

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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GA
HI
ID
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OR
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TN
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

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FILE

NO.

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1934
ACT
FILE
NO.
1933
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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
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8/21/9
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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
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PUTNAM VT MONEY MARKET FUND

06
9
04-
2986131
811-
5346

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

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

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

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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

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56339

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PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH
AND INCOME

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E
04-
3299786
811-
07513

33-
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8/1/96
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH & INCOME FUND

2D
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04-
3338261
811-
5346

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17486

1/1/97
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH FUND

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3338260
811-
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17486

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PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

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04-
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811-
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1/1/97

PUTNAM VT VISTA FUND

2D

Q

04-

3338265

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

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1/1/97

PUTNAM VT NEW VALUE FUND

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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

E

04-

3413786

811-

7513

333-

515

5/1/98

PUTNAM US CORE FUND

2I

F

04-

3413792

811-

7513

333-

515

5/1/98

PUTNAM GLOBAL AGGRESSIVE
GROWTH FUND

2I

H

04-

6862432

811-

7237

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33-
56339
5/598

PUTNAM CAPITAL
OPPORTUNITIES FUND

2I
I
04-
3414992
811-
7237

33-
56339
5/1/98

PUTNAM VT INVESTORS FUND

2I
O
04-
6862434
811-
5346

33-
17486
4/29/9
8

PUTNAM VT OTC & EMERGING
GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

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P
04-
6862434
811-
5346

33-
17486
4/29/9
8

PUTNAM VT THE GEORGE PUTNAM
FUND OF BOSTON

2I
S
04-
3412097
811-
5346

33-
17486
4/29/9
8

PUTNAM VT HEALTH SCIENCES
FUND

2I

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W
04-
3412095
811-
5346

33-
17486
4/29/9
8

PUTNAM VT RESEARCH FUND

2L
A
04-
3428472
811-
5346

33-
17486
9/30/9
8

PUTNAM SMALL CAP VALUE FUND

2M
F
04-
3453122
811-
7237

33-
56339
4/99

PUTNAM TAX SMART EQUITY

FUND
2M
I
04-
6888512
822-
09289

333-
76335
4/99

PUTNAM VT SMALL CAP VALUE

FUND
2M
J
04-
6888382
811-
5346

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