

# Putnam Premier Income Trust (PPT)

Multi-Sector | Factsheet as of March 31, 2026

## Investment Overview

The fund seeks high current income consistent with the preservation of capital by allocating investments among U.S. government, high-yield, and international fixed income securities. The fund seeks multiple sources of return outside the constraints of its benchmark, investing across traditional and alternative bond markets.

## Total Returns (%)

	Cumulative		Average Annual				Inception	Inception Date
	3-Mth	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr		
Market Price Return	2.46	2.46	7.07	8.87	1.89	4.82	6.01	2/29/1988
NAV Returns	-0.06	-0.06	6.57	6.77	2.19	4.02	5.86	2/29/1988
Benchmark	0.86	0.86	4.10	4.79	3.35	2.28	—	—

## Calendar Year Total Returns (%)

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Market Price Return	8.25	8.65	7.22	-7.88	-1.78	-6.65	25.37	-6.41	13.66	7.10
NAV Returns	9.15	5.99	5.77	-1.58	-6.69	-1.09	13.72	-1.23	7.33	6.27
Benchmark	4.28	5.29	5.08	1.33	0.05	0.74	2.35	1.88	0.81	0.37

**Performance shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.** Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Returns based on Market Price or NAV, and assume the reinvestment of all distributions at the Dividend Reinvestment Plan Price or NAV, respectively. All returns include the deduction of management fees, operating expenses and all other fund expenses, and do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares. When applicable, performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expense or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Please visit [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com) for the most recent month-end performance.

The total annual operating expenses are as of the fund's annual report available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. **NAV** is total assets less total liabilities divided by the number of shares outstanding. **Market Price**, determined by supply and demand, is the price an investor purchases or sells the fund. The Market Price may differ from a fund's NAV. **Premium / Discount** reflects the difference between the NAV and the Market Price of the fund, and represents the amount that the fund is trading above or below its NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV. **Distribution Rate** is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution amount paid, divided by the closing market price or NAV as of the date indicated. The Distribution Rate calculation includes income, may include return of capital and excludes special distributions. The Distribution Rate is subject to change and is not guaranteed nor a quotation of fund performance.

## Growth of \$10,000

Inception through March 31, 2026

Market Price Returns, assuming dividends reinvested



The Growth of \$10,000 chart reflects a hypothetical \$10,000 investment on Market Price and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Fund expense, including management fees and other expenses were deducted.

## Fund Overview

NYSE Ticker	PPT
NAV Symbol	XPPTX
Listed Exchange	NYSE
Fund Inception Date	02/29/1988
NAV	\$3.71
Market Price	\$3.55
Premium/Discount	-4.31%
Last Distribution Paid	\$0.0260
Distribution Rate at Market	
Price (%)	8.79
Distribution Rate at NAV (%)	8.41
Dividend Frequency, if any	Monthly

## Benchmark(s)

ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index

## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Total Net Assets	\$354.50 Million
Number of Holdings	805
Average Life	4.75 Years
Effective Duration	3.16 Years

## Risk Statistics (NAV Returns) (3-Year)

	Fund
Beta	5.65
R-Squared	0.07
Sharpe Ratio	0.45
Standard Deviation (%)	4.36

**Sector Exposure (% of Total)**

	Fund
Corporate Bond - Investment Grade	20.64
Agency Pass-through	19.10
Corporate Bond - High Yield	17.90
Agency CMO	11.75
Emerging Markets Bonds	11.40
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	10.31
Residential MBS (Non-agency)	9.30
Bank Loans	6.65
Other	6.33
Net Cash	12.83

**Geographic Allocation (% of Total)**

	Fund
United States	83.94
Mexico	0.91
France	0.75
Brazil	0.70
Other	13.70

**Currency Exposure (% of Total)**

	Fund
US Dollar	101.15
Japanese Yen	1.45
Swiss Franc	0.91
Canadian Dollar	-0.67
Other	-2.83

**Credit Quality Allocation (% of Total)**

	Fund
AAA	4.19
AA	15.39
A	7.86
BBB	16.48
BB	20.71
B	7.76
CCC and Below	3.49
NR	11.30
Cash & Cash Equivalents	12.83

**Portfolio Data Information**

**Exposure:** Notional exposure figures are estimated and are intended to show the portfolio's direct exposure to securities and indirect exposure, through derivatives. Direct and indirect exposures are subject to change over time and methodologies for calculating indirect exposures vary by derivative type. Portfolio breakdown percentages may not total 100% and may be negative due to rounding, use of derivatives, unsettled trades or other factors.

**Credit Quality** is a measure of a bond issuer's ability to repay interest and principal in a timely manner. The credit ratings shown are based on each portfolio security's rating as provided by S&P Global Ratings, Moody's Investors Service and/or Fitch Ratings, Inc. and typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest), or an equivalent and/or similar rating. For this purpose, if two or more of the agencies have assigned differing ratings to a security, the highest rating is used. Securities that are unrated by all three agencies are reflected as such. The credit quality of the investments in the portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the portfolio. The methodology used for the calculation of credit quality ratings displayed may differ from the methodology for monitoring investment limits, if applicable.

**Please note, the portfolio itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.**

**Portfolio Management**

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Michael V Salm	28	36
Albert W Chan, CFA	23	23
Matthew J Walkup	11	13
Patrick A. Klein, PhD	20	20

**What should I know before investing?**

**All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Fixed income securities** involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls.

**Low-rated, high-yield bonds** are subject to greater price volatility, illiquidity and possibility of default. **Asset-backed, mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities** are subject to prepayment and extension risks. **International investments** are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets**. **Derivative instruments** can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance. **Active management** does not ensure gains or protect against market declines. The manager may consider **environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria** in the research or investment process; however, ESG considerations may not be a determinative factor in security selection. In addition, the manager may not assess every investment for ESG criteria, and not every ESG factor may be identified or evaluated.

**Glossary**

**Beta:** A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. **R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. **Sharpe Ratio** refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. **Standard Deviation:** Measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. **Average Life:** An estimate of the number of years to maturity, taking the possibility of early payments into account, for the underlying holdings. **Effective Duration** is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. Duration measures the sensitivity of price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the more sensitive a fixed-income investment will be to interest rate changes.

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