

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND

Form 40-17F2

March 24, 2004

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
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CO
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UT
VT
VA
WA
WV
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WY
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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.

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FUND NAME

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FEDERAL

ID NO.
1940
ACT
FILE
NO.

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1934
ACT
FILE
NO.
1933
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FILE
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GEORGE PUTNAM FUND OF
BOSTON
00
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 EQUITY INCOME

01

2

04-

6407893

811-

2742

2-

58869

6/15/7

7

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

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04-
6649095
811-
5346

33-
17486
9/24/8
7
5/1/90
PUTNAM GLOBAL NATURAL
RESOURCES FUND
01
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-

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78369
7/8/82
11/1/8
2

PUTNAM CALIFORNIA TAX
EXEMPT INCOME FUND

02
7
04-
2786284
811-
3630

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

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INCOME FUND

03

3

04-

2856297

811-

4178

2-

95127

2/21/8

5

2/27/8

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

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04-
3091965
811-
6129

33-
35677
6/27/9
0
8/21/9
0

PUTNAM GLOBAL INCOME TRUST

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

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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
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

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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
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

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04-
2980836
811-
5333

33-
17211
9/2/87
10/19/
87
PUTNAM VT VOYAGER FUND
06

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-

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17486
9/24/8
7

PUTNAM VT MONEY MARKET FUND

06
9
04-
2986131
811-
5346

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

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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
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

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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-
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

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7
04-
3251560
811-
7237

33-
56339
12/23/
94

PUTNAM CONVERTIBLE
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

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4

04-

6746611

811-

7121

33-

51017

11/4/9

3

1/10/9

4

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

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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
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

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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
PUTNAM MICHIGAN TAX EXEMPT
INCOME FUND

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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-
3101849
811-

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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 VT DIVERSIFIED

INCOME FUND

96

1

04-

6737822

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

9/1/93

PUTNAM INVESTMENT FUNDS:

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

2A

P

04-

3287244

811-

7237

33-

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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
04-
3296117
811-
7237

33-
56339

12/28/
95

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL GROWTH
AND INCOME

2C
E
04-
3299786

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811-
07513

33-
3315
1/22/9
6

8/1/96
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH & INCOME FUND
2D
N

04-
3338261
811-
5346

33-
17486

1/1/97
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH FUND
2D
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04-
3338260
811-
5346

33-
17486

1/1/97
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FUND
2D
P

04-
3338264
811-
5346

33-
17486

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
2D

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04-
3338264
811-
5346

33-
17486
9/24/8
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PUTNAM HIGH YIELD TRUST II

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B
04-
6852657
811-
7513

333-
515
1/6/98

PUTNAM NEW CENTURY GROWTH

FUND
2H
W
04-
6857012
811-
7513

333-
515
1/22/9
6
2/17/9
8

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

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PUTNAM VT OTC & EMERGING
GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

2I
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
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 TAX SMART EQUITY
FUND

2M
I
04-

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6888512
822-
09289

333-
76335
4/99

PUTNAM VT SMALL CAP VALUE
FUND
2M
J
04-
6888382
811-
5346

33-
17486
4/99

PUTNAM VT GROWTH
OPPORTUNITIES
2P
U
04-
3492539
811-
5346

33-
17486
1/31/0
0

PUTNAM VT AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT INC
2P
X
04-
3492542
811-
5346

33-
17486
1/31/0
0

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL FUND
2000
2S
L
04-
3511092
811-
7513

333-
515
5/30/0
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PUTNAM EQUITY FUND 2000

2S

X

811-

7513

333-

515

7/25/0

0

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL CORE

FUND

2U

B

811-

7513

333-

515

12/29/

00

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL LARGE

CAP GROWTH FUND

2U

C

811-

7513

333-

515

12/29/

00

PUTNAM MID CAP 2000

2U

D

811-

7513

333-

515

2/29/0

0

PUTNAM FINANCIAL SERVICES

FUND

2U

M

811-

7513

333-

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