

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

Form 40-17F2

July 31, 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  
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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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GEORGE PUTNAM FUND OF  
BOSTON  
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1  
04-  
6013677  
811-58

2-  
10816  
11/1/3  
7  
11/26/  
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  
12/22/  
88  
2/16/8  
9

PUTNAM HIGH YIELD MUNICIPAL  
TRUST

05  
4

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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  
3/20/8  
6

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME  
CONVERTIBLE AND BOND FUND

06  
1  
04-  
6562068

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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  
5  
04-  
2986134  
811-  
5346  
  
33-  
17486

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9/24/8

7

1/14/8

8

PUTNAM VT GROWTH & INCOME

FUND

06

6

04-

2986132

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

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PUTNAM VT HIGH YIELD FUND

06

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2986135

811-

5346

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17486

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PUTNAM VT INCOME FUND

06

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2986133

811-

5346

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17486

9/24/8

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PUTNAM VT MONEY MARKET FUND

06

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2986131

811-

5346

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PVT GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION

FUND

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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  
3/10/8  
8  
4/21/8  
8

PUTNAM DIVERSIFIED INCOME  
TRUST

07  
5

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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

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL BOND FUND

18

3

04-  
6716830  
811-  
7270  
1-

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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  
OPPORTUNITIES AND INCOME  
TRUST  
22  
4  
04-  
6777185  
811-  
07253

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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

NEW VALUE FUND

27  
4  
04-  
3251564  
811-  
7237



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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-  
7061

33-  
49583  
5/4/93  
8/2/93

INTERNATIONAL NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

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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  
9/24/8  
7  
5/1/95

PUTNAM UTILITIES GROWTH  
AND INCOME FUND

84  
0  
04-

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6660195  
811-  
5889

33-  
37011  
2/20/9  
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11/16/  
90

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH  
FUND

84  
1  
04-  
6661045  
811-  
6190

33-  
37214  
10/5/9  
0  
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  
6

PUTNAM MICHIGAN TAX EXEMPT  
INCOME FUND

84  
6  
04-  
6626130  
811-  
4529

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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-  
3101849  
811-  
6176

33-  
37001  
9/20/9  
0

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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

33-

17486

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7

9/1/93

PUTNAM INVESTMENT FUNDS:

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

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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-  
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INTERNATIONAL VOYAGER FUND

2A  
Z  
04-  
3296117  
811-  
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PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH  
AND INCOME

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E

04-

3299786

811-

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3315

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PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL  
GROWTH & INCOME FUND

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3338261

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5346

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17486

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PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL  
GROWTH FUND

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PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

2D

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04-

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5346

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17486

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PUTNAM VT VISTA FUND

2D

Q

04-

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5346

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17486  
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1/1/97  
PUTNAM VT NEW VALUE FUND  
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3338264  
811-  
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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  
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