

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â SALM MICHAEL V

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/06/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☒ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Managing Director, Putnam, LLC
/ and of its issuer's managers

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PUTNAM

INVESTMENTS,Â ONE POST

OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year)

Date

Exercisable

Expiration

Date

3. Title and Amount of

Securities Underlying

Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or

Number of

4. Conversion

or Exercise

Price of

Derivative

Security

Security

5. Ownership

Form of

Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Shares

or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SALM MICHAEL V PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Â Managing Director, Putnam, LLC	and of its issuer's managers

Signatures

Michael V. Salm 02/16/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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