

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

Form 40-17F2

May 20, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Certificate of Accounting of Securities and Similiar  
Investments in the Custody of  
Management Investment Companies

Pursuant to Rule 17f-2 [17 CFR 270.17f-2]

1. Investment Company Act File Number:

811- See list below

2. State Identification Number:

AL  
AK  
AZ  
AR  
CA  
CO  
CT  
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DC  
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TX  
UT  
VT  
VA  
WA  
WV  
WI  
WY  
PR

3. Exact name of investment company as specified in registration statement:

See list below

4. Address of principal executive office (number, street, city, zip code):

One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109

INSTRUCTIONS

This Form must be completed by investment companies that have custody of securities or similiar investments.

Investment Company

1. All items must be completed by the investment company.
2. Give this Form to the independent public accountant who, in compliance with Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law, examines securities and similar investments in the custody of the investment company.

Accountant

3. Submit this Form to the Securities and Exchange Commission and appropriate state securities administrators when filing the certificate of accounting required by Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law. File the original and one copy with the Securities and Exchange Commissions principal office in Washington, D.C., one copy with the regional office for the region in which the investment companys principal business operations are conducted, and one copy with the appropriate state administrator(s), if applicable.

THIS FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

FUND NAME

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FEDERAL

ID NO.

1940

ACT

FILE

NO.

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1934  
ACT  
FILE  
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1933  
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SEC  
GEORGE PUTNAM FUND OF  
BOSTON  
00  
1  
04-  
6013677  
811-58

2-  
10816  
11/1/3  
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37  
THE PUTNAM FUND FOR GROWTH  
AND INCOME  
00  
2  
04-  
6013678  
811-  
781

2-  
13644  
10/1/5  
7  
11/5/5  
7  
PUTNAM INVESTORS FUND  
00  
3  
04-  
2713095  
811-  
159

2-  
10783  
8/13/8  
2  
4/20/3  
4  
PUTNAM INCOME FUND  
00  
4  
04-  
6013712  
811-  
653

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2-  
11147  
8/13/8  
2  
10/13/  
54  
PUTNAM GLOBAL GROWTH FUND  
00  
5  
04-  
6145734  
811-  
1403

2-  
25258  
8/13/8  
2  
8/31/6  
7  
PUTNAM VISTA FUND  
00  
6  
04-  
2430137  
811-  
1561

2-  
27664  
8/13/8  
2  
5/20/6  
8  
PUTNAM VOYAGER FUND  
00  
7  
04-  
6187125  
811-  
1682

2-  
29546  
8/13/8  
2  
3/13/6  
9  
PUTNAM CONVERTIBLE INCOME  
GROWTH TRUST  
00  
8  
04-  
2493360  
811-  
2280

2-  
43384  
8/13/8  
2

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6/20/7

2

PUTNAM MONEY MARKET FUND

01

0

04-

6386436

811-

2608

2-

55091

11/25/

75

10/18/

76

PUTNAM TAX EXEMPT INCOME

FUND

01

1

04-

6396109

811-

2675

2-

57165

9/16/7

6

11/16/

76

PUTNAM HIGH YIELD TRUST

01

4

04-

6415410

811-

2796

2-

60492

12/13/

77

1/23/7

8

PUTNAM VT GLOBAL GROWTH

FUND

01

6

04-

6649095

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

5/1/90

PUTNAM GLOBAL NATURAL

RESOURCES FUND

01

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8  
13-  
3035507  
811-  
3061

2-  
67827  
2/1/85  
7/1/80  
PUTNAM NEW JERSEY TAX  
EXEMPT INCOME FUND

01  
9  
04-  
3073948  
811-  
5977

33-  
32550  
11/17/  
89  
2/14/9  
0

PUTNAM HEALTH SCIENCES  
TRUST  
02  
1  
04-  
6471950  
811-  
3386

2-  
75863  
1/28/8  
2  
8/8/82  
PUTNAM OTC EMERGING GROWTH  
FUND  
02  
4  
04-  
6483374  
811-  
3512

2-  
78369  
7/8/82  
11/1/8  
2  
PUTNAM CALIFORNIA TAX  
EXEMPT INCOME FUND  
02  
7  
04-  
2786284  
811-  
3630

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2-  
81011  
12/17/  
82  
6/1/94  
PUTNAM PREFERRED INCOME  
FUND  
02  
9  
04-  
2811116  
811-  
3873

2-  
87053  
9/30/8  
3  
12/30/  
83  
PUTNAM NEW YORK TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND  
03  
0  
04-  
2794490  
811-  
3741

2-  
83909  
5/12/8  
3  
6/1/94  
PUTNAM U.S. GOVERNMENT  
INCOME TRUST  
03  
2  
04-  
2811119  
811-  
3897

2-  
87634  
11/1/8  
3  
2/6/84  
PUTNAM AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
INCOME FUND  
03  
3  
04-  
2856297  
811-  
4178

2-  
95127  
2/21/8  
5  
2/27/8

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5  
PUTNAM BALANCED RETIREMENT  
FUND  
03  
4  
04-  
6530116  
811-  
4242

2-  
96309  
2/21/8  
5  
4/4/85  
PUTNAM TAX FREE INSURED  
FUND  
03  
5  
04-  
2879681  
811-  
4345

2-  
98790  
6/28/8  
5  
8/27/8  
5  
PUTNAM TAX FREE HIGH YIELD  
FUND  
03  
6  
04-  
2883599  
811-  
4345

2-  
98790  
6/28/8  
5  
8/27/8  
5  
PUTNAM FLORIDA TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND  
03  
7  
04-  
3091965  
811-  
6129

33-  
35677  
6/27/9  
0  
8/21/9  
0  
PUTNAM GLOBAL GOVERNMENTAL  
INCOME TRUST

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04  
1  
04-  
6549525  
811-  
4524

33-  
7232  
6/30/8  
6  
2/27/8  
7

PUTNAM PENNSYLVANIA TAX  
EXEMPT INCOME FUND

04  
7  
04-  
3057637  
811-  
5802

33-  
28321  
4/20/8  
9  
7/18/8  
9

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL INCOME  
FUND

05  
1  
04-  
3039506  
811-  
5763

33-  
26921  
2/6/89  
5/11/8  
9

PUTNAM MANAGED MUNICIPAL  
INCOME TRUST

05  
2  
04-  
6608976  
811-  
5740  
1-  
10158  
33-  
26292

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12/22/

88

2/16/8

9

PUTNAM HIGH YIELD MUNICIPAL  
TRUST

05

4

04-

6621377

811-

5795

1-

10229

33-

27889

3/30/8

9

5/18/8

9

PUTNAM EUROPE GROWTH FUND

05

7

04-

3083315

811-

5693

33-

25658

11/10/

88

8/29/9

0

PUTNAM INVESTMENT GRADE  
MUNICIPAL TRUST

05

8

04-

6629611

811-

5901

1-

10327

33-

30934

9/6/89

10/19/

89

PUTNAM HIGH YIELD ADVANTAGE  
FUND

06

0

06-

6290063

811-

4616

33-

2710

1/13/8

6

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3/20/8

6

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME  
CONVERTIBLE AND BOND FUND

06

1

04-

6562068

811-

5133

1-

9537

33-

13858

4/28/8

7

7/9/87

PUTNAM TAX EXEMPT MONEY  
MARKET FUND

06

2

04-

6561110

811-

5215

33-

15238

12/3/8

6

10/19/

87

PUTNAM NEW YORK TAX EXEMPT  
MONEY MARKET FUND

06

3

04-

2980863

811-

5335

33-

17344

9/2/87

10/19/

87

PUTNAM CALIFORNIA TAX  
EXEMPT MONEY MARKET FUND

06

4

04-

2980836

811-

5333

33-

17211

9/2/87

10/19/

87

PUTNAM VT VOYAGER FUND

06

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5  
04-  
2986134  
811-  
5346

33-  
17486  
9/24/8  
7  
1/14/8  
8

PUTNAM VT GROWTH & INCOME  
FUND

06  
6  
04-  
2986132  
811-  
5346

33-  
17486  
9/24/8  
7  
1/14/8  
8

PUTNAM VT HIGH YIELD FUND  
06

7  
04-  
2986135  
811-  
5346

33-  
17486  
9/24/8  
7  
1/14/8  
8

PUTNAM VT INCOME FUND

06  
8  
04-  
2986133  
811-  
5346

33-  
17486  
9/24/8  
7

PUTNAM VT MONEY MARKET FUND

06  
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04-  
2986131  
811-  
5346

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17486  
9/24/8  
7  
1/14/8  
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PVT GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION  
FUND

07  
0  
04-  
6577628  
811-  
5346

33-  
17486

1/14/8  
8

PUTNAM MASTER INCOME TRUST

07  
2  
04-  
2993219  
811-  
5375

1-  
9774  
33-  
18169  
9/30/8

7  
12/17/  
87

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

07  
3  
04-  
2995046  
811-  
5452

1-  
9816  
33-  
19648  
1/14/8

8  
2/18/8  
8

PUTNAM MASTER INTERMEDIATE  
INCOME TRUST

07  
4  
04-  
6584465  
811-  
5498

1-  
9870  
33-  
20610

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3/10/8

8

4/21/8

8

PUTNAM DIVERSIFIED INCOME  
TRUST

07

5

04-

3017475

811-

5635

33-

23623

8/11/8

8

9/23/8

8

PUTNAM VT NEW OPPORTUNITIES  
FUND

09

8

04-

3338263

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

5/1/94

PUTNAM VT UTILITIES GROWTH  
AND INCOME

15

2

04-

3139324

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

5/1/92

PUTNAM TAX-FREE HEALTH CARE  
FUND

16

8

04-

3153831

811-

6659

1-

11132

33-

47739

5/1/92

6/19/9

2

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PUTNAM MUNICIPAL BOND FUND

18

3

04-

6716830

811-

7270

1-

1468

33-

53076

10/2/9

2

11/190

PUTNAM CALIFORNIA

INVESTMENT GRADE MUNICIPAL

TRUST

18

4

04-

6716831

811-

7276

1-

11472

33-

53106

10/5/9

2

11/19/

92

PUTNAM NEW YORK INVESTMENT

GRADE MUNICIPAL TRUST

18

5

04-

6716832

811-

7274

1-

11470

33-

63104

10/5/9

2

11/19/

92

GLOBAL GROWTH AND INCOME

FUND

19

7

04-

3251560

811-

7237

33-

56339

12/23/

94

PUTNAM CONVERTIBLE

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OPPORTUNITIES AND INCOME  
TRUST

22  
4  
04-  
6777185  
811-  
07253  
1-  
11433  
33-  
57901  
2/23/9  
5  
6/26/9  
5

PUTNAM ASSET ALLOCATION  
FUNDS: GROWTH PORTFOLIO

25  
0  
04-  
6746612  
811-  
7121

33-  
51017  
11/4/9  
3  
1/10/9  
4

PUTNAM ASSET ALLOCATION  
FUNDS: BALANCED PORTFOLIO

25  
9  
04-  
6746615  
811-  
7121

33-  
51017  
11/4/9  
3  
1/10/9  
4

PUTNAM ASSET ALLOCATION  
FUNDS: CONSERVATIVE  
PORTFOLIO

26  
4  
04-  
6746611  
811-  
7121

33-  
51017  
11/4/9  
3  
1/10/9  
4

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NEW VALUE FUND

27

4

04-

3251564

811-

7237

33-

56339

12/28/

95

PUTNAM INVESTMENT FUNDS:

BALANCED FUND

31

8

04-

3251562

811-

7237

33-

56339

12/23/

94

PUTNAM VOYAGER FUND II

37

7

04-

6661046

811-

6203

33-

37527

10/18/

90

4/13/9

3

PUTNAM INTERMEDIATE U.S.

GOVERNMENT INCOME FUND

39

8

04-

6661044

811-

6257

33-

37991

11/20/

90

2/1/93

PUTNAM CAPITAL APPRECIATION

FUND

43

3

04-

6733578

811-

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7061

33-

49583

5/4/93

8/2/93

INTERNATIONAL NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

53

9

04-

3251556

811-

7237

33-

56339

12/23/

94

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL  
OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

58

2

04-

3187549

811-

7626

1-

11892

33-

60790

4/1/93

5/21/9

3

PUTNAM MANAGED HIGH YIELD  
TRUST

59

0

04-

6733967

811-

7658

1-

11910

33-

61388

4/16/9

3

6/18/9

3

PUTNAM VT ASIA PACIFIC  
GROWTH FUND

71

3

04-

6779870

811-

5346

33-

17486

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9/24/8

7

5/1/95

PUTNAM UTILITIES GROWTH  
AND INCOME FUND

84

0

04-

6660195

811-

5889

33-

37011

2/20/9

0

11/16/

90

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH  
FUND

84

1

04-

6661045

811-

6190

33-

37214

10/5/9

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2/25/9

1

PUTNAM ASIA PACIFIC GROWTH  
FUND

84

4

04-

6661084

811-

6202

33-

37528

10/23/

90

2/20/9

1

PUTNAM MASSACHUSETTS TAX  
EXEMPT INCOME FUND

84

5

04-

6626127

811-

4518

33-

5416

3/7/86

10/3/8

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PUTNAM MICHIGAN TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND

84  
6  
04-  
6626130  
811-  
4529

33-  
8923  
9/2/86  
10/3/8  
6

PUTNAM MINNESOTA TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND

84  
7  
04-  
6626128  
811-  
4527

33-  
8916  
9/2/86  
10/3/8  
6

PUTNAM OHIO TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND

84  
8  
04-  
6626129  
811-  
4528

33-  
8924  
9/2/86  
10/3/8  
6

PUTNAM NEW OPPORTUNITIES  
FUND

85  
2  
04-  
3091455  
811-  
6128

33-  
35576  
6/25/9  
0  
8/29/9  
0

PUTNAM NEW YORK TAX EXEMPT  
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

85  
4  
04-

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3101849  
811-  
6176

33-  
37001  
9/20/9  
0  
10/30/  
90

PUTNAM ARIZONA TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND

85  
5  
04-  
6665534  
811-  
6258

33-  
37992  
11/9/9  
0  
1/25/9  
1

PUTNAM STRATEGIC INCOME  
FUND

89  
6  
04-  
3251553  
811-  
07221

33-  
55791  
10/4/9  
4  
2/19/9  
6

PUTNAM CLASSIC EQUITY  
94

9  
04-  
3246687  
811-  
07223

33-  
55979  
10/5/9  
4  
12/30/  
94

PUTNAM VT DIVERSIFIED  
INCOME FUND

96  
1  
04-  
6737822  
811-  
5346

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33-  
17486  
9/24/8  
7  
9/1/93

PUTNAM INVESTMENT FUNDS:  
GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

2A  
P  
04-  
3287244  
811-  
7237

33-  
56339  
10/2/9  
5

RESEARCH FUND

2A  
Q  
04-  
3287245  
811-  
7237

33-  
56339

10/2/9  
5

INTERNATIONAL FUND

2A  
X  
04-  
3296118  
811-  
7237

33-  
56339

12/28/  
95

EMERGING MARKETS FUND

2A  
Y  
04-  
3296116  
811-  
7237

33-  
56339

12/28/  
95

INTERNATIONAL VOYAGER FUND

2A  
Z

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3296117  
811-  
7237

33-  
56339

12/28/  
95  
PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH  
AND INCOME

2C  
E  
04-  
3299786  
811-  
07513

33-  
3315  
1/22/9  
6  
8/1/96  
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL  
GROWTH & INCOME FUND

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N  
04-  
3338261  
811-  
5346

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17486

1/1/97  
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL  
GROWTH FUND

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04-  
3338260  
811-  
5346

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17486

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PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

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04-  
3338264  
811-  
5346

33-  
17486

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1/1/97

PUTNAM VT VISTA FUND

2D

Q

04-

3338265

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

1/1/97

PUTNAM VT NEW VALUE FUND

2D

R

04-

3338264

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

1/1/97

PUTNAM HIGH YIELD TRUST II

2H

B

04-

6852657

811-

7513

333-

515

1/6/98

PUTNAM EQUITY FUND 98

2H

F

04-

3399647

811-

7513

333-

515

1/6/98

PUTNAM NEW CENTURY GROWTH

FUND

2H

W

04-

6857012

811-

7513

333-

515

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1/22/9

6

2/17/9

8

PUTNAM LATIN AMERICA FUND

2I

A

04-

3406201

811-

7513

333-

515

3/23/9

8

PUTNAM ASIA PACIFIC FUND II

2I

B

04-

3406199

811-

7513

333-

515

3/23/9

8

PUTNAM GROWTH FUND

2I

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