

# Putnam Core Bond Fund

Class Y: PYTRX Class A: PTRNX Class C: PTRGX Class R6: PTREX

Multi-Sector | Factsheet as of March 31, 2026

## Investment Overview

The fund seeks high current income consistent with what the portfolio managers believe to be prudent risk, by investing in mortgage-backed securities, corporate bonds, and other government obligations.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	Without Sales Charges					With Sales Charges					Inception Date
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	
Class Y	4.57	4.03	1.76	3.19	2.69	4.57	4.03	1.76	3.19	2.69	12/23/2008
Class A	4.30	3.74	1.47	2.92	2.43	0.13	2.34	0.65	2.50	2.19	12/23/2008
Class C	3.55	2.98	0.74	2.30	2.07	2.55	2.98	0.74	2.30	2.07	12/23/2008
Class R6	4.55	4.02	1.75	3.19	2.70	4.55	4.02	1.75	3.19	2.70	12/23/2008
Benchmark 1	4.35	3.63	0.31	1.70	—	4.35	3.63	0.31	1.70	—	—
Benchmark 2	4.35	3.63	3.10	2.15	—	4.35	3.63	3.10	2.15	—	—

## Cumulative Total Returns (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class Y	0.08	0.08	7.40	2.21	4.79	-0.35	-3.60	0.84	9.39	0.90	5.53	2.23
Class A	0.02	0.02	7.11	1.91	4.61	-0.64	-3.85	0.58	9.01	0.66	5.24	2.01
Class C	-0.16	-0.16	6.34	1.17	3.71	-1.28	-4.63	-0.09	8.21	-0.11	4.50	1.20
Class R6	0.08	0.08	7.37	2.20	4.77	-0.24	-3.70	0.83	9.36	0.90	5.51	2.23
Benchmark 1	-0.05	-0.05	7.30	1.25	5.53	-13.01	-1.54	7.51	8.72	0.01	3.54	2.65
Benchmark 2	-0.05	-0.05	7.30	1.25	5.84	1.33	0.05	0.74	2.35	1.88	0.81	0.37

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results.** Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com).

The fund began offering Class R6 shares on 7/2/2012. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) Class R6 periods prior to 7/2/2012 are based on the fund's Class Y performance, which has not been adjusted for the lower operating expenses; had it been adjusted, performance would be higher; (b) For periods after the share class offering, performance for the specific share class is used, reflecting the expenses and maximum sales charges applicable to that class.

## Share Class Details

	CUSIP	Ticker	Sales Charges (%)		Expenses (%)		30-Day SEC Yield (%)	
			Max	CDSC	Gross	Net	Without Waiver	With Waiver
Class Y	746764323	PYTRX	0.00	—	0.39	0.39	4.44	4.45
Class A	746764372	PTRNX	4.00	—	0.64	0.64	4.02	4.02
Class C	746764356	PTRGX	0.00	1.00	1.39	1.39	3.43	3.43
Class R6	74676A402	PTREX	0.00	—	0.39	0.39	4.43	4.44

The total annual operating expenses are as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

## Morningstar Rating™

Overall Rating as of March 31, 2026

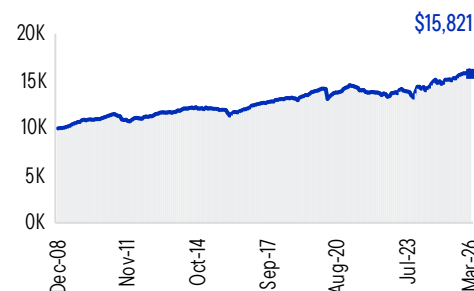
★★★★★ Class Y

★★★★★ Class A

As of 03/31/2026 the fund's Class A and Class Y shares received a 5 star overall Morningstar rating™, measuring risk-adjusted returns against 417, 377 and 279 Intermediate Core Bond funds over the 3-, 5- and 10- year periods, respectively. A fund's overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics. The number of funds in the category for the Overall Rating are listed under the 3-year period.

## Growth of \$10,000

Class Y Shares—Inception through March 31, 2026  
Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



## Fund Overview

Dividend Frequency, if any	Monthly
Morningstar Category	Intermediate Core Bond
Lipper Classification	Core Bond Funds
Turnover (fiscal yr)	389%

## Benchmark(s)

- 1—Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index
- 2—Putnam Core Bond Linked Benchmark

## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Total Net Assets	\$1.54 Billion
Number of Holdings	928
Average Life	8.21 Years
Effective Duration	5.65 Years

## Risk Statistics (3-Year—Class Y vs. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index)

	Fund
Beta	1.00
R-Squared	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.14
Standard Deviation (%)	5.55

**Sector Exposure (% of Total)**

	Fund
U.S. Treasury/Agency	32.30
Agency Pass-through	28.52
Corporate Bond - Investment Grade	27.51
Residential MBS (Non-agency)	5.96
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	5.38
Collateralized Loan Obligation	5.03
Asset-Backed Securities	3.74
Agency CMO	3.13
Other	3.92
Net Cash	7.80

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

	Fund
AAA	15.04
AA	44.78
A	11.99
BBB	17.03
BB	0.94
B	0.07
CCC and Below	0.05
NR	2.30
Cash & Cash Equivalents	7.80

**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		Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Albert W Chan, CFA	23	23	Patrick A. Klein, PhD	20	20
Andrew C Benson	17	17	Tina Chou	21	23
Michael V Salm	28	36			

**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. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

**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. The **30-day SEC yield** is calculated using the net income (interest and dividends) per share earned over a trailing 30-day period (annualized), divided by the fund's share price at the end of that period. It may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders. **Turnover** is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover. **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.

**Important Information**

**Effective 2/28/23, the fund's name changed from Putnam Fixed Income Absolute Return Fund and was repositioned to a core bond strategy.**

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The **Putnam Core Bond Linked Benchmark** represents the performance of the ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill Index through February 27, 2023, and the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index thereafter. The **Bloomberg US Aggregate Index** is comprised of investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated government, corporate, and mortgage- and asset-backed issues having at least one year to maturity. Important data provider notices and terms available at [www.franklintempletondatasources.com](http://www.franklintempletondatasources.com). All data is subject to change. Source: Bloomberg Indices.

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