PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number:	(811-05452)
Exact name of registrant as specified in charter:	Putnam Premier Income Trust
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Date of fiscal year end:	July 31, 2012
Date of reporting period:	October 31, 2011

Item 1. Schedule of Investments:

Putnam Premier Income Trust

The fund's portfolio
10/31/11 (Unaudited)

CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (31.9%)[(a)]

	Principal amount	Value

FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 10/31/11 (aggregate face value $640,274,519) (Unaudited)

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Bank of America, N.A.						
	Australian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	$742,259	$677,132	$(65,127)
	Brazilian Real	Buy	11/16/11	772,355	713,680	58,675
	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	1,091,291	1,052,839	(38,452)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	1,984,375	1,888,527	(95,848)
	Chilean Peso	Buy	11/16/11	125,887	115,806	10,081
	Czech Koruna	Buy	11/16/11	576,297	549,120	27,177
	Euro	Buy	11/16/11	3,946,445	3,817,871	128,574
	Hungarian Forint	Buy	11/16/11	39,195	38,011	1,184
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	3,304,429	3,315,337	10,908
	Mexican Peso	Sell	11/16/11	347,642	335,960	(11,682)
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	11/16/11	623,235	590,838	(32,397)
	Russian Ruble	Buy	11/16/11	14,510	13,367	1,143
	Singapore Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	503,584	482,109	21,475
	South African Rand	Sell	11/16/11	37,110	36,561	(549)
	South Korean Won	Sell	11/16/11	26,995	24,909	(2,086)
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	1,794,645	1,699,135	(95,510)
	Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	1,976,020	1,896,959	79,061
	Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	1,439,225	1,402,672	(36,553)
	Turkish Lira	Sell	11/16/11	696,984	647,996	(48,988)
Barclays Bank PLC						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	7,529,173	7,784,882	(255,709)
	Brazilian Real	Buy	11/16/11	783,850	721,786	62,064

	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	10,506,005	10,255,802	(250,203)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	6,530,554	6,447,207	(83,347)
	Chilean Peso	Sell	11/16/11	4,524	4,159	(365)
	Czech Koruna	Buy	11/16/11	678,509	646,046	32,463
	Euro	Buy	11/16/11	1,509,126	1,258,498	250,628
	Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	2,472,788	2,491,798	19,010
	Indian Rupee	Sell	11/16/11	3,466,313	3,400,820	(65,493)
	Indonesian Rupiah	Sell	11/16/11	601,851	571,310	(30,541)
	Japanese Yen	Buy	11/16/11	1,950,530	1,896,704	53,826
	Malaysian Ringgit	Buy	11/16/11	126,493	120,997	5,496
	Mexican Peso	Sell	11/16/11	525,989	477,812	(48,177)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	251,833	236,512	15,321
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	8,895,077	8,764,359	130,718
	Polish Zloty	Buy	11/16/11	109,253	142,251	(32,998)
	Russian Ruble	Buy	11/16/11	14,510	13,338	1,172
	Singapore Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	279,247	266,982	12,265
	South Korean Won	Buy	11/16/11	1,463,682	1,455,525	8,157
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	8,696,068	8,393,526	(302,542)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	11/16/11	3,360,670	3,225,150	(135,520)
	Taiwan Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	496,889	534,283	(37,394)
	Thai Baht	Sell	11/16/11	114,541	112,449	(2,092)
	Turkish Lira	Buy	11/16/11	1,479,181	1,376,875	102,306
Citibank, N.A.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	13,301,542	12,898,219	403,323
	Brazilian Real	Sell	11/16/11	2,320,431	2,138,988	(181,443)
	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	7,189,530	7,041,110	(148,420)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	9,735,330	9,573,453	(161,877)
	Chilean Peso	Sell	11/16/11	456,512	419,421	(37,091)
	Czech Koruna	Sell	11/16/11	551,064	527,904	(23,160)
	Danish Krone	Buy	11/16/11	497,070	477,398	19,672
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	9,889,148	9,805,094	(84,054)
	Hungarian Forint	Buy	11/16/11	214,833	208,618	6,215
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	6,837,972	6,971,521	133,549
	Mexican Peso	Buy	11/16/11	513,631	497,334	16,297
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	35,549	33,374	2,175
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	946,310	897,149	49,161
	Polish Zloty	Buy	11/16/11	1,844,551	1,752,020	92,531
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	823,395	787,980	(35,415)
	South African Rand	Sell	11/16/11	1,250,762	1,232,537	(18,225)
	South Korean Won	Buy	11/16/11	111,825	103,181	8,644
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	350,840	332,486	(18,354)
	Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	1,639,429	1,573,388	66,041
	Taiwan Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	527,831	562,401	(34,570)
	Turkish Lira	Buy	11/16/11	560,766	521,954	38,812
Credit Suisse AG						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	13,600,024	13,493,380	106,644
	Brazilian Real	Sell	11/16/11	1,087,787	1,004,073	(83,714)
	British Pound	Buy	11/16/11	710,272	522,040	188,232
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	15,677,522	15,294,548	(382,974)
	Chilean Peso	Buy	11/16/11	18,119	16,651	1,468
	Czech Koruna	Buy	11/16/11	74,013	70,564	3,449
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	15,071,339	14,964,522	(106,817)
	Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	1,375,297	1,334,044	(41,253)
	Indian Rupee	Sell	11/16/11	2,413,396	2,367,322	(46,074)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	1,187,343	1,276,024	88,681
	Malaysian Ringgit	Buy	11/16/11	87,477	83,611	3,866
	Mexican Peso	Buy	11/16/11	1,030,117	1,009,611	20,506
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	9,402,971	9,618,266	(215,295)
	Polish Zloty	Sell	11/16/11	449,381	430,580	(18,801)
	Russian Ruble	Sell	11/16/11	3,022	2,778	(244)
	South African Rand	Buy	11/16/11	1,083,511	1,074,353	9,158
	South Korean Won	Sell	11/16/11	852,471	795,323	(57,148)

	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	4,350,686	4,582,980	232,294
	Swiss Franc	Sell	11/16/11	2,024,788	1,941,546	(83,242)
	Taiwan Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	382,785	422,657	(39,872)
	Turkish Lira	Sell	11/16/11	381,208	354,675	(26,533)
Deutsche Bank AG						
	Australian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	7,348,947	6,563,082	(785,865)
	Brazilian Real	Buy	11/16/11	1,037,741	960,968	76,773
	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	1,874,872	1,808,345	(66,527)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	1,631,247	1,859,781	228,534
	Chilean Peso	Sell	11/16/11	115,660	106,369	(9,291)
	Czech Koruna	Sell	11/16/11	819,458	781,062	(38,396)
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	859,018	1,031,270	172,252
	Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	167,600	162,508	(5,092)
	Malaysian Ringgit	Sell	11/16/11	425,791	407,480	(18,311)
	Mexican Peso	Sell	11/16/11	35,899	34,139	(1,760)
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	996,746	936,341	(60,405)
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	234,308	406,291	(171,983)
	Peruvian New Sol	Sell	11/16/11	1,931,965	1,872,939	(59,026)
	Polish Zloty	Buy	11/16/11	2,026,702	1,948,176	78,526
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	859,895	822,716	(37,179)
	South Korean Won	Buy	11/16/11	1,640,889	1,619,384	21,505
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	2,385,689	2,257,013	(128,676)
	Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	1,766,363	1,694,634	71,729
	Taiwan Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	1,320,227	1,336,824	(16,597)
	Turkish Lira	Sell	11/16/11	646,881	600,597	(46,284)
Goldman Sachs International						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	8,177,795	8,195,638	(17,843)
	British Pound	Buy	11/16/11	4,424,326	4,267,636	156,690
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	4,526,071	4,484,564	(41,507)
	Chilean Peso	Sell	11/16/11	682,218	626,824	(55,394)
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	371,471	357,988	(13,483)
	Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	1,023,130	992,963	(30,167)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	478,336	487,608	9,272
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	4,357,587	4,385,527	(27,940)
	Polish Zloty	Buy	11/16/11	534,617	514,607	20,010
	South African Rand	Sell	11/16/11	94,139	92,628	(1,511)
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	2,423,145	2,296,179	(126,966)
	Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	186,071	178,470	7,601
HSBC Bank USA, National Association						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	14,880,147	14,484,435	395,712
	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	5,037,638	4,854,309	(183,329)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	6,129,537	6,142,443	12,906
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	16,122,249	15,823,774	(298,475)
	Indian Rupee	Sell	11/16/11	2,430,672	2,382,927	(47,745)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	253,482	258,567	5,085
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	32,479	30,491	(1,988)
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	11/16/11	6,374,377	6,037,885	(336,492)
	Singapore Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	1,318,851	1,262,088	56,763
	South Korean Won	Sell	11/16/11	1,413,402	1,301,229	(112,173)
	Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	2,000,062	1,918,088	81,974
	Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	233,500	227,554	(5,946)
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	9,051,883	9,531,941	(480,058)
	Brazilian Real	Sell	11/16/11	1,158,097	1,065,716	(92,381)
	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	491,467	623,754	132,287
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	7,525,599	7,276,911	(248,688)
	Chilean Peso	Buy	11/16/11	156,719	143,967	12,752
	Czech Koruna	Sell	11/16/11	643,060	613,320	(29,740)
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	9,174,430	9,385,578	211,148
	Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	2,478,618	2,498,162	19,544
	Japanese Yen	Buy	11/16/11	1,104,408	1,005,936	98,472
	Malaysian Ringgit	Sell	11/16/11	871,351	832,840	(38,511)

Mexican Peso	Buy	11/16/11	220,235	213,259	6,976
New Zealand Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	161,910	151,883	10,027
Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	956,592	904,581	52,011
Peruvian New Sol	Sell	11/16/11	424,746	413,470	(11,276)
Polish Zloty	Sell	11/16/11	3,447,742	3,275,649	(172,093)
Russian Ruble	Sell	11/16/11	796,934	732,515	(64,419)
Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	177,876	170,064	(7,812)
South African Rand	Buy	11/16/11	551,904	557,651	(5,747)
South Korean Won	Buy	11/16/11	1,028,695	1,056,353	(27,658)
Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	1,262,091	1,193,153	(68,938)
Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	2,492,871	2,391,561	101,310
Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	2,051,150	2,001,664	(49,486)
Thai Baht	Sell	11/16/11	108,866	106,810	(2,056)
Turkish Lira	Sell	11/16/11	387,858	360,126	(27,732)
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC (The)					
Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	14,592,579	14,993,557	(400,978)
Brazilian Real	Sell	11/16/11	1,347,600	1,237,920	(109,680)
British Pound	Buy	11/16/11	6,419,774	6,136,794	282,980
Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	3,339,217	2,906,899	(432,318)
Chilean Peso	Buy	11/16/11	56,735	52,104	4,631
Czech Koruna	Sell	11/16/11	757,786	722,222	(35,564)
Euro	Sell	11/16/11	17,103,983	16,864,338	(239,645)
Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	2,886,404	2,904,833	18,429
Indian Rupee	Sell	11/16/11	2,076,980	2,038,147	(38,833)
Japanese Yen	Buy	11/16/11	4,645,730	4,395,597	250,133
Malaysian Ringgit	Buy	11/16/11	632,336	608,061	24,275
Mexican Peso	Buy	11/16/11	126,695	123,364	3,331
New Zealand Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	613,302	576,058	37,244
Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	12,111,433	12,404,500	(293,067)
Polish Zloty	Sell	11/16/11	951,002	903,268	(47,734)
Russian Ruble	Sell	11/16/11	3,026	2,782	(244)
Singapore Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	151,020	144,867	6,153
South African Rand	Sell	11/16/11	179,047	176,681	(2,366)
South Korean Won	Sell	11/16/11	811,667	748,492	(63,175)
Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	3,665,550	3,465,802	(199,748)
Swiss Franc	Sell	11/16/11	6,838,930	6,562,432	(276,498)
Taiwan Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	157,042	199,188	(42,146)
Turkish Lira	Sell	11/16/11	70,110	65,266	(4,844)
State Street Bank and Trust Co.					
Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	21,067,648	20,614,847	452,801
Brazilian Real	Sell	11/16/11	258,071	237,329	(20,742)
British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	8,740,294	8,616,422	(123,872)
Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	4,193,202	3,868,773	(324,429)
Czech Koruna	Buy	11/16/11	616,397	587,719	28,678
Euro	Sell	11/16/11	22,252,693	22,235,221	(17,472)
Hungarian Forint	Buy	11/16/11	422,772	409,694	13,078
Indonesian Rupiah	Sell	11/16/11	1,239,160	1,183,883	(55,277)
Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	4,086,441	4,335,117	248,676
Malaysian Ringgit	Buy	11/16/11	80,182	76,841	3,341
Mexican Peso	Sell	11/16/11	1,435,002	1,390,286	(44,716)
Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	16,360,712	16,594,039	(233,327)
Polish Zloty	Buy	11/16/11	471,294	486,664	(15,370)
Russian Ruble	Buy	11/16/11	14,510	13,337	1,173
Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	265,061	271,668	6,607
South African Rand	Sell	11/16/11	658,353	648,334	(10,019)
South Korean Won	Sell	11/16/11	2,029	1,873	(156)
Swedish Krona	Buy	11/16/11	2,384,187	2,468,839	(84,652)
Swiss Franc	Buy	11/16/11	3,282,162	3,148,259	133,903
Taiwan Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	290,232	234,670	(55,562)
Thai Baht	Buy	11/16/11	1,123,858	1,106,865	16,993
Turkish Lira	Sell	11/16/11	1,912,296	1,814,372	(97,924)
Turkish Lira	Buy	11/16/11	1,885,074	1,833,038	52,036

UBS AG						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	12,507,414	12,571,184	(63,770)
	Brazilian Real	Sell	11/16/11	1,212,265	1,118,551	(93,714)
	British Pound	Sell	11/16/11	11,283,156	11,240,427	(42,729)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	986,671	673,546	(313,125)
	Czech Koruna	Buy	11/16/11	367,445	350,377	17,068
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	11,972,013	12,053,494	81,481
	Hungarian Forint	Sell	11/16/11	721,341	699,919	(21,422)
	Indian Rupee	Sell	11/16/11	3,069,650	3,020,149	(49,501)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	11/16/11	5,356,465	5,523,870	167,405
	Mexican Peso	Buy	11/16/11	86,345	83,624	2,721
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	161,990	152,139	(9,851)
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	13,030,020	13,307,899	(277,879)
	Polish Zloty	Buy	11/16/11	164,068	170,793	(6,725)
	Russian Ruble	Sell	11/16/11	3,029	2,789	(240)
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	228,322	245,923	17,601
	South African Rand	Buy	11/16/11	1,070,847	1,053,059	17,788
	South Korean Won	Sell	11/16/11	339,872	313,732	(26,140)
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	640,490	601,557	(38,933)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	11/16/11	1,268,427	1,217,344	(51,083)
	Taiwan Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	1,003,710	1,028,933	(25,223)
	Thai Baht	Sell	11/16/11	114,544	112,632	(1,912)
	Turkish Lira	Buy	11/16/11	16,795	61,061	(44,266)
Westpac Banking Corp.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	9,724,388	9,732,665	(8,277)
	British Pound	Buy	11/16/11	2,847,195	2,759,237	87,958
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	11/16/11	6,184,597	6,062,121	(122,476)
	Euro	Sell	11/16/11	12,291,132	12,220,149	(70,983)
	Japanese Yen	Buy	11/16/11	6,517,957	6,507,462	10,495
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	11/16/11	9,938	9,327	611
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	11/16/11	775,989	735,952	40,037
	Swedish Krona	Sell	11/16/11	2,011,422	1,906,320	(105,102)
	Swiss Franc	Sell	11/16/11	96,739	92,839	(3,900)
Total						**$(5,646,796)**

FUTURES CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/11 (Unaudited)

	Number of contracts	Value	Expiration date	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Australian Government Treasury Bond 10 yr (Short)	16	$1,882,371	Dec-11	$4,872
Canadian Government Bond 10 yr (Long)	96	12,646,862	Dec-11	52,539
Euro-Bobl 5 yr (Short)	8	1,354,255	Dec-11	2,408
Euro-Bund 10 yr (Long)	214	40,114,266	Dec-11	(457,727)

Euro-Schatz 2 yr (Short)	224	33,999,834	Dec-11	68,749
Euro-Swiss Franc 3 Month (Short)	36	10,250,854	Dec-11	(62,619)
Euro-Swiss Franc 3 Month (Short)	87	24,792,720	Jun-12	(286,407)
Euro-Swiss Franc 3 Month (Short)	87	24,792,720	Dec-12	(373,556)
Euro-Swiss Franc 3 Month (Short)	87	24,785,287	Mar-12	(220,503)
Japanese Government Bond 10 yr (Long)	22	39,975,953	Dec-11	(191,480)
Japanese Government Bond 10 yr Mini (Long)	16	2,910,207	Dec-11	(10,110)
U.K. Gilt 10 yr (Long)	37	7,635,245	Dec-11	63,778
U.S. Treasury Bond 30 yr (Long)	18	2,502,563	Dec-11	27,528
U.S. Treasury Bond 30 yr (Long)	91	13,866,125	Dec-11	882,100
U.S. Treasury Note 10 yr (Long)	995	128,417,188	Dec-11	(347,891)
Total				**$(848,319)**

WRITTEN OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/11 (premiums received $92,750,846) (Unaudited)

	Contract amount	Expiration date/ strike price	Value
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.375% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2045.	$7,284,400	Aug-15/4.375	$528,191
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.375% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2045.	7,284,400	Aug-15/4.375	1,806,269
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.46% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2045.	7,284,400	Aug-15/4.46	497,087
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.46% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2045.	7,284,400	Aug-15/4.46	1,888,437
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.7975% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing October 2021.	5,585,000	Oct-16/2.7975	143,088
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.5625% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing October 2021.	13,964,000	Oct-16/2.5625	298,690
	64,500,748	Aug-16/5.35	1,988,236

Option on an interest rate swap with Bank of America, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 5.35% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.			
Option on an interest rate swap with Bank of America, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.35% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	64,500,748	Aug-16/4.35	7,238,983
Option on an interest rate swap with Bank of America, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.28% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	27,536,670	Aug-16/4.28	1,434,385
Option on an interest rate swap with Bank of America, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.28% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	27,536,670	Aug-16/4.28	2,985,801
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.68% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	18,053,080	Aug-16/4.68	769,061
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.68% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	18,053,080	Aug-16/4.68	2,332,295
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.67% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	15,044,234	Jul-16/4.67	643,592
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.67% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	15,044,234	Jul-16/4.67	1,935,320
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.80% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	15,044,234	Jul-16/4.80	602,822
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.80% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2026.	15,044,234	Jul-16/4.80	2,052,079
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.80% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	6,017,693	Jul-16/4.80	240,768
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.80% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	6,017,693	Jul-16/4.80	820,813
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.815% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	15,044,234	Jul-16/4.815	597,106
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.815% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	15,044,234	Jul-16/4.815	2,065,829
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.79% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	8,457,241	Jul-16/4.79	339,643
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of	8,457,241	Jul-16/4.79	1,149,770

4.79% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.			
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.74% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	15,141,557	Jul-16/4.74	622,621
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.74% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2026.	15,141,557	Jul-16/4.74	2,012,222
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.815% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2026.	13,521,750	Jun-16/4.815	525,050
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.815% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2026.	13,521,750	Jun-16/4.815	1,866,245
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 5.12% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	4,622,106	Jun-16/5.12	84,261
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.89% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	4,548,270	Jun-16/4.89	91,347
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.575% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	4,519,392	Jun-16/4.575	104,669
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.12% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	4,622,106	Jun-16/4.12	274,692
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.39% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	4,548,270	Jun-16/4.39	308,755
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.575% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	4,519,392	Jun-16/4.575	334,164
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.705% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing May 2021.	71,799,174	May-16/4.705	1,544,400
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.705% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing May 2021.	71,799,174	May-16/4.705	5,645,066
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.04% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing September 2025.	96,509,800	Sep-15/4.04	4,857,338
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.04% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing September 2025.	96,509,800	Sep-15/4.04	9,359,134
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclays Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 5.36% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing February 2025.	4,389,140	Feb-15/5.36	88,511
	4,389,140	Feb-15/5.36	825,676

Option on an interest rate swap with Barclays Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 5.36% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing February 2025.			
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 5.27% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing February 2025.	14,006,560	Feb-15/5.27	296,267
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 5.27% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing February 2025.	14,006,560	Feb-15/5.27	2,544,712
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.20% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2024.	11,155,187	Aug-14/4.20	358,862
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.20% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2024.	11,155,187	Aug-14/4.20	1,294,303
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.19% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,295,989	Jul-14/4.19	299,303
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.19% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,295,989	Jul-14/4.19	1,074,635
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.34% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	3,718,396	Jul-14/4.34	108,849
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.35% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,295,989	Jul-14/4.35	270,402
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.34% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	3,718,396	Jul-14/4.34	465,711
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.35% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,295,989	Jul-14/4.35	1,170,430
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.3725% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,296,013	Jul-14/4.3725	265,634
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.3725% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,296,013	Jul-14/4.3725	1,186,543
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.36% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	5,225,818	Jul-14/4.36	149,986
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.36% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	5,225,818	Jul-14/4.36	662,670
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of	9,356,126	Jul-14/4.29	280,478

4.29% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.			
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.29% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2024.	9,356,126	Jul-14/4.29	1,143,524
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.82% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing September 2018.	38,999,000	Sep-13/4.82	4,777,534
Option on an interest rate swap with Credit Suisse International for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 2.855% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2022.	74,503,300	Aug-12/2.855	1,925,910
Option on an interest rate swap with Credit Suisse International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.855% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2022.	74,503,300	Aug-12/2.855	3,718,460
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 2.73% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA August 2022.	21,595,000	Aug-12/2.73	647,202
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.73% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing August 2022.	21,595,000	Aug-12/2.73	925,994
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.6825% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2022.	3,304,000	Jul-12/2.6825	133,382
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.6075% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2022.	23,283,000	Jul-12/2.6075	846,337
Option on an interest rate swap with Credit Suisse International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.6075% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2022.	23,283,000	Jul-12/2.6075	846,337
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.61875% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing July 2022.	23,283,000	Jul-12/2.61875	859,143
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 5.51% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing May 2022.	19,551,000	May-12/5.51	5,307,705
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.60% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.	4,547,000	Apr-12/2.60	157,826
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.498% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.	22,408,000	Apr-12/2.498	652,969
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.498% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.	22,408,000	Apr-12/2.498	652,969
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.8675% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.	14,182,400	Apr-12/4.8675	2,411
	22,408,000	Apr-12/2.4275	576,334

Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4275% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.				
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4275% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.		22,408,000	Apr-12/2.4275	576,334
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4275% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.		22,408,000	Apr-12/2.4275	576,334
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4275% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.		22,408,000	Apr-12/2.4275	576,334
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4275% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.		22,408,000	Apr-12/2.4275	576,334
Option on an interest rate swap with Credit Suisse International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4275% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.		22,408,000	Apr-12/2.4275	576,334
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.8675% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing April 2022.		14,182,400	Apr-12/4.8675	3,071,341
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.52% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing January 2022.		4,345,000	Jan-12/2.52	117,402
Option on an interest rate swap with UBS AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 0.722% versus the six month CHF-LIBOR-BBA maturing January 2014.	CHF	36,660,000	Jan-12/0.722	495,399
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.4475% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing January 2022.		19,168,000	Jan-12/2.4475	428,405
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.453% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing January 2022.		19,168,000	Jan-12/2.453	433,964
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.46325% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing January 2022.		19,168,000	Jan-12/2.46325	441,822
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 2.28% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.		42,713,808	Dec-11/2.28	3,844
Option on an interest rate swap with Barclay's Bank PLC for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.28% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.		42,713,808	Dec-11/2.28	1,898,629
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 1.29% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.		51,335,564	Dec-11/1.29	214,069
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 1.29% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA		51,335,564	Dec-11/1.29	404,011

maturing December 2016.			
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 2.225% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.	28,001,245	Dec-11/2.225	1,680
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.225% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.	28,001,245	Dec-11/2.225	1,182,493
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 2.24% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.	25,800,117	Dec-11/2.24	1,290
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 2.24% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing December 2016.	25,800,117	Dec-11/2.24	1,109,921
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.82% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing September 2018.	38,999,000	Sep-13/4.82	167,540
Option on an interest rate swap with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 5.51% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing May 2022.	19,551,000	May-12/5.51	1,369
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 5.11% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	24,502,934	May-16/5.11	447,424
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.86% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	24,125,492	May-16/4.86	489,603
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.60% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	24,005,421	May-16/4.60	547,324
Option on an interest rate swap with Citibank, N.A. for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.11% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	24,502,934	May-16/4.11	1,448,834
Option on an interest rate swap with Goldman Sachs International for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.36% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	24,125,492	May-16/4.36	1,614,671
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.60% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing June 2021.	24,005,421	May-16/4.60	1,795,197
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to receive a fixed rate of 4.765% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing May 2021.	44,321,532	May-16/4.765	931,461
Option on an interest rate swap with Deutsche Bank AG for the obligation to pay a fixed rate of 4.765% versus the three month USD-LIBOR-BBA maturing May 2021.	44,321,532	May-16/4.765	3,572,537
Total			**$118,207,138**

TBA SALE COMMITMENTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/11 (proceeds receivable $6,076,171) (Unaudited)

Agency	Principal amount	Settlement date	Value
Federal National Mortgage Association, 3 1/2s, November 1, 2041	$6,000,000	11/14/11	$6,100,781
Total			**$6,100,781**

INTEREST RATE SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/11 (Unaudited)

TOTAL RETURN SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/11 (Unaudited)

CREDIT DEFAULT CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 10/31/11 (Unaudited)

Key to holding's currency abbreviations

ARS	Argentine Peso
AUD	Australian Dollar
BRL	Brazilian Real
CAD	Canadian Dollar
CHF	Swiss Franc
CLP	Chilean Peso
EUR	Euro
GBP	British Pound
INR	Indian Rupee
JPY	Japanese Yen
KRW	South Korean Won
MXN	Mexican Peso
PEN	Peruvian Neuvo Sol
RUB	Russian Ruble
SEK	Swedish Krona
TRY	Turkish Lira

Key to holding's abbreviations

EMTN	Euro Medium Term Notes
FRB	Floating Rate Bonds
FRN	Floating Rate Notes
IFB	Inverse Floating Rate Bonds
IO	Interest Only
MTN	Medium Term Notes
OAO	Open Joint Stock Company

OJSC	Open Joint Stock Company
PO	Principal Only
TBA	To Be Announced Commitments

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 August 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 (the reporting period).

(a) Percentages indicated are based on net assets of $814,190,807.

(b) The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is $1,078,515,700, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of $51,152,388 and $71,127,268, respectively, or net unrealized depreciation of $19,974,880.

(NON) Non-income-producing security.

(STP) 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.

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

(SEG) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the broker to cover margin requirements for futures contracts at the close of the reporting period.

(SEGSF) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the custodian for collateral on certain derivatives contracts at the close of the reporting period.

(c) 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. 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.

(e) The fund invested in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund, an open-end management investment company managed by Putnam Investment Management, LLC

(Putnam Management), the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC. Investments in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund are valued at its closing net asset value each business day. Income distributions earned by the fund are recorded as interest income and totaled $19,291 for the reporting period. During the reporting period, cost of purchases and proceeds of sales of investments in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund aggregated $142,015,343 and $160,221,016, respectively. Management fees charged to Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund have been waived by Putnam Management. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.

(F) Is valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for Accounting Standards Codification ASC 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) based on the securities' valuation inputs.

(R) Real Estate Investment Trust.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling $478,533,553 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 rates shown on FRB and FRN are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period.

IFB are securities that pay interest rates that vary inversely to changes in the market interest rates. As interest rates rise, inverse floaters produce less current income. The rates shown are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period.

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

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. If no sales are reported— as in the case of some securities traded over-the-counter— a security is valued at its last reported bid price and is generally categorized as a Level 2 security.

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 considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities and ratings). These securities will generally be categorized as Level 2.

Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the 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 Depository Receipts, exchange-traded funds and futures contracts. These securities, which will generally represent a transfer from a Level 1 to a Level 2 security, will be classified as Level 2. 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.

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. 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. Certain securities may be valued on the basis of a price provided by a single source. 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.

Stripped securities: The fund may invest in stripped securities which represent a participation in securities that may be structured in classes with rights to receive different portions of the interest and principal. Interest-only securities receive all of the interest and principal-only securities receive all of the principal. If the interest-only securities experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the fund may fail to recoup fully its initial investment in these securities. Conversely, principal-only securities increase in value if prepayments are greater than anticipated and decline if prepayments are slower than anticipated. The market value of these securities is highly sensitive to changes in interest rates.

Futures contracts: The fund uses futures contracts to hedge interest rate risk.

The potential risk to the fund is that the change in value of futures contracts may not correspond to the change in value of the hedged instruments. In addition, losses may arise from changes in the value of the underlying instruments if there is an illiquid secondary market for the contracts, if interest or exchange rates move unexpectedly or if the counterparty to the contract is unable to perform. With futures, there is minimal counterparty credit risk to the fund since futures are exchange traded and the exchange’s clearinghouse, as counterparty to all exchange traded futures, guarantees the futures against default. When the contract is closed, 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.

Futures contracts are valued at the quoted daily settlement prices established by the exchange on which they trade. The fund and the broker agree to exchange an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in the value of the futures contract. Such receipts or payments are known as “variation margin”. The fund had an average number of contracts of approximately 3,000 on futures contracts for the reporting period.

Options contracts: The fund uses options contracts to hedge duration, convexity and prepayment risk, and to gain exposure to interest rates.

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

Exchange traded options are valued at the last sale price or, if no sales are reported, the last bid price for purchased options and the last ask price for written options. Options traded over-the-counter are valued using prices supplied by dealers. The fund had an average contract amount of approximately 2,409,200,000 on purchased options contracts for the reporting period. Outstanding contracts on purchased options contracts at the close of the reporting period are indicative of the volume of activity during the reporting period. Outstanding contracts on written options contracts at the close of the reporting period are indicative of the volume of activity during the reporting period.

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 and to gain exposure on currency. The U.S. dollar value of forward currency contracts is determined using current forward currency exchange rates supplied by a quotation service. The market value of the contract will fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates. The contract is marked to market daily and the change in market 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. Outstanding forward currency contracts at the close of the reporting period are indicative of the volume of activity during the reporting period.

Total return swap contracts: The fund enters into total return swap contracts, which are arrangements to exchange a market linked return for a periodic payment, both based on a notional principal amount to hedge sector exposure, to manage exposure to specific sectors or industries, to manage exposure to credit risk, to gain exposure to specific markets/countries, and to gain exposure to specific sectors/industries. To the extent that the total return of the security, index or other financial measure underlying the transaction exceeds or falls short of the offsetting interest rate obligation, the fund will receive a payment from or make a payment to the counterparty. Total return swap contracts are marked to market daily based upon quotations from an independent pricing service or market makers and the change, if any, is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss. Payments received or made are recorded as realized gains or losses. Certain total return swap contracts may include extended effective dates. Payments related to these swap contracts are accrued based on the terms of the contract. The fund could be exposed to credit or market risk due to unfavorable changes in the fluctuation of interest rates or in the price of the underlying security or index, the possibility that there is no liquid market for these agreements or that the counterparty may default on its obligation to perform. The fund’s maximum risk of loss from counterparty risk is the fair value of the contract. This risk may be mitigated by having a master netting arrangement between the fund and the counterparty. The fund had an average notional amount of approximately $338,000,000 on total return swap contracts for the reporting period.

Interest rate swap contracts: The fund enters into interest rate swap contracts, which are arrangements between two parties to exchange cash flows based on a notional principal amount, to hedge interest rate risk and to gain exposure on interest rates. An interest rate swap can be purchased or sold with an upfront premium. An upfront payment received by the fund is recorded as a liability on the fund's books. An upfront payment made by the fund is recorded as an asset on the fund's books. Interest rate swap contracts are marked to market daily based upon quotations from an independent pricing service or market makers and the change, if any, is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss. Payments received or made are recorded as realized gains or losses. Certain interest rate swap contracts may include extended effective dates. Payments related to these swap contracts are accrued based on the terms of the contract. The fund could be exposed to credit or market risk due to unfavorable changes in the fluctuation of interest rates or if the counterparty defaults on its obligation to perform. The fund’s maximum risk of loss from counterparty risk is the fair value of the contract. This risk may be mitigated by having a master netting arrangement between the fund and the counterparty. The fund had an average notional amount of approximately $10,947,800,000 on interest rate swap contracts for the reporting period.

Credit default contracts: The fund enters into credit default contracts to hedge credit risk and to gain exposure on individual names and/or baskets of securities. In a credit default contract, the protection buyer typically makes an up front payment and a periodic stream of payments to a counterparty, the protection seller, in exchange for the right to receive a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event on the reference obligation or all other equally ranked obligations of the reference entity. Credit events are contract specific but may include bankruptcy, failure to pay, restructuring and obligation acceleration. An upfront payment received by the fund, as the protection seller, is recorded as a liability on the fund’s books. An upfront payment made by the fund, as the protection buyer, is recorded as an asset on the fund’s books. Periodic payments received or paid by the fund are recorded as realized gains or losses. The credit default contracts are marked to market daily based upon quotations from an independent pricing service or market makers and the change, if any, is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss. Upon the occurrence of a credit event, the difference between the par value and market value of the reference obligation, net of any proportional amount of the upfront payment, is recorded as a realized gain or loss.

In addition to bearing the risk that the credit event will occur, the fund could be exposed to market risk due to unfavorable changes in interest rates or in the price of the underlying security or index or the possibility that the fund may be unable to close out its position at the same time or at the same price as if it had purchased the underlying reference obligations. In certain circumstances, the fund may enter into offsetting credit default contracts which would mitigate its risk of loss. The fund’s maximum risk of loss from counterparty risk, either as the protection seller or as the protection buyer, is the fair value of the contract. This risk may be mitigated by having a master netting arrangement between the fund and the counterparty. Where the fund is a seller of protection, the maximum potential amount of future payments the fund may be required to make is equal to the notional amount of the relevant credit default contract. Outstanding notional amount on credit default swap contracts at the close of the reporting period are indicative of the volume of activity during the reporting period.

Master agreements: The fund is a party to ISDA (International Swap and Derivatives Association, Inc.) Master Agreements (Master Agreements) with certain counterparties that govern over the counter 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, are presented in the fund's portfolio. Collateral posted to the fund which cannot be sold or repledged totaled $23,986,761 at the close of the reporting period. 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 $152,738,902 on derivative contracts subject to the Master Agreements. Collateral posted by the fund totaled $140,274,407.

TBA purchase commitments: The fund may enter into "TBA" (to be announced) commitments to purchase securities for a fixed unit price at a future date beyond customary settlement time. Although the unit price has been established, the principal value has not been finalized. However ,it is anticipated that the amount of the commitments will not significantly differ from the principal amount. The fund holds, and maintains until settlement date, cash or high-grade debt obligations in an amount sufficient to meet the purchase price, or the fund may enter into offsetting contracts for the forward sale of other securities it owns. Income on the securities will not be earned until settlement date. TBA purchase commitments may be considered securities themselves, and involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to the settlement date, which risk is in addition to the risk of decline in the value of the fund's other assets. Unsettled TBA purchase commitments are valued at fair value of the underlying securities, according to the procedures described under "Security valuation" above. The contract is marked to market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the fund as an unrealized gain or loss.

Although the fund will generally enter into TBA purchase commitments with the intention of acquiring securities for its portfolio or for delivery pursuant to options contracts it has entered into, the fund may dispose of a commitment prior to settlement if Putnam Management deems it appropriate to do so.

TBA sale commitments: The fund may enter into TBA sale commitments to hedge its portfolio positions or to sell mortgage-backed securities it owns under delayed delivery arrangements. Proceeds of TBA sale commitments are not received until the contractual settlement date. During the time a TBA sale commitment is outstanding, equivalent deliverable securities, or an offsetting TBA purchase commitment deliverable on or before the sale commitment date, are held as "cover" for the transaction.

Unsettled TBA sale commitments are valued at the fair value of the underlying securities, generally according to the procedures described under "Security valuation" above. The contract is marked to market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the fund as an unrealized gain or loss. If the TBA sale commitment is closed through the acquisition of an offsetting TBA purchase commitment, the fund realizes a gain or loss. If the fund delivers securities under the commitment, the fund realizes a gain or a loss from the sale of the securities based upon the unit price established at the date the commitment was entered into.

Dollar rolls: To enhance returns, the fund may enter into dollar rolls (principally using TBAs) in which the fund sells securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to purchase similar securities on a specified future date. During the period between the sale and subsequent purchase, the fund will not be entitled to receive income and principal payments on the securities sold. The fund will, however, retain the difference between the initial sales price and the forward price for the future purchase. The fund will also be able to earn interest on the cash proceeds that are received from the initial sale on settlement date. The fund may be exposed to market or credit risk if the price of the security changes unfavorably or the counterparty fails to perform under the terms of the agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

		Valuation inputs	
Investments in securities:	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Common stocks:			
Consumer cyclicals	$—	$—	$7,231
Energy	—	—	4,141
Total common stocks	**—**	**—**	**11,372**
Asset-backed securities	—	81,881,236	—
Convertible bonds and notes	—	1,071,558	—
Convertible preferred stocks	—	731,933	—
Corporate bonds and notes	—	259,539,766	5,442
Foreign government and agency bonds	—	1,811,846	—
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Mortgage-backed securities	—	176,590,654	3,394,891
Preferred stocks	—	929,277	—
Purchased options outstanding	—	57,241,780	—
Senior loans	—	20,211,533	—
U.S. Government and Agency Mortgage Obligations	—	75,741,431	—
Warrants	—	1,258	34,500
Short-term investments	130,200,090	172,801,570	—
Totals by level	**$130,200,090**	**$924,894,525**	**$3,446,205**

Item 2. 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: During the period, State Street Bank and Trust Company, which provides certain administrative, pricing and bookkeeping services for the Putnam funds pursuant to an agreement with Putnam Investment Management, LLC, began utilizing different accounting systems and systems support in providing services for the fund.

Item 3. Exhibits:

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.

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 Premier Income Trust

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Janet C. Smith
Janet C. Smith
Principal Accounting Officer
Date: December 29, 2011

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: December 29, 2011

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Steven D. Krichmar
Steven D. Krichmar

Principal Financial Officer
Date: December 29, 2011