

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND

Form 40-17F2

August 30, 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
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CA
CO
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UT
VT
VA
WA
WV
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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.

THIS FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

FUND NAME

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ID NO.
1940
ACT
FILE
NO.

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GEORGE PUTNAM FUND OF
BOSTON
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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 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
5

PUTNAM TAX FREE INSURED

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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
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

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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
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

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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
3/20/8
6
PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND
FUND
06
1
04-
6562068
811-
5133
1-
9537
33-
13858
4/28/8
7
7/9/87

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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

5

04-

2986134

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

7

1/14/8

8

PUTNAM VT GROWTH & INCOME

FUND

06

6

04-

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2986132
811-
5346

33-
17486
9/24/8
7
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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
7

PUTNAM VT MONEY MARKET FUND

06
9
04-
2986131
811-
5346

33-
17486
9/24/8
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PVT GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION
FUND

07
0
04-
6577628
811-
5346

33-
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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
3/10/8
8
4/21/8
8
PUTNAM DIVERSIFIED INCOME
TRUST
07
5
04-
3017475
811-
5635

33-
23623
8/11/8
8

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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

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

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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
PUTNAM HIGH INCOME
OPPORTUNITIES 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

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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

NEW VALUE FUND

27

4

04-

3251564

811-

7237

33-

56339

12/28/

95

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-

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6661044
811-
6257

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

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33-
17486
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

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10/3/8

6

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

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4
04-
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 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-
56339
10/2/9
5

RESEARCH FUND

2A
Q
04-
3287245
811-
7237

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33-
56339

10/2/9
5
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
811-
07513

33-
3315
1/22/9
6
8/1/96
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH & INCOME FUND
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N
04-
3338261
811-
5346

33-
17486

1/1/97
PUTNAM VT INTERNATIONAL
GROWTH FUND
2D

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04-

3338260

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5346

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17486

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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

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17486

9/24/8

7

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PUTNAM VT NEW VALUE FUND

2D

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04-

3338264

811-

5346

33-

17486

9/24/8

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PUTNAM SMALL CAP GROWTH

FUND

2H

F

04-

3399647

811-

7513

333-

515

1/6/98

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PUTNAM NEW CENTURY GROWTH
FUND
2H
W
04-
6857012
811-
7513

333-
515
1/22/9
6
2/17/9
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PUTNAM CAPITAL
OPPORTUNITIES FUND
2I
I
04-
3414992
811-
7237

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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-

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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-
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

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3492539
811-
5346

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17486
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GOVERNMENT INC

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04-
3492542
811-
5346

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17486
1/31/0
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PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL FUND

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04-
3511092
811-
7513

333-
515
5/30/0
0

PUTNAM INTERNATIONAL BLEND
FUND

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7237

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56339
3/30/0
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