PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number:	(811-05452)
Exact name of registrant as specified in charter:	Putnam Premier Income Trust
Address of principal executive offices:	One Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109
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Date of fiscal year end:	July 31, 2016
Date of reporting period:	April 30, 2016

Item 1. Schedule of Investments:

Putnam Premier Income Trust

The fund's portfolio
4/30/16 (Unaudited)

MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (48.9%)[(a)]

	Principal amount	Value

FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 4/30/16 (aggregate face value $330,267,054) (Unaudited)

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Bank of America N.A.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	$4,213,709	$4,199,851	$13,858
	British Pound	Sell	6/15/16	47,347	69,876	22,529
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	3,619,380	3,519,130	(100,250)
	Chilean Peso	Sell	7/21/16	533,908	522,613	(11,295)
	Czech Koruna	Sell	6/15/16	308,707	190,628	(118,079)
	Euro	Buy	6/15/16	5,967,427	5,921,010	46,417
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	5,986,804	5,809,454	(177,350)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	2,960,255	2,941,978	(18,277)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	3,147,668	2,944,149	(203,519)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	8,049,479	7,912,874	136,605
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	6/15/16	2,954,352	2,931,581	22,771
	South Korean Won	Buy	5/18/16	3,078,859	2,906,379	172,480
	South Korean Won	Sell	5/18/16	3,078,859	2,839,293	(239,566)
	Swedish Krona	Buy	6/15/16	1,385,409	1,332,596	52,813
Barclays Bank PLC						
	Australian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	77,077	12,489	(64,588)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	3,542,230	3,437,374	(104,856)
	Euro	Buy	6/15/16	2,918,821	2,923,276	(4,455)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	6,126,774	5,863,487	(263,287)
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,484,151	1,458,491	(25,660)
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	6/15/16	7,738,934	7,287,926	(451,008)
	Swedish Krona	Buy	6/15/16	6,095,290	5,797,806	297,484

	Swiss Franc	Buy	6/15/16	265,785	254,993	10,792
Citibank, N.A.						
	Brazilian Real	Sell	7/1/16	116,786	110,187	(6,599)
	British Pound	Buy	6/15/16	5,017,859	4,885,449	132,410
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,025,034	905,906	(119,128)
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	92,295	24,140	(68,155)
	Mexican Peso	Sell	7/21/16	804,604	791,098	(13,506)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	8,062,622	7,912,534	150,088
	Singapore Dollar	Buy	5/18/16	6,413,780	6,195,616	218,164
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	6,413,780	6,143,478	(270,302)
	South Korean Won	Buy	5/18/16	3,118,111	2,946,616	171,495
	South Korean Won	Sell	5/18/16	3,118,111	2,972,063	(146,048)
Credit Suisse International						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	3,008,591	3,053,472	(44,881)
	British Pound	Sell	6/15/16	2,989,117	2,920,360	(68,757)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	3,383,624	3,243,042	(140,582)
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	2,949,777	2,800,750	(149,027)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	2,236,295	2,210,479	(25,816)
	Japanese Yen	Buy	5/18/16	3,061,074	2,873,275	187,799
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	3,061,074	2,999,954	(61,120)
	New Taiwan Dollar	Buy	5/18/16	2,910,559	2,869,782	40,777
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	2,910,559	2,814,749	(95,810)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	3,119,207	3,063,057	56,150
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	6/15/16	9,829,962	9,427,307	(402,655)
Deutsche Bank AG						
	Japanese Yen	Buy	5/18/16	3,064,174	2,916,287	147,887
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	3,064,174	2,701,029	(363,145)
Goldman Sachs International						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	7,758,657	7,772,194	(13,537)
	British Pound	Sell	6/15/16	2,535,964	2,527,493	(8,471)
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	3,005,842	2,763,180	242,662
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	2,995,867	2,888,253	(107,614)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	252,204	26,437	(225,767)
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,085,540	1,140,849	55,309
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	6/15/16	2,857,051	2,809,177	47,874
	Singapore Dollar	Buy	5/18/16	22,745	22,644	101
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	22,745	21,432	(1,313)
	South Korean Won	Buy	5/18/16	3,065,604	2,923,155	142,449
	South Korean Won	Sell	5/18/16	3,065,604	2,890,586	(175,018)
	Swedish Krona	Buy	6/15/16	29,595	183,895	(154,300)
HSBC Bank USA, National Association						
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	2,671,895	2,558,078	(113,817)
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	5,874,215	5,554,326	(319,889)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	2,956,439	2,938,487	(17,952)
JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	3,073,466	3,112,018	(38,552)
	British Pound	Sell	6/15/16	2,575,565	2,512,212	(63,353)
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,336,744	1,317,127	19,617
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	4,446,334	4,232,100	(214,234)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	3,024,388	3,015,685	(8,703)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	2,926,799	2,683,046	(243,753)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	4,629,297	4,592,914	36,383
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	6/15/16	3,342,175	2,889,028	(453,147)
	Singapore Dollar	Buy	5/18/16	3,265,574	3,121,422	144,152
	Singapore Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	3,265,574	3,076,972	(188,602)
	South Korean Won	Buy	5/18/16	3,217,376	3,041,114	176,262
	South Korean Won	Sell	5/18/16	3,217,376	3,041,180	(176,196)
	Swedish Krona	Sell	6/15/16	10,688,261	10,628,111	(60,150)
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC (The)						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	5,575,559	5,609,434	(33,875)
	British Pound	Buy	6/15/16	147,446	117,096	30,350
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	5,088,030	4,967,036	(120,994)

	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	2,994,720	2,620,885	(373,835)
	Japanese Yen	Buy	5/18/16	3,274,568	2,886,806	387,762
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	3,274,568	3,110,309	(164,259)
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	8,008,797	7,882,366	(126,431)
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	6/15/16	6,259,225	5,764,187	(495,038)
	Swedish Krona	Buy	6/15/16	6,228,586	6,146,729	81,857
State Street Bank and Trust Co.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,831,396	2,905,645	(74,249)
	Brazilian Real	Sell	7/1/16	1,744,170	1,664,545	(79,625)
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	4,435,757	4,369,679	66,078
	Euro	Sell	6/15/16	3,084,035	2,907,004	(177,031)
	New Taiwan Dollar	Buy	5/18/16	2,956,668	2,917,477	39,191
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	2,956,668	2,858,473	(98,195)
	South Korean Won	Buy	5/18/16	6,355,087	5,996,585	358,502
	South Korean Won	Sell	5/18/16	6,355,087	5,959,087	(396,000)
UBS AG						
	Australian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	386,599	387,309	710
	British Pound	Buy	6/15/16	1,598,531	1,591,397	7,134
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	3,463,565	3,350,772	(112,793)
	Euro	Buy	6/15/16	5,721,842	5,668,757	53,085
	Japanese Yen	Buy	5/18/16	3,038,144	2,977,904	60,240
	Japanese Yen	Sell	5/18/16	3,038,144	2,906,046	(132,098)
	New Taiwan Dollar	Buy	5/18/16	2,910,559	2,871,793	38,766
	New Taiwan Dollar	Sell	5/18/16	2,910,559	2,827,766	(82,793)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,942,920	2,889,245	53,675
WestPac Banking Corp.						
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,680,981	2,567,329	113,652
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,431,439	1,404,394	27,045
Total						**$(4,745,930)**

FUTURES CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (Unaudited)

	Number of contracts	**Value**	**Expiration date**	**Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)**
U.S. Treasury Bond 30 yr (Short)	22	$3,592,875	Jun-16	$(11,888)
U.S. Treasury Bond Ultra 30 yr (Long)	45	7,710,469	Jun-16	(190,668)
U.S. Treasury Note 10 yr (Short)	209	27,183,063	Jun-16	255,600
U.S. Treasury Note Ultra 10 yr (Short)	24	3,373,500	Jun-16	(26,641)
Total				**$26,403**

WRITTEN SWAP OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (premiums $9,341,919) (Unaudited)

Counterparty Fixed Obligation % to receive or (pay)/ Floating rate index/Maturity date	Expiration date/strike	Contract amount	Value

Bank of America N.A.
(1.715)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-26Jun-16/1.715$45,693,100$435,455 1.715/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-26Jun-16/1.71545,693,100479,321
Barclays Bank PLC (1.645)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-26Jun-16/1.64545,693,100307,971 1.645/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-26Jun-16/1.64545,693,100653,868
Citibank, N.A. 2.587/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/May-18May-16/2.58787,981,40088 2.387/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/May-18May-16/2.38787,981,40088
Credit Suisse International 2.515/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-47Apr-17/2.5159,241,300407,264
Goldman Sachs International 2.58625/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-18Jun-16/2.58625175,962,800176 (1.215)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.21546,677,20027,540 (0.901)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/0.90146,677,20028,940 (1.65875)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-26Jun-16/1.6587545,693,100360,519 1.65875/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jun-26Jun-16/1.6587545,693,100662,093
JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. 1.41/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.4146,677,20019,138 1.28/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.2846,677,20033,608 (1.0025)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.002546,677,20045,277 (6.00 Floor)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Mar-18Mar-18/6.0026,070,0002,701,190

Total$6,162,536

WRITTEN OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (premiums $2,022,188) (Unaudited)

	Expiration date/strike price	Contract amount	Value
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Aug-16/$100.80	$23,000,000	$81,650
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Aug-16/100.68	23,000,000	74,520
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Aug-16/100.09	23,000,000	48,530
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Aug-16/99.97	23,000,000	44,160
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jul-16/101.36	23,000,000	80,500
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jul-16/101.39	21,000,000	75,390
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jul-16/100.73	23,000,000	46,920
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jul-16/100.73	21,000,000	42,840
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/100.45	32,000,000	15,360
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/100.63	21,000,000	12,810
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/100.56	21,000,000	11,760
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/100.20	32,000,000	10,880
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/100.44	21,000,000	9,870
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/100.19	21,000,000	6,930
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/99.75	32,000,000	5,760
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/99.95	21,000,000	5,040
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/99.91	21,000,000	4,830
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/99.50	32,000,000	4,160
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/99.77	21,000,000	3,780
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Jun-16/99.53	21,000,000	2,730
Total			**$588,420**

FORWARD PREMIUM SWAP OPTION CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (Unaudited)

Counterparty Fixed right or obligation % to receive or (pay)/ Floating rate index/Maturity date	Expiration date/strike	Contract amount	Premium receivable/ (payable)	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.				
2.117/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/2.117	$11,591,775	$(284,033)	$202,276
2.035/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/2.035	11,591,775	(294,535)	137,131
1.00/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-27 (Purchased)	Apr-17/1.00	21,148,700	(139,835)	(11,632)
1.00/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-27 (Purchased)	Apr-17/1.00	42,297,400	(297,139)	(39,337)
(3.035)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/3.035	11,591,775	(308,434)	(283,883)
(3.117)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/3.117	11,591,775	(324,570)	(304,864)
2.655/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19 (Written)	Feb-17/2.655	50,772,000	336,365	332,558
2.56/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19 (Written)	Feb-17/2.56	50,772,000	324,570	319,356
(1.00)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-19 (Written)	Apr-17/1.00	42,297,400	129,515	(36,376)
(1.00)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-19 (Written)	Apr-17/1.00	84,594,800	270,703	(62,600)
(1.56)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19 (Written)	Feb-17/1.56	50,772,000	292,310	(237,105)
(1.655)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19 (Written)	Feb-17/1.655	50,772,000	289,400	(315,802)
Total			**$(5,683)**	**$(300,278)**

TBA SALE COMMITMENTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (proceeds receivable $51,148,672) (Unaudited)

Agency	Principal amount	Settlement date	Value
Federal National Mortgage Association, 3 1/2s, May 1, 2046	$49,000,000	5/12/16	$51,361,952
Total			**$51,361,952**

OTC INTEREST RATE SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (Unaudited)

CENTRALLY CLEARED INTEREST RATE SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (Unaudited)

$103,178,300	$(130,392)	4/7/18	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.149%	$390,686
48,366,900	628,132	3/30/26	1.91%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(408,660)
15,768,000 (E)	(117,799)	6/15/26	1.60%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	64,353
246,538,082 (E)	519,706	6/15/18	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	0.85%	48,079
13,888,000 (E)	(12,806)	6/15/21	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.15%	(100,939)
18,222,400	(241)	3/16/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.79701%	206,986
299,744,600 (E)	673,794	6/15/18	1.20%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(834,522)
62,264,956 (E)	436,787	6/15/26	1.85%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(311,887)
49,090,300 (E)	345,780	6/15/26	1.90%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(475,944)
14,253,000 (E)	10,901	6/15/21	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.45%	129,457
25,025,900 (E)	6,839	6/15/21	1.45%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(201,327)
13,300,900	(176)	3/17/26	1.787%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(138,102)
18,222,400	(241)	3/16/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.79882%	210,107
18,222,400	(241)	3/16/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.8005%	213,006
18,222,400	(241)	3/16/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.80312%	217,530
18,222,400	(241)	3/16/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.80242%	216,311
69,808,126 (E)	(97,817)	6/15/21	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.40%	312,236
8,886,400 (E)	42,818	6/15/46	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	2.20%	26,831
502,400 (E)	(3,425)	6/15/46	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	2.25%	1,559
870,600	(30)	4/5/46	2.2375%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(9,042)
7,255,000	162,120	4/5/46	2.27%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	31,551
7,255,000	(95,094)	4/5/46	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	2.19%	(101,055)
23,700,000	(313)	3/18/26	1.78722%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(245,625)
23,700,000	(313)	3/18/26	1.79757%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(268,860)
12,518,200	(165)	3/21/26	1.7325%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(63,257)
12,518,200	(165)	3/21/26	1.73%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(60,293)
8,259,000 (E)	(121,267)	6/15/26	1.605%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(29,757)
29,796,000 (E)	185,739	6/15/21	1.4003%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	10,271
2,902,000	(38)	3/30/26	1.73%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(12,827)
8,945,300	(84)	4/14/21	1.152%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	38,249
3,410,000 (E)	59,274	6/15/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.6005%	20,046
48,125,100	(347)	4/21/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.595%	(453,458)

AUD	127,329,000 (E)	(101,619)	6/15/18	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	1.93%	(220,507)
AUD	66,000 (E)	(252)	6/15/26	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	2.55%	(689)
AUD	44,514,000 (E)	107,177	6/15/21	2.25%	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	258,165
AUD	23,226,000 (E)	(49,468)	6/15/21	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	2.50%	81,446
AUD	12,296,000 (E)	(1,396)	6/15/18	2.20%	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	(39,345)
AUD	5,292,000 (E)	7,017	6/15/26	2.80%	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	(48,157)
AUD	55,529,000 (E)	43,856	6/15/18	2.2001%	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	(127,563)
AUD	10,123,000 (E)	100,833	6/15/26	2.8005%	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	(5,055)
CAD	86,200,000	(129,301)	6/17/17	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	0.92%	(184,389)
CAD	43,100,000	(122)	8/27/17	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	0.6825%	(160,101)
CAD	35,385,000	(101)	10/23/17	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	0.81%	(88,973)
CAD	36,635,000	(104)	10/23/17	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	0.805%	(94,272)
CAD	36,480,000	300,857	11/2/25	1.965%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	(692,524)
CAD	38,516,000	(103)	2/2/18	0.68%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	198,251
CAD	10,144,000	(95)	2/2/26	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	1.5125%	(100,672)
CAD	8,117,000	(76)	2/2/26	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	1.505%	(85,183)
CAD	48,126,000	(128)	2/2/18	0.675%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	251,534
CAD	208,258,000 (E)	34,155	6/15/18	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	0.75%	(944,808)
CAD	36,239,000 (E)	17,099	6/15/21	0.90%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	438,641
CAD	17,190,000 (E)	(139,648)	6/15/26	1.40%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	262,708
CAD	27,433,900 (E)	(3,311)	6/15/18	0.90%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	60,556
CAD	30,112,000	(85)	3/11/18	0.89%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	60,988
CAD	24,845,000 (E)	124,255	6/15/21	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	0.9003%	(164,472)
CAD	11,388,000 (E)	(1,734)	6/15/18	0.8501%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	33,773
CHF	11,584,000 (E)	(35,185)	6/15/26	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.15%	65,441
CHF	36,760,000 (E)	(31,385)	6/15/18	0.90%	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	(193,937)
CHF	38,790,000 (E)	(123,153)	6/15/21	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.65%	137,697
CHF	7,387,000 (E)	(29)	6/15/18	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.7425%	8,095
CHF	38,690,000 (E)	63,542	6/15/18	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.6503%	30,873
CHF	7,338,000 (E)	(17)	6/15/18	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.748%	8,910
CHF	2,785,000 (E)	(6,800)	6/15/26	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.1505%	17,543
EUR	57,530,000 (E)	(173,757)	6/15/21	0.00%	6 month EUR-EURIBOR-REUTERS	138,423
EUR	26,817,000 (E)	391,943	6/15/26	6 month EUR-EURIBOR-REUTERS	0.50%	(170,820)
EUR	23,514,000 (E)	(59,965)	6/15/21	6 month EUR-EURIBOR-REUTERS	0.10%	(51,699)
EUR	12,477,000 (E)	(44,222)	6/15/26	0.60%	6 month EUR-EURIBOR-REUTERS	75,359
EUR	18,331,000 (E)	(245,918)	6/15/26	0.5005%	6 month EUR-EURIBOR-REUTERS	137,713
GBP	70,667,000 (E)	(140,427)	6/15/18	0.75%	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	150,441

GBP	23,248,000 (E)	(108,206)	6/15/21	0.975%	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	194,386
GBP	2,832,000 (E)	80,924	6/15/26	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	1.40%	11,497
GBP	38,000 (E)	(129)	6/15/18	0.70%	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	82
GBP	29,966,000 (E)	(14,883)	6/15/18	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	0.90%	(7,746)
GBP	18,466,000 (E)	31,541	6/15/18	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	0.7501%	(44,412)
GBP	68,000 (E)	559	6/15/26	6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA	1.4005%	(1,103)
JPY	293,484,000	(43)	11/13/45	6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA	1.32125%	577,765
JPY	375,884,000	(90)	11/26/35	6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA	1.09%	437,265
JPY	293,484,000	(44)	1/5/46	1.22015%	6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA	(494,725)
JPY	375,884,000	(100)	1/5/36	1.00875%	6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA	(377,608)
JPY	1,898,052,000 (E)	(159)	6/15/21	0.065%	6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA	(9,381)
JPY	336,295,000 (E)	(102)	6/15/46	0.6725%	6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA	(60,167)
NOK	475,772,000 (E)	(20,448)	6/15/18	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	0.80%	(227,376)
NOK	95,309,000 (E)	70,447	6/15/26	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	1.55%	(111,486)
NOK	46,993,000 (E)	(12,925)	6/15/21	1.05%	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	38,826
NOK	21,054,000	(33)	3/10/26	1.56%	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	29,627
NOK	28,683,000	(45)	3/17/26	1.60%	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	27,341
NOK	122,344,000 (E)	(87,054)	6/15/18	0.70%	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	(3,925)
NOK	22,786,000 (E)	27,435	6/15/26	1.5505%	6 month NOK-NIBOR-NIBR	70,800
NZD	15,535,000 (E)	20,828	6/15/26	3.10%	3 month NZD-BBR-FRA	(64,378)
NZD	21,614,000 (E)	4,837	6/15/18	3 month NZD-BBR-FRA	2.40%	42,204
NZD	66,931,000 (E)	(53,993)	6/15/21	2.70%	3 month NZD-BBR-FRA	(389,313)
NZD	2,495,000 (E)	(10,718)	6/15/21	3 month NZD-BBR-FRA	2.7003%	1,807
NZD	21,427,000 (E)	33,035	6/15/18	2.4001%	3 month NZD-BBR-FRA	(4,039)
SEK	137,862,000 (E)	9,767	6/15/21	0.35%	3 month SEK-STIBOR-SIDE	74,265
SEK	84,545,000 (E)	18,407	6/15/26	3 month SEK-STIBOR-SIDE	1.20%	(62,174)
SEK	52,469,000 (E)	(3,428)	6/15/21	3 month SEK-STIBOR-SIDE	0.3503%	(27,877)
SEK	25,597,000 (E)	(3,176)	6/15/26	1.2005%	3 month SEK-STIBOR-SIDE	21,068
Total		**$2,374,991**				**$(2,893,683)**

(E) Extended effective date.

OTC TOTAL RETURN SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (Unaudited)

OTC CREDIT DEFAULT CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 4/30/16 (Unaudited)

Key to holding's currency abbreviations

AUD	Australian Dollar
BRL	Brazilian Real
CAD	Canadian Dollar

CHF	Swiss Franc
EUR	Euro
GBP	British Pound
JPY	Japanese Yen
MXN	Mexican Peso
NOK	Norwegian Krone
NZD	New Zealand Dollar
SEK	Swedish Krona

Key to holding's abbreviations

ARP	Adjustable Rate Preferred Stock: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period
bp	Basis Points
EMTN	Euro Medium Term Notes
FRB	Floating Rate Bonds: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period
FRN	Floating Rate Notes: the rate shown is the current interest rate or yield at the close of the reporting period
IFB	Inverse Floating Rate Bonds, which are securities that pay interest rates that vary inversely to changes in the market interest rates. As interest rates rise, inverse floaters produce less current income. The rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period.
IO	Interest Only
OAO	Open Joint Stock Company
OJSC	Open Joint Stock Company
PJSC	Public Joint Stock Company
PO	Principal Only
REGS	Securities sold under Regulation S may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.
TBA	To Be Announced Commitments

Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from August 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 (the reporting period). Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "ASC

820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, references to "Putnam Management" represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC and references to "OTC", if any, represent over-the-counter.

(a) Percentages indicated are based on net assets of $587,258,419.

(b) The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is $920,243,374, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of $5,485,095 and $56,965,521, respectively, or net unrealized depreciation of $51,480,426.

(NON) This security is non-income-producing.

(STP) The interest rate and date shown parenthetically represent the new interest rate to be paid and the date the fund will begin accruing interest at this rate.

(PIK) Income may be received in cash or additional securities at the discretion of the issuer.

(AFF) Affiliated company. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period. Transactions during the period with Putnam Short Term Investment Fund, which is under common ownership and control, were as follows:

Name of affiliate	**Fair value at the beginning of the reporting period**	**Purchase cost**	**Sale proceeds**	**Investment income**	**Fair value at the end of the reporting period**
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund*	$28,926,448	$169,830,704	$164,667,204	$46,251	$34,089,948

* Management fees charged to Putnam Short Term Investment Fund have been waived by Putnam Management.

(SEG) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the broker to cover margin requirements for futures contracts at the close of the reporting period.

(SEGSF) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the custodian for collateral on certain derivative contracts at the close of the reporting period.

(SEGCCS) This security, in part or in entirety, was pledged and segregated with the custodian for collateral on the initial margin on certain centrally cleared derivative contracts at the close of the reporting period.

(FWC) Forward commitment, in part or in entirety.

(c) Senior loans are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans pay interest at rates which adjust periodically. The interest rates shown for senior loans are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period.

Senior loans are also subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment which cannot be predicted. As a result, the remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown. Senior loans are purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis and may be settled a month or more after the trade date, which from time to time can delay the actual investment of available cash balances; interest income is accrued based on the terms of the securities.

Senior loans can be acquired through an agent, by assignment from another holder of the loan, or as a participation interest in another holder's portion of the loan. When the fund invests in a loan or participation, the fund is subject to the risk that an intermediate participant between the fund and the borrower will fail to meet its obligations to the fund, in addition to the risk that the borrower under the loan may default on its obligations.

(F) This security is valued by Putnam Management at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for ASC 820 based on the securities' valuation inputs.

(R) Real Estate Investment Trust.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling $328,270,193 to cover certain derivative contracts and delayed delivery securities.

Unless otherwise noted, the rates quoted in Short-term investments security descriptions represent the weighted average yield to maturity.

Debt obligations are considered secured unless otherwise indicated.

144A after the name of an issuer represents securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

The dates shown on debt obligations are the original maturity dates.

DIVERSIFICATION BY COUNTRY

Distribution of investments by country of risk at the close of the reporting period, excluding collateral received, if any (as a percentage of Portfolio Value):

United States	86.4%
Greece	2.9
Russia	2.0
Venezuela	1.4
Argentina	1.3
Canada	0.8
Brazil	0.8
Mexico	0.6

Luxembourg	0.6
Indonesia	0.5
Other	2.7

ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the fund's investments. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices for identical securities in active markets.

Level 2: Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the fund's net assets as of the close of the reporting period:

		Valuation inputs	
Investments in securities:	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Common stocks*:			
Consumer cyclicals	$—	$—	$23,241
Energy	—	—	460
Total common stocks	**—**	**—**	**23,701**
Convertible bonds and notes	—	342,693	—
Corporate bonds and notes	—	189,309,592	10
Foreign government and agency bonds and notes	—	54,571,180	—
Mortgage-backed securities	—	269,788,698	17,385,051

Preferred stocks	407,764	194,328	—
Purchased options outstanding	—	681,580	—
Purchased swap options outstanding	—	2,909,171	—
Senior loans	—	9,756,487	—
U.S. government and agency mortgage obligations	—	266,361,830	—
Short-term investments	34,089,948	22,940,915	—
Totals by level	**$34,497,712**	**$816,856,474**	**$17,408,762**

Investments in securities:	Balance as of July 31, 2015	Accrued discounts/premiums	Realized gain/(loss)	Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) #	Cost o purch
Common stocks*:					
Consumer cyclicals	$23,241	$—	$—	$—	$—
Energy	1,836	—	—	(1,376)	—
Total common stocks	$25,077	$—	$—	$(1,376)	$—
Corporate bonds and notes	$13	—	—	(3)	—
Mortgage-backed securities	$7,399,831	(1,101,211)	(66,553)	(142,961)	13,2

Level 3 securities which are fair valued by Putnam Management, are not material to the fund.

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of the close of the reporting period

	Asset derivatives	**Liability derivatives**
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	**Fair value**	**Fair value**
Credit contracts	$864,155	$5,563,085
Foreign exchange contracts	4,063,375	8,809,305

Interest rate contracts	12,783,204	21,839,658
Total	**$17,710,734**	**$36,212,048**

The following table summarizes any derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreement or similar agreement. For securities lending transactions, if applicable, see note "(d)" a sales of securities" note above.

	Bank of America N.A.	Barclays Bank PLC	Barclays Capital Inc. (clearing broker)	Citibank, N.A.	Credit Suisse International	Deutsche Bank AG	Goldman Sachs Internationa
Assets:							
OTC Interest rate swap contracts*#	$—	$—	$—	$—	$—	$—	$—
Centrally cleared interest rate swap contracts§	—	—	1,408,025	—	—	—	—
OTC Total return swap contracts*#	—	68,175	—	1,946	128,811	—	211,682
OTC Credit default contracts*#	—	—	—	—	583,947	—	261,635
Futures contracts§	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forward currency contracts#	467,473	308,276	—	672,157	284,726	147,887	488,395
Forward premium swap option contracts#	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purchased swap options#	763,989	839,839	—	88	253,036	—	949,062
Purchased options#	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Assets	$1,231,462	$1,216,290	$1,408,025	$674,191	$1,250,520	$147,887	$1,910,774
Liabilities:							
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

OTC Interest rate swap contracts*#							
Centrally cleared interest rate swap contracts§	—	—	1,139,563	—	—	—	
OTC Total return swap contracts*#	—	199,339	—	—	55,408	3,484	522,292
OTC Credit default contracts*#	103,041	—	—	—	4,059,044	—	1,138,750
Futures contracts§	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forward currency contracts#	868,336	913,854	—	623,738	988,648	363,145	686,020
Forward premium swap option contracts#	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Written swap options#	914,776	961,839	—	176	407,264	—	1,079,268
Written options#	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Liabilities	$1,886,153	$2,075,032	$1,139,563	$623,914	$5,510,364	$366,629	$3,426,330
Total Financial and Derivative Net Assets	$(654,691)	$(858,742)	$268,462	$50,277	$(4,259,844)	$(218,742)	$(1,515,556
Total collateral received (pledged)##†	$(634,949)	$(511,965)	$—	$—	$(3,960,839)	$(186,981)	$(1,273,000
Net amount	$(19,742)	$(346,777)	$268,462	$50,277	$(299,005)	$(31,761)	$(242,556)

* Excludes premiums, if any.

† Additional collateral may be required from certain brokers based on individual agreements.

\# Covered by master netting agreement.

\## Any over-collateralization of total financial and derivative net assets is not shown. Collateral may

§ Includes current day's variation margin only, which is not collateralized. Cumulative appreciation/ after the fund's portfolio.

For additional information regarding the fund please see the fund's most recent annual or semian
Commission's Web site, www.sec.gov, or visit Putnam's Individual Investor Web site at www.putna

Item 2. Controls and Procedures:

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the design and operation of such procedures are generally effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting: Not applicable

Item 3. Exhibits:

Separate certifications for the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Putnam Premier Income Trust

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Janet C. Smith
Janet C. Smith
Principal Accounting Officer
Date: June 28, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Jonathan S. Horwitz
Jonathan S. Horwitz
Principal Executive Officer
Date: June 28, 2016

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Steven D. Krichmar
Steven D. Krichmar
Principal Financial Officer
Date: June 28, 2016