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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 \*

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

PUTNAM  
INVESTMENTS,^ ONE POST  
OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON,^ MA^ 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/04/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM MANAGED HIGH YIELD TRUST [ptm]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner

Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	
dexter stephen p PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Ã	Ã	Ã Managing Director, Putnam,LLC	and of its issuer's managers

## Signatures

Stephen P. 01/14/2005  
Dexter

\*\*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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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