

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST
Form SC 13G/A
February 01, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)

Putnam Premier Income Trust (PPT)

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

746853100

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which
would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of
that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the
Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Sit Investment Associates, Inc.
41-1404829

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
State of Minnesota

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 4,622,297
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER -0-
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,622,297
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON
4,622,297

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
4.31%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
Sit Investment Associates, Inc. (client accounts) IA

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ITEM 1 (a) Name of Issuer:
Putnam Premier Income Trust

ITEM 1 (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
One Post Office Square
Boston, MA 02109

ITEM 2 (a) Name of Person Filing: Sit Investment Associates, Inc.
Sit Investment Associates, Inc. ("SIA") is an Investment Adviser registered
under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

SIA has two subsidiaries, each of which are registered Investment Advisers:

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- 1(b) (ii) (G) (Note :see Item 7)
- (h) [] A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act
- (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c) (14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940
- (j) [] A non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (J)
- (k) [] Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (H)

ITEM 4 Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with sole voting power; and aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person:

SIA and Affiliates Ownership as of 12/31/17:

Shares	
SIA (client accounts)	4,622,297
Total Shares Owned By SIA and Affiliated Entities	4,622,297

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(b) Percent of Class:
Outstanding as of 12/31/17: 107,254,321

SIA and Affiliates Ownership @ 12/31/17:

% Owned	
SIA (client accounts)	4.31%
Total Shares Owned By SIA and Affiliated Entities	4.31%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 4,622,297
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 4,622,297
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

ITEM 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

ITEM 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

N/A

ITEM 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

N/A

ITEM 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

N/A

ITEM 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

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ITEM 10 Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purposes of effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under 240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

SIT INVESTMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.

Date: February 1, 2018

By: /s/ Paul E. Rasmussen

Title: Vice President