore, it may not be possible to determine the average annual dilution related to the plan and apply the funds' standard dilution test.

### **France**

- The funds will vote **for** an employee stock purchase plan or share save scheme that has the following features: (1) the shares purchased under the plan are acquired for no less than 70% of their market value; (2) the vesting period is greater than or equal to 10 years; (3) the offering period under the plan is 27 months or less; and (4) dilution is 10% or less.

Commentary: To conform to local market practice, the funds support plans or schemes at French issuers that permit the purchase of shares at up to a 30% discount (*i.e.*, shares may be purchased for no less than 70% of their market value). By comparison, for U.S. issuers, the funds do not support employee stock purchase plans that permit shares to be acquired at more than a 15% discount (*i.e.*, for less than 85% of their market value); in the United Kingdom, up to a 20% discount is permitted.

### **United Kingdom**

- The funds will vote **for** an employee stock purchase plan or share save scheme that has the following features: (1) the shares purchased under the plan are acquired for no less than 80% of their market value; (2) the offering period under the plan is 27 months or less; and (3) dilution is 10% or less.

Commentary: These are the same features that the funds require of employee stock purchase plans proposed by U.S. issuers, except that, to conform to local market practice, the funds support plans or schemes at United Kingdom issuers that permit the purchase of shares at up to a 20% discount (*i.e.*, shares may be purchased for no less than 80% of their market value). By comparison, for U.S. issuers, the funds do not support employee stock purchase plans that permit shares to be acquired at more than a 15% discount (*i.e.*, for less than 85% of their market value).

### **Capitalization**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals
  - to issue additional common stock representing up to 20% of the company's outstanding common stock, where shareholders *do not* have preemptive rights, or
  - to issue additional common stock representing up to 100% of the company's outstanding common stock, where shareholders *do have* preemptive rights.
- The funds will vote **for** proposals to authorize share repurchase programs that are recommended for approval by the funds' proxy voting service; otherwise, the funds will vote **against** such proposals.

### **Australia**

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- The funds will vote **for** proposals to carve out, from the general cap on non-*pro rata* share issues of 15% of total equity in a rolling 12-month period, a particular proposed issue of shares or a particular issue of shares made previously within the 12-month period, if the company's board meets the funds' independence standards; if the company's board does not meet the funds' independence standards, then the funds will vote **against** these proposals.
- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve the grant of equity awards to directors, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

### **China**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to issue and/or to trade in non-convertible, convertible and/or exchangeable debt obligations, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

### **Hong Kong**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve a general mandate permitting the company to engage in non-*pro rata* share issues of up to 20% of total equity in a year if the company's board meets the funds' independence standards; if the company's board does not meet the funds' independence standards, then the funds will vote **against** these proposals.
- The funds will **for** proposals to approve the reissuance of shares acquired by the company under a share repurchase program, provided that: (1) the funds supported (or would have supported, in accordance with these guidelines) the share repurchase program, (2) the reissued shares represent no more than 10% of the company's outstanding shares (measured immediately before the reissuance), and (3) the reissued shares are sold for no less than 85% of current market value.

### **France**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to increase authorized shares, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

### **New Zealand**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve the grant of equity awards to directors, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

Commentary: In light of the prevalence of certain types of capitalization proposals in Australia, China, Hong Kong, France and New Zealand, the funds have adopted guidelines specific to those jurisdictions.

### **Other Business Matters**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals permitting companies to deliver reports and other materials electronically (e.g., via website posting).
- The funds will vote **for** proposals permitting companies to issue regulatory reports in English.
- The funds will vote **against** proposals to shorten shareholder meeting notice periods to fourteen days.

**Commentary:** Under Directive 2007/36/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, companies have the option to request shareholder approval to set the notice period for special meetings at 14 days provided that certain electronic voting and communication requirements are met. The funds believe that the 14 day notice period is too short to provide overseas shareholders with sufficient time to analyze proposals and to participate meaningfully at special meetings and, as a result, have determined to vote against such proposals.

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to amend a company's charter or bylaws, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

**Commentary:** If the substance of any proposed amendment is covered by a specific guideline included herein, then that guideline will govern.

### **France**

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve a company's related party transactions, except that the funds will consider these proposals on a **case-by-case basis** if the funds' proxy voting service has recommended a vote against the proposal.

**Commentary:** In France, shareholders are generally requested to approve any agreement between the company and: (i) its directors, chair of the board, CEO and deputy CEOs; (ii) the members of the supervisory board and management board, for companies with a dual structure; and (iii) a shareholder who directly or indirectly owns at least 10% of the company's voting rights. This includes agreements under which compensation may be paid to executive officers after the end of their employment, such as severance payments, supplementary retirement plans and non-competition agreements. The funds will generally support these proposals unless the funds' proxy voting service recommends a vote against, in which case the funds will consider the proposal on a case-by-case basis.

### **Germany**

- The funds will vote **in accordance with the recommendation of the company's board of directors** on shareholder countermotions added to a company's meeting agenda, unless the countermotion is directly addressed by one of the funds' other guidelines.

**Commentary:** In Germany, shareholders are able to add both proposals and countermotions to a meeting agenda. Counter motions, which must correspond to a proposal on the agenda, generally call for shareholders to oppose the existing proposal, although they may also propose separate voting decisions. Counter motions may be proposed by any shareholder and they are typically added throughout the period between the publication of the meeting agenda and the meeting date. This guideline reflects the funds' intention to focus on the original proposal, which is expected to be presented a reasonable period of time before the shareholder meeting so that the funds will have an appropriate opportunity to evaluate it.

- The funds will vote **for** proposals to approve profit-and-loss transfer agreements between a controlling company and its subsidiaries.

**Commentary:** These agreements are customary in Germany and are typically entered into for tax purposes. In light of this and the prevalence of these proposals, the funds have adopted a guideline to vote for this type of proposal.

### **Taiwan**

□ The funds will vote **for** proposals to amend a Taiwanese company's procedural rules.

Commentary: Since procedural rules, which address such matters as a company's policies with respect to capital loans, endorsements and guarantees, and acquisitions and disposal of assets, are generally adopted or amended to conform to changes in local regulations governing these transactions, the funds have adopted a guideline to vote for these transactions.

As adopted January 24, 2014

## **Proxy voting procedures of the Putnam funds**

The proxy voting procedures below explain the role of the funds' Trustees, proxy voting service and Director of Proxy Voting and Corporate Governance ("Proxy Voting Director"), as well as how the process will work when a proxy question needs to be handled on a case-by-case basis, or when there may be a conflict of interest.

### *The role of the funds' Trustees*

The Trustees of the Putnam funds exercise control of the voting of proxies through their Board Policy and Nominating Committee, which is composed entirely of independent Trustees. The Board Policy and Nominating Committee oversees the proxy voting process and participates, as needed, in the resolution of issues that need to be handled on a case-by-case basis. The Committee annually reviews and recommends, for Trustee approval, guidelines governing the funds' proxy votes, including how the funds vote on specific proposals and which matters are to be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Trustees are assisted in this process by their independent administrative staff ("Office of the Trustees"), independent legal counsel, and an independent proxy voting service. The Trustees also receive assistance from Putnam Investment Management, LLC ("Putnam Management"), the funds' investment advisor, on matters involving investment judgments. In all cases, the ultimate decision on voting proxies rests with the Trustees, acting as fiduciaries on behalf of the shareholders of the funds.

### *The role of the proxy voting service*

The funds have engaged an independent proxy voting service to assist in the voting of proxies. The proxy voting service is responsible for coordinating with the funds' custodian(s) to ensure that all proxy materials received by the custodians relating to the funds' portfolio securities are processed in a timely fashion. To the extent applicable, the proxy voting service votes all proxies in accordance with the proxy voting guidelines established by the Trustees. The proxy voting service will refer proxy questions to the Proxy Voting Director for instructions under circumstances where: (1) the application of the proxy voting guidelines is unclear; (2) a particular proxy question is not covered by the guidelines; or (3) the guidelines call for specific instructions on a case-by-case basis. The proxy voting service is also requested to call to the attention of the Proxy Voting Director specific proxy questions that, while governed by a guideline, appear to involve unusual or controversial issues. The funds also utilize research services relating to proxy questions provided by the proxy voting service and by other firms.

### *The role of the Proxy Voting Director*

The Proxy Voting Director, a member of the Office of the Trustees, assists in the coordination and voting of the funds' proxies. The Proxy Voting Director will deal directly with the proxy voting service and, in the case of proxy questions referred by the proxy voting service, will solicit voting recommendations and instructions from the Office of the Trustees, the Chair of the Board Policy and Nominating Committee, and Putnam Management's investment professionals, as appropriate. The Proxy Voting Director is responsible for ensuring that these questions and referrals are responded to in a timely fashion and for transmitting appropriate voting instructions to the proxy voting service. In

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addition, the Proxy Voting Director is the contact person for receiving recommendations from Putnam Management's investment professionals with respect to any proxy question in circumstances where the investment professional believes that the interests of fund shareholders warrant a vote contrary to the fund's proxy voting guidelines.

On occasion, representatives of a company in which the funds have an investment may wish to meet with the company's shareholders in advance of the company's shareholder meeting, typically to explain and to provide the company's perspective on the proposals up for consideration at the meeting. As a general matter, the Proxy Voting Director will participate in meetings with these company representatives.

### *Voting procedures for referral items*

As discussed above, the proxy voting service will refer proxy questions to the Proxy Voting Director under certain circumstances. Unless the referred proxy question involves investment considerations (*i.e.*, the proxy question might be seen as having a bearing on the economic interests of a shareholder in the company), the Proxy Voting Director will assist in interpreting the guidelines and, if necessary, consult with a senior staff member of the Office of the Trustees and/or the Chair of the Board Policy and Nominating Committee on how the funds' shares will be voted.

For referred proxy questions that involve investment considerations, the Proxy Voting Director will refer such questions, through an electronic request form, to Putnam Management's investment professionals for a voting recommendation. Such referrals will be made in cooperation with the person or persons designated by Putnam Management's Legal and Compliance Department to assist in processing such referral items. In connection with each item referred to Putnam Management's investment professionals, the Legal and Compliance Department will conduct a conflicts of interest review, as described below under "Conflicts of interest," and provide electronically a conflicts of interest report (the "Conflicts Report") to the Proxy Voting Director describing the results of such review. After receiving a referral item from the Proxy Voting Director, Putnam Management's investment professionals will provide a recommendation electronically to the Proxy Voting Director and the person or persons designated by the Legal and Compliance Department to assist in processing referral items. Such recommendation will set forth (1) how the proxies should be voted; and (2) any contacts the investment professionals have had with respect to the referral item with non-investment personnel of Putnam Management or with outside parties (except for routine communications from proxy solicitors). The Proxy Voting Director will review the recommendation of Putnam Management's investment professionals (and the related Conflicts Report) in determining how to vote the funds' proxies. The Proxy Voting Director will maintain a record of all proxy questions that have been referred to Putnam Management's investment professionals, the voting recommendation, and the Conflicts Report.

In some situations, the Proxy Voting Director may determine that a particular proxy question raises policy issues requiring consultation with the Chair of the Board Policy and Nominating Committee, who, in turn, may decide to bring the particular proxy question to the Committee or the full Board of Trustees for consideration.

### *Conflicts of interest*

Occasions may arise where a person or organization involved in the proxy voting process may have a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest may exist, for example, if Putnam Management has a business relationship with (or is actively soliciting business from) either the company soliciting the proxy or a third party that has a material interest in the outcome of a proxy vote or that is actively lobbying for a particular outcome of a proxy vote. Any individual with knowledge of a personal conflict of interest (*e.g.*, familial relationship with company management) relating to a particular referral item shall disclose that conflict to the Proxy Voting Director and the Legal and Compliance Department and otherwise remove himself or herself from the proxy voting process. The Legal and Compliance Department will review each item referred to Putnam Management's investment professionals to determine if a conflict of interest exists and will provide the Proxy Voting Director with a Conflicts Report for each referral item that (1) describes any conflict of interest; (2) discusses the procedures used to address such conflict of interest; and (3) discloses any contacts from parties outside Putnam

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Management (other than routine communications from proxy solicitors) with respect to the referral item not otherwise reported in an investment professional's recommendation. The Conflicts Report will also include written confirmation that any recommendation from an investment professional provided under circumstances where a conflict of interest exists was made solely on the investment merits and without regard to any other consideration.

*As adopted March 11, 2005 and revised June 12, 2009 and January 24, 2014.*

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies

(a)(1) **Portfolio Managers.** The officers of Putnam Management identified below are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio as of the filing date of this report.

<b>Portfolio Leaders</b>	<b>Joined Fund</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Positions Over Past Five Years</b>
Eric Harthun	2008	<b>Putnam Management</b> 2000 – Present	Portfolio Manager
Robert Salvin	2004	<b>Putnam Management</b> 2000 – Present	Portfolio Manager

(a)(2) **Other Accounts Managed by the Fund's Portfolio Managers.**

The following table shows the number and approximate assets of other investment accounts (or portions of investment accounts) that the fund's Portfolio Managers managed as of the fund's most recent fiscal year-end. Unless noted, none of the other accounts pays a fee based on the account's performance.

<b>Portfolio Leader or Member</b>	<b>Other SEC-registered open-end and closed-end funds</b>		<b>Other accounts that pool assets from more than one client</b>		<b>Other accounts (including separate accounts, managed account programs and single-sponsor defined contribution plan offerings)</b>	
	Number of accounts	Assets	Number of accounts	Assets	Number of accounts	Assets
Erik Harthun	6	\$1,766,200,000	2	\$15,300,000	4	\$693,700,000
Robert Salvin	14	\$5,096,200,000	20*	\$4,120,400,000	7	\$1,575,200,000

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- \* 1 account, with total assets of \$68,900,000, pay an advisory fee based on account performance.

Potential conflicts of interest in managing multiple accounts. Like other investment professionals with multiple clients, the fund's Portfolio Managers may face certain potential conflicts of interest in connection with managing both the fund and the other accounts listed under "Other Accounts Managed by the Fund's Portfolio Managers" at the same time. The paragraphs below describe some of these potential conflicts, which Putnam Management believes are faced by investment professionals at most major financial firms. As described below, Putnam Management and the Trustees of the Putnam funds have adopted compliance policies and procedures that attempt to address certain of these potential conflicts.

The management of accounts with different advisory fee rates and/or fee structures, including accounts that pay advisory fees based on account performance ("performance fee accounts"), may raise potential conflicts of interest by creating an incentive to favor higher-fee accounts. These potential conflicts may include, among others:

- The most attractive investments could be allocated to higher-fee accounts or performance fee accounts.
- The trading of higher-fee accounts could be favored as to timing and/or execution price. For example, higher-fee accounts could be permitted to sell securities earlier than other accounts when a prompt sale is desirable or to buy securities at an earlier and more opportune time.
- The trading of other accounts could be used to benefit higher-fee accounts (front- running).
- The investment management team could focus their time and efforts primarily on higher-fee accounts due to a personal stake in compensation.

Putnam Management attempts to address these potential conflicts of interest relating to higher-fee accounts through various compliance policies that are generally intended to place all accounts, regardless of fee structure, on the same footing for investment management purposes. For example, under Putnam Management's policies:

- Performance fee accounts must be included in all standard trading and allocation procedures with all other accounts.
- All accounts must be allocated to a specific category of account and trade in parallel with allocations of similar accounts based on the procedures generally applicable to all accounts in those groups (e.g., based on relative risk budgets of accounts).
- All trading must be effected through Putnam's trading desks and normal queues and procedures must be followed (i.e., no special treatment is permitted for performance fee accounts or higher-fee accounts based on account fee structure).
- Front running is strictly prohibited.
- The fund's Portfolio Manager(s) may not be guaranteed or specifically allocated any portion of a performance fee.

As part of these policies, Putnam Management has also implemented trade oversight and review procedures in order to monitor whether particular accounts (including higher-fee accounts or performance fee accounts) are being favored over time.

Potential conflicts of interest may also arise when the Portfolio Manager(s) have personal investments in other accounts that may create an incentive to favor those accounts. As a general matter and subject to limited exceptions, Putnam Management's investment professionals do not have the opportunity to invest in client accounts, other than the Putnam funds. However, in the ordinary course of business, Putnam Management or related persons may from time to time establish "pilot" or "incubator" funds for the purpose of testing proposed investment strategies and products prior to offering them to clients. These pilot accounts may be in the form of registered investment companies, private funds such as partnerships or separate accounts established by Putnam Management or an affiliate. Putnam Management or an affiliate supplies the funding for these accounts. Putnam employees, including the fund's Portfolio Manager(s), may also invest in certain pilot accounts. Putnam Management, and to the extent applicable, the Portfolio Manager(s) will benefit from the favorable investment performance of those funds and accounts. Pilot funds and accounts may, and frequently do, invest in the same securities as the client accounts. Putnam Management's policy is to treat pilot accounts in the same manner as client accounts for purposes of trading allocation – neither favoring nor disfavoring them except as is legally required. For example, pilot accounts are normally included in Putnam Management's daily block trades to the same extent as client accounts (except that pilot accounts do not participate in initial public offerings).

A potential conflict of interest may arise when the fund and other accounts purchase or sell the same securities. On occasions when the Portfolio Manager(s) consider the purchase or sale of a security to be in the best interests of the fund as well as other accounts, Putnam Management's trading desk may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, aggregate the securities to be sold or purchased in order to obtain the best execution and lower brokerage commissions, if any. Aggregation of trades may create the potential for unfairness to the fund or another account if one account is favored over another in allocating the securities purchased or sold – for example, by allocating a disproportionate amount of a security that is likely to increase in value to a favored account. Putnam Management's trade allocation policies generally provide that each day's transactions in securities that are purchased or sold by multiple accounts are, insofar as possible, averaged as to price and allocated between such accounts (including the fund) in a manner which in Putnam Management's opinion is equitable to each account and in accordance with the amount being purchased or sold by each account. Certain exceptions exist for specialty, regional or sector accounts. Trade allocations are reviewed on a periodic basis as part of Putnam Management's trade oversight procedures in an attempt to ensure fairness over time across accounts.

"Cross trades," in which one Putnam account sells a particular security to another account (potentially saving transaction costs for both accounts), may also pose a potential conflict of interest. Cross trades may be seen to involve a potential conflict of interest if, for example, one account is permitted to sell a security to another account at a higher price than an independent third party would pay, or if such trades result in more attractive investments being allocated to higher-fee accounts. Putnam Management and the fund's Trustees have adopted compliance procedures that provide that any transactions between the fund and another Putnam-advised account are to be made at an independent current market price, as required by law.

Another potential conflict of interest may arise based on the different investment objectives and strategies of the fund and other accounts. For example, another account may have a shorter-term investment horizon or different investment objectives, policies or restrictions than the fund. Depending on another account's objectives or other factors, the Portfolio Manager(s) may give advice and make decisions that may differ from advice given, or the timing or nature of decisions made, with respect to the fund. In addition, investment decisions are the product of many factors in addition to basic suitability for the particular account involved. Thus, a particular security may be bought or sold for certain accounts even though it could have been bought or sold for other accounts at the same time. More rarely, a particular security may be bought for one or more accounts managed by the Portfolio Manager(s) when one or more other accounts are selling the security (including short sales). There may be circumstances when purchases or sales of portfolio securities for one or more accounts may have an adverse effect on other accounts. As noted above, Putnam Management has implemented trade oversight and review procedures to monitor whether any account is systematically favored over time.

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The fund's Portfolio Manager(s) may also face other potential conflicts of interest in managing the fund, and the description above is not a complete description of every conflict that could be deemed to exist in managing both the fund and other accounts.

(a)(3) **Compensation of portfolio managers.** Putnam's goal for our products and investors is to deliver strong performance versus peers or performance ahead of benchmark, depending on the product, over a rolling 3-year period. Portfolio managers are evaluated and compensated, in part, based on their performance relative to this goal across the products they manage. In addition to their individual performance, evaluations take into account the performance of their group and a subjective component.

Each portfolio manager is assigned an industry competitive incentive compensation target consistent with this goal and evaluation framework. Actual incentive compensation may be higher or lower than the target, based on individual, group, and subjective performance, and may also reflect the performance of Putnam as a firm. Typically, performance is measured over the lesser of three years or the length of time a portfolio manager has managed a product.

Incentive compensation includes a cash bonus and may also include grants of deferred cash, stock or options. In addition to incentive compensation, portfolio managers receive fixed annual salaries typically based on level of responsibility and experience.

For this fund, the peer group Putnam compares fund performance against is its broad investment category as determined by Lipper Inc. and identified in the shareholder report included in Item 1.

(a)(4) **Fund ownership.** The following table shows the dollar ranges of shares of the fund owned by the professionals listed above at the end of the fund's last two fiscal years, including investments by their immediate family members and amounts invested through retirement and deferred compensation plans.

\* : Assets in the fund

	Year	\$0	\$0-\$10,000	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$500,000	\$500,001-\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 and over
Harthun, Eric N	2014	*						
	2013	*						
Salvin, Robert L	2014			*				
	2013			*				

(b) Not applicable

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Companies and Affiliated Purchasers:

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Registrant Purchase of Equity Securities

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased</u>	<u>Average Price Paid per Share</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs*</u>	<u>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs**</u>
September 1 – September 30, 2013	132,145	\$7.85	132,145	1,027,410
October 1 – October 7, 2013	—	—	—	1,027,410
October 8 – October 31, 2013	148,300	\$7.98	148,300	1,500,248
November 1 – November 30, 2013	17,159	\$8.24	17,159	1,483,089
December 1 – December 31, 2013	19,003	\$8.24	19,003	1,464,086
January 1 – January 31, 2014	43,911	\$8.32	43,911	1,420,175
February 1 – February 28, 2014	58,973	\$8.39	58,973	1,361,202
March 1 – March 31, 2014	84,941	\$8.43	84,941	1,276,261
April 1 – April 30, 2014	63,617	\$8.38	63,617	1,212,644
May 1 – May 31, 2014	—	—	—	1,212,644
June 1 – June 30, 2014	20,548	\$8.71	20,548	1,192,096
July 1 – July 31, 2014	62,257	\$8.66	62,257	1,129,839
August 1 – August 31, 2014	98,904	\$8.54	98,904	1,030,935

\* In October 2005, the Board of Trustees of the Putnam Funds initiated the closed-end fund share repurchase program, which, as subsequently amended, authorized the fund to repurchase of up to 10% of its fund's outstanding common shares over the two-years ending October 5, 2007. The Trustees have subsequently renewed the program on an annual basis. The program renewed by the Board in September 2012, which was in effect between October 8, 2012 and October 7, 2013, allowed the fund to repurchase up to 1,717,097 of its shares. The program renewed by the Board in September 2013, which is in effect between October 8, 2013 and October 7, 2014, allows the fund to repurchase up to 1,648,548 of its shares.

\*\* Information prior to October 7, 2013 is based on the total number of shares eligible for repurchase under the program, as amended through September 2012. Information from October 8, 2013 forward is based on the total number of shares eligible for repurchase under the program, as amended through September 2013.

In September 2014, the Trustees approved the renewal of the repurchase program of the fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares over the 12-month period ending October 7, 2015 (based on shares outstanding as of October 7, 2014).

Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders:

Not applicable

Item 11. Controls and Procedures:

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the design and operation of such procedures are generally effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting: Not applicable

Item 12. Exhibits:

(a)(1) The Code of Ethics of The Putnam Funds, which incorporates the Code of Ethics of Putnam Investments, is filed herewith.

(a)(2) Separate certifications for the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

(b) The certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Putnam High Income Securities Fund

By (Signature and Title):

/s/Janet C. Smith  
Janet C. Smith  
Principal Accounting Officer

Date: October 28, 2014

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title):

/s/Jonathan S. Horwitz  
Jonathan S. Horwitz  
Principal Executive Officer

Date: October 28, 2014

By (Signature and Title):

/s/Steven D. Krichmar  
Steven D. Krichmar  
Principal Financial Officer

Date October 28, 2014