PUTNAM MASTER INTERMEDIATE INCOME TRUST Form N-O August 26, 2016

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:

(811-05498)

Exact name of registrant as

specified in charter:

Putnam Master Intermediate Income Trust

Address of principal executive

offices:

One Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Name and address of agent for

service:

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Registrant's telephone number, (617) 292-1000

including area code:

Date of fiscal year end: September 30, 2016

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2016

Item 1. Schedule of Investments:

Putnam Master Intermediate Income Trust

The fund's portfolio 6/30/16 (Unaudited)

MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (49.2%)(a)

Principal amount

Value

FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 6/30/16 (aggregate face value \$142,902,576) (Unaudited)

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Bank of Ameri	ca N.A.					
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	\$2,755,954	\$2,679,565	\$76,389
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	1,173,435	1,207,224	33,789
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	147,694	157,283	9,589
	Chilean Peso	Buy	7/21/16	297,503	292,149	5,354
	Chilean Peso	Sell	7/21/16	297,503	290,086	(7,417)
	Euro	Buy	9/21/16	603,744	635,158	(31,414)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	8/18/16	1,310,240	1,310,100	(140)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	79,593	94,091	14,498
	Malaysian Ringgit	Buy	8/18/16	1,302,061	1,296,955	5,106
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,214,372	2,148,712	65,660
	Swedish Krona	Sell	9/21/16	1,248,917	1,320,232	71,315
Barclays Bank	PLC					
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,464,475	1,485,021	(20,546)
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	2,444,789	2,515,146	70,357
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,437,069	1,448,636	11,567
	Euro	Buy	9/21/16	2,561,099	2,568,226	(7,127)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	1,251,662	1,283,034	31,372
	New Zealand Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	666,830	638,548	(28,282)
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	9/21/16	459,568	460,737	(1,169)
	Swedish Krona	Buy	9/21/16	1,264,856	1,290,757	(25,901)
	Swedish Krona	Sell	9/21/16	1,286,962	1,271,033	(15,929)
	Swiss Franc	Buy	9/21/16	91,549	97,126	(5,577)
Citibank, N.A.						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,297,814	1,267,701	30,113
	Brazilian Real	Sell	10/3/16	196,979	183,036	(13,943)
	British Pound	Buy	9/21/16	1,778,137	1,926,060	(147,923)

	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,657,062	1,657,552	490
		Sell				
	Euro		9/21/16	1,946,782	1,971,295	24,513
	Mexican Peso	Buy	7/21/16	109,018	112,434	(3,416)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,277,937	2,197,724	80,213
	South African Rand	Buy	7/21/16	1,269,327	1,245,101	24,226
C		Duy	7/21/10	1,203,327	1,245,101	24,220
Credit Suisse I						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,313,318	1,355,272	(41,954)
	Australian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,335,084	1,334,328	(756)
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	1,271,354	1,291,302	19,948
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	3,175,254	3,129,433	(45,821)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	8/18/16	1,001,332	1,001,251	(81)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	1,368,005	1,287,166	(80,839)
	New Zealand Dollar			2,877,707		
		Buy	7/21/16		2,807,021	70,686
	Norwegian Krone	Sell	9/21/16	3,447,469	3,459,380	11,911
	Swedish Krona	Sell	9/21/16	5,062,615	5,168,975	106,360
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	Australian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	657,031	639,636	(17,395)
	Euro	Buy	9/21/16	175,058	169,546	5,512
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	136,390	68,975	(67,415)
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	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,258,430	2,300,028	(41,598)
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	2,420,276	2,522,226	101,950
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,295,336	1,226,112	69,224
	Euro	Buy	9/21/16	3,714,723	3,755,676	(40,953)
	Indonesian Rupiah	Buy	8/18/16	1,289,202	1,269,947	19,255
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	2,969,224	2,986,061	16,837
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,182,697	2,064,126	118,571
	South Korean Won	Buy	8/18/16	343	21,033	(20,690)
	Swedish Krona	Sell	9/21/16	3,247,742	3,263,407	15,665
HSBC Bank US	A, National Associat	tion				
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,327,777	1,296,592	31,185
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	1,271,354	1,291,326	19,972
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	739,319	732,526	(6,793)
	Euro	Sell	9/21/16	3,155,939	3,176,599	20,660
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	8/18/16	1,308,537	1,308,533	(4)
	Polish Zloty	Sell	9/21/16	42,659	52,744	10,085
JPMorgan Chas	se Bank N.A.					
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	649,504	720,505	(71,001)
	British Pound	Seĺl	9/21/16	3,578,657	3,691,156	112,499
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,310,044	1,311,431	(1,387)
	Euro	Buy	9/21/16	2,689,416	2,730,091	(40,675)
	Hong Kong Dollar	Sell	8/18/16	1,337,543	1,337,417	(126)
	Indonesian Rupiah	Buy	11/16/16	1,256,567	1,263,473	(6,906)
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	1,399,874	1,380,611	(19,263)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	2,154,731	2,027,070	127,661
	Norwegian Krone	Buy	9/21/16	1,926,493	1,962,066	(35,573)
	Russian Ruble	Buy	9/21/16	1,275,678	1,244,921	30,757
	Swedish Krona	Sell	9/21/16	6,582,686	6,728,667	145,981
Royal Bank of	Scotland PLC (The)					
	Australian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,464,923	1,364,790	(100,133)
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	1,078,180	1,076,872	(1,308)
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	2,707,868	2,708,176	308
	Euro	Sell	9/21/16	4,893,053	4,946,117	53,064
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	1,274,125	1,282,513	8,388
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	3,093,158	3,027,044	66,114
_	Norwegian Krone	Sell	9/21/16	2,693,564	2,677,565	(15,999)
State Street B	ank and Trust Co.					
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,234,161	1,287,820	(53,659)
	Australian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,307,951	1,281,204	(26,747)
	Brazilian Real	Sell	10/3/16	682,246	634,760	(47,486)
	British Pound	Sell	9/21/16	1,173,435	1,221,449	48,014
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,935,187	1,965,217	(30,030)
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	Singapore Dollar	Sell	8/18/16	1,320,377	1,310,903	(9,474)
UBS AG						
	Australian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,310,187	1,260,061	50,126
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	7/21/16	1,463,543	1,458,078	(5,465)
	Euro	Sell	9/21/16	1,268,697	1,298,965	30,268
	Japanese Yen	Buy	8/18/16	1,332,884	1,319,777	13,107
	Japanese Yen	Sell	8/18/16	1,362,349	1,313,347	(49,002)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,338,583	1,281,006	57,577
WestPac Ban	king Corp.					
	Canadian Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	1,139,051	1,123,081	15,970
	Mexican Peso	Buy	7/21/16	1,993	1,946	47
	Mexican Peso	Sell	7/21/16	1,993	1,924	(69)
	New Zealand Dollar	Buy	7/21/16	661,479	632,610	28,869
Total						\$793,736

FUTURES CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (Unaudited)

				Unrealized
	Number of contracts	Value	Expirati date	on appreciation/ (depreciation)
U.S. Treasury Bond 30 yr (Long)	29	\$4,997,969	Sep-16	\$271,817
U.S. Treasury Bond Ultra 30 yr (Long)	22	4,100,250	Sep-16	254,503
U.S. Treasury Note 5 yr (Long)	3	366,492	Sep-16	6,697
U.S. Treasury Note 10 yr (Short)	68	\$9,042,938	Sep-16	(244,509)
U.S. Treasury Note Ultra 10 yr (Short)	10	1,456,719	Sep-16	(47,911)
Total				\$240.597

WRITTEN SWAP OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (premiums \$1,923,221) (Unaudited)

Counterparty

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

Credit Suisse International

2.515/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-47Apr-17/2.515\$3,987,800\$69,164

Goldman Sachs International1.65875/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-26Jul-16/1.6587518,819,4002,258(1.215)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.21521,360,80024,138(0.901)/3 month

USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/0.90121,360,80025,6331.57/3 month

USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-26Jul-16/1.5718,819,40030,111(0.7325)/3 month

USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-18Jul-16/0.732551,940,00039,995

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.1.41/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.4121,360,800211.28/3 month

USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-17Jul-16/1.2821,360,80021(6.00 Floor)/3 month

USD-LIBOR-BBA/Mar-18Mar-18/6.006,568,000613,484

Total\$804,825

WRITTEN OPTIONS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (premiums \$984,375) (Unaudited)

	Expiration date/strike price	Contract amount	Value
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			_
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/\$102.18	\$10,000,000	\$18,700
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Sep-16/102.09	10,000,000	17,100
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Sep-16/101.90	10,000,000	14,200
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Sep-16/101.80	10,000,000	12,900
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Sep-16/101.56	10,000,000	10,200
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Sep-16/101.47	10,000,000	9,300
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA commitments (Put)	Sep-16/101.28	10,000,000	7,700
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Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)			
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/101.04	10,000,000	6,000
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/100.85	10,000,000	5,000
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/100.75	10,000,000	4,500
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/100.56	10,000,000	3,700
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/100.30	10,000,000	2,800
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/100.11	10,000,000	2,400
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/100.02	10,000,000	2,100
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Sep-16/99.83	10,000,000	1,800
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Aug-16/100.80	10,000,000	500
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Aug-16/100.68	10,000,000	400
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Aug-16/99.97	10,000,000	100
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Aug-16/100.09	10,000,000	100
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Jul-16/100.73	10,000,000	10
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Jul-16/101.36	10,000,000	10
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Jul-16/100.73	10,000,000	10
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 yr 3.0s TBA			
commitments (Put)	Jul-16/101.39	10,000,000	10
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Total			\$126,540

FORWARD PREMIUM SWAP OPTION CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (Unaudited)

Counterparty			Premium	Unrealized
Fixed right or obligation % to receive or (pay)/ Floating rate index/Maturity date	Expiration date/strike	Contract amount		appreciation/ (depreciation)
Citibank, N.A.				
(1.455)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-26 (Purchased)	Jul-16/1.455	\$22,806,600	\$(127,147)	\$(2,281)
1.585/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-26 (Written)	Jul-16/1.585	22,806,600	44,473	(2,281)
1.515/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Jul-26 (Written)	Jul-16/1.515	22,806,600	78,683	(2,737)
Goldman Sachs International				
(2.0745)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Sep-21 (Purchased)	Sep-16/2.0745	11,403,300	(41,052)	1,254
1.5595/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Sep-21 (Purchased)	Sep-16/1.5595	11,403,300	(52,455)	(10,035)
1.1665/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Dec-17 (Written)	Dec-16/1.1665	45,613,200	45,613	4,561
(0.6665)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Dec-17 (Written)	Dec-16/0.6665	45,613,200	47,894	456
JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.				
2.117/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/2.117	5,037,775	(123,441)	212,947
2.035/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/2.035	5,037,775	(128,005)	175,466
1.00/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-27 (Purchased)	Apr-17/1.00	18,352,200	(128,924)	51,698
1.00/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-27 (Purchased)	Apr-17/1.00	9,176,100	(60,672)	29,630
(2.01575)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Sep-21 (Purchased)	Sep-16/2.01575	11,403,300	(44,473)	7,184
1.49825/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Sep-21 (Purchased)	Sep-16/1.49825	11,403,300	(44,473)	(9,807)
(3.035)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/3.035	5,037,775	(134,045)	(132,010)
(3.117)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-27 (Purchased)	Feb-17/3.117	5,037,775	(141,058)	(139,446)
2.655/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19 (Written)	Feb-17/2.655	22,065,500	146,184	145,853
	Feb-17/2.56	22,065,500	141,058	140,557

2.56/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19				
(Written)				
(0.634)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Dec-17	Dec-16/0.634			
(Written)		45,613,200	44,473	1,825
1.134/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Dec-17	Dec-16/1.134			
(Written)		45,613,200	44,473	(912)
(1.00)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-19	Apr-17/1.00			
(Written)		18,352,200	56,194	(51,753)
(1.00)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Apr-19	Apr-17/1.00			
(Written)		36,704,400	117,454	(98,735)
(1.56)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19	Feb-17/1.56			
(Written)		22,065,500	127,038	(200,133)
(1.655)/3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA/Feb-19	Feb-17/1.655			
(Written)		22,065,500	125,773	(240,955)
Total			\$(6,435)	\$(119,654)

TBA SALE COMMITMENTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (proceeds receivable \$33,322,695) (Unaudited)

Agency	Principal amount	Settlement date	Value
Federal National Mortgage Association, 4s, July 1, 2046 Federal National Mortgage Association, 3 1/2s, July 1,	\$1,000,000	7/14/16	\$1,072,188
2046	7,000,000	7/14/16	7,384,453
Federal National Mortgage Association, 3s, July 1, 2046 Government National Mortgage Association, 3 1/2s, July 1,	19,000,000	7/14/16	19,713,983
2046	5,000,000	7/20/16	5,305,860
Total			\$33,476,484

OTC INTEREST RATE SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (Unaudited)

CENTRALLY CLEARED INTEREST RATE SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (Unaudited)

\$41,820,800	\$(251,477)	6/28/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.4825%	\$169,850
20,910,400	250,649	6/28/26	1.65875%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(313,666)
41,820,800	(230,566)	6/21/26	3 month		
			USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.55%	470,081
20,910,400	229,738	6/21/26	1.715%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(451,740)
100,045,000 ^(E)	214,561	9/21/18	1.12%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(488,956)
17,486,300 ^(E)	112,094	9/21/21	1.40%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(211,281)
20,322,800 ^(E)	221,626	9/21/26	1.75%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(439,271)
587,900 (E)	13,855	9/21/46	2.17%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(30,743)
56,275,000	(211)	6/8/18	0.95082%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(244,297)
14,755,000	(119)	6/8/21	3 month		
			USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.22839%	182,190

	12,425,000	(164)	6/8/26	1.60208%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(275,930)
	7,322,000	(249)	6/8/46	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	2.06188%	389,364
	119,372,000 ^(E)	(480,557)	9/21/18	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.05%	192,822
	3,860,000 ^(E)	5,358	9/21/46	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	2.10%	231,670
	36,002,000 ^(E)	(212,760)	9/21/21	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.30%	275,930
	32,896,000 ^(E)	(21,201)	9/21/26	1.65%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(776,165)
	16,101,000	(116)	6/21/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.42%	68,739
	7,800,000	(103)	6/20/26	1.4215%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(34,702)
	8,540,000	(113)	6/24/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.56%	150,395
	6,586,800	(87)	6/28/26	1.5675%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(120,175)
	31,365,600	51,862	6/28/26	1.4825%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	(264,133)
	18,819,400	(42,069)	7/1/26	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	1.4825%	144,525
	12,000,000	(45)	6/29/18	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	0.711%	(5,737)
	7,700,000	(102)	6/29/26	1.36146%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	11,642
	7,700,000	(102)	6/29/26	1.3534%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	17,598
	12,000,000	(45)	6/29/18	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	0.7115%	(5,629)
	7,700,000	(102)	6/29/26	1.35735%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	14,678
	12,000,000	(45)	6/29/18	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	0.716%	(4,546)
	5,249,300	(69)	6/29/26	1.336%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	20,763
	7,600,000	(100)	6/30/26	1.35629%	3 month USD-LIBOR-BBA	15,600
AUD	9,076,000 ^(E)	67,499	9/28/26	2.35%	6 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	(21,376)
AUD	25,940,000 (E)	3,072	9/28/18	3 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	1.75%	9,320
AUD	9,111,000 (E)	4,499	9/28/21	2.05%	6 month AUD-BBR-BBSW	(11,938)
CAD	33,676,000 (E)	(21,067)	9/21/18	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR		(1,726)
CAD	12,582,000 (E)	85,927	9/21/26	1.50%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	(67,615)
CAD	5,187,000 ^(E)	15,963	9/21/21	1.05%	3 month CAD-BA-CDOR	(6,890)
CHF	2,438,000 (E)	47,832	9/21/26	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.15%	(10,024)
CHF	6,737,000 ^(E)	19,790	9/21/18	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.70%	(7,268)
CHF	17,818,000 ^(E)	136,693	9/21/21	6 month CHF-LIBOR-BBA	0.55%	(53,858)
EUR	29,288,000 ^(E)	171,443	9/21/21	0.05%		(39,368)

6 month **EUR-EURIBOR-REUTERS EUR** 5,681,000 (E) 9/21/26 6 month (81,588)EUR-EURIBOR-Telerate 0.55% 16,732 **GBP** 8,935,000 (E) 3,285 9/21/18 6 month **GBP-LIBOR-BBA** 0.75% 68,646 **GBP** 7.905.000 (E) 1.00% 6 month GBP-LIBOR-BBA 206,485 9/21/21 (1.986)**GBP** 87,000 (E) 9/21/26 6 month (4,107)**GBP-LIBOR-BBA** 1.35% (115)**JPY** 511,900,000 (30)2/19/20 6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA 1.3975% 306,350 **JPY** 129,260,000 (19)11/13/45 6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA 1.32125% 417,841 **JPY** (40)11/26/35 6 month 165,552,000 JPY-LIBOR-BBA 1.09% 298,494 JPY 129,260,000 (19)1/5/46 1.22015% 6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA (386,052)JPY 1/5/36 6 month JPY-LIBOR-BBA 165,552,000 (44)1.00875% (278,939)NOK 20,338,000 (E) (27,269)9/21/26 6 month 1.50% NOK-NIBOR-NIBR 6,424 **NOK** 710,000 (E) **—** 9/21/18 0.80% 6 month 70 NOK-NIBOR-NIBR NOK 910.000 (E) 602 9/21/21 1.10% 6 month **NOK-NIBOR-NIBR** (170)**NZD** 6,989,000 38,276 6/15/26 3.10% 3 month NZD-BBR-FRA (156, 133)**NZD** 9,578,000 2,143 6/15/18 3 month NZD-BBR-FRA 2.40% 25,012 **NZD** 2.70% 29,659,000 (23,926)6/15/21 3 month NZD-BBR-FRA (396,732)**NZD** 6/15/21 3 month NZD-BBR-FRA 2.7003% 9,079 1,096,000 (4,708)**NZD**

\$(1,517,640) **Total** \$477,781

SEK-STIBOR-SIDE

3 month NZD-BBR-FRA 2.50%

3 month NZD-BBR-FRA 2.90%

3 month NZD-BBR-FRA

SEK-STIBOR-SIDE

1.10%

3 month

9,494,000

3,041,000 (E)

35,396,000 (E)

20,345,000 (E)

530,000 (E)

NZD

NZD

SEK

SEK

14,637

(10,934)

(8,934)

(31,679)

14,658

6/15/18

9/21/21

9/21/26

9/21/26

9/21/21

2.4001%

3 month

0.30%

(8,045)

(1,664)

95,322

(15,064)

5,157

Extended effective date.

OTC TOTAL RETURN SWAP CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (Unaudited)

OTC CREDIT DEFAULT CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING at 6/30/16 (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

- 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
- JSC Joint Stock Company
- OAO Open Joint Stock Company
- OJSC Open 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 October 1, 2015 through June 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 \$255,955,827.
- (b) The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$403,492,697, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$1,900,292 and \$25,552,508, respectively, or net unrealized depreciation of \$23,652,036.
- (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 Money Market Liquidity Fund and Putnam Short Term Investment Fund, which are 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 Money Market Liquidity Fund*	\$-	— \$1,017,662	\$1,017,662	\$19	\$—
Putnam Short Term Investment Fund*	1,182,949	74,902,531	68,520,829	26,875	7,564,651
Totals	\$1.182.949	\$75.920.193	\$69.538.491	\$26.894	\$7.564.651

^{*} Management fees charged to Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund and 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.
 - (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.
- (i) This security was pledged, or purchased with cash that was pledged, to the fund for collateral on certain derivative contracts.
- (P) This security was pledged, or purchased with cash that was pledged, to the fund for collateral on certain derivative contracts. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.
- (R) Real Estate Investment Trust.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling \$134,569,731 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	85.6%
Greece	3.0
Russia	1.6
Argentina	1.6
Brazil	1.5
Venezuela	1.3
Mexico	1.2
Canada	1.0
Luxembourg	0.6
Indonesia	0.5
Other	2.1

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	\$—	\$—	\$10,017
Energy	_	_	200
Total common stocks	_	_	10,217
Convertible bonds and notes	_	146,741	_
Corporate bonds and notes	_	87,749,943	4
Foreign government and agency bonds and notes		22,265,680	
Mortgage-backed securities	_	125,630,202	365,347
Purchased options outstanding	_	224,106	_
Purchased swap options outstanding	_	319,287	_
Senior loans	_	4,484,546	_
U.S. government agency obligations	_	144,127	_

U.S. government and agency mortgage obligations	— 1	.20,915,782	_
U.S. government and agency mortgage obligations	7,604,651	9,980,028	

Totals by l	evel	\$7	,604,651	\$371,860,442 \$	\$375,568
Investments in		Accrued discounts/premiums	Realized gain/(loss)	Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation/#	
Common stocks*:					
Consumer	\$10,017	\$	\$	\$	\$
Energy	798			(598)	
Total common stocks	\$10,815	\$	\$	\$(598)	\$
and notes	\$0		2	(2)	
Mortgage-backed securities	¹ \$4,913,176	(296,543)	(45,906)	31,256	
	\$4,923,997	\$(296,543)	\$(45,904)	\$30,656	\$

^{*} Common stock classifications are presented at the sector level, which may differ from the fund's po

†Transfers during the reporting period are accounted for using the end of period market value. Transfers during the valuations involve certain inputs and estimates that were unobservable at the encinclude valuations where a secondary pricing source was obtained for certain securities.

Includes \$598 related to Level 3 securities still held at period end. Total change in unrealized apprecincluding Level 1 and Level 2) can be found in the Statement of operations.

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	\$573,747	\$2,909,942
Foreign exchange contracts	2,035,401	1,174,279
Interest rate contracts	7,002,613	9,875,067

Total

\$9,611,761 \$13,959,288

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

	Bank of America N.A.	Barclays Bank PLC	Barclays Capital Inc. (clearing broker)	Citibank, N.A.	Credit Suisse International		Goldmar Sachs Internati
Assets:							
OTC Interest rate swap contracts*#	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Centrally cleared interest rate swap contracts§			1,802,757				
OTC Total return swap contracts*#		104,202		8,204	38,274		23,903
OTC Credit default contracts*#					395,563		178,184
Futures contracts§							
Forward currency contracts#	281,700	113,296		159,555	208,905	5,512	341,502
Forward premium swap option contracts#							6,271
Purchased swap options#					30,822		288,251
Purchased options#				67,386			
Total Assets	\$281,700	\$217,498	\$1,802,757	\$235,145	\$673,564	\$5,512	\$838,11

Liabilities:							
OTC Interest rate swap contracts*#							
Centrally cleared interest rate swap contracts§			1,782,803				
OTC Total return swap contracts*#		107,020			107,963	3,575	353,353
OTC Credit default contracts*#	57,183				2,137,661		629,668
Futures contracts§							
Forward currency contracts#	38,971	104,531		165,282	169,451	84,810	103,241
Forward premium swap option contracts#				7,299			10,035
Written swap options#					69,164		122,135
Written options#							
Total Liabilities	\$96,154	\$211,551	\$1,782,803	\$172,581	\$2,484,239	\$88,385	\$1,218,4
Total Financial and Derivative Net Assets	\$185,546	\$5,947	\$19,954	\$62,564	\$(1,810,675)	\$(82,873)	\$(380,32
Total collateral received (pledged)##†	\$144,127	\$	\$	\$40,000	\$(1,810,675)	\$(82,873)	\$(208,93
Net amount	\$41,419	\$5,947	\$19,954	\$22,564	\$	\$	\$(171,38

^{*} 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 appreciatio after the fund's portfolio.

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

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 Master Intermediate Income Trust

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Janet C. Smith
Janet C. Smith
Principal Accounting Officer
Date: August 26, 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: August 26, 2016

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Steven D. Krichmar Steven D. Krichmar Principal Financial Officer Date: August 26, 2016