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Business Update REMINDER March 6, 2017

Putnam Investments Announces the Closing and Liquidation of Putnam Strategic Volatility Equity Fund

Putnam Asia Pacific Equity Fund

Please Forward to All Mutual Fund Operations Personnel

Putnam Investments announces the following fund liquidations

| | Important Dates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Fund Name | Class | Fund number | Quotron | CUSIP | Event Date | New | Last Day to place T+3 Purchases | Last Day to place NSCC Transfers In | | Last Day to place DCC&S Purchases | | to place | Last Day to place NSCC Transfers Out | Last Day to | Last day to place DCC&S Redeems | Last Day to place Direct Redeems |
| Strategic Volatility Equity Fund | А | 85 | PSVEX | 74676A584 | Monday, March 13 | Feb 27 | Feb 21 | Mar 7 | Feb 23 | Feb 24 | Feb 24 | Feb 21 | Mar 7 | Mar 9 | Mar 10 | Mar 13 |
| Strategic Volatility Equity Fund | В | 285 | PSVGX | 74676A576 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strategic Volatility Equity Fund | С | 485 | PSVHX | 74676A568 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strategic Volatility Equity Fund | М | 685 | PSVOX | 74676A550 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strategic Volatility Equity Fund | Υ | 1885 | PSVYX | 74676A543 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific Equity Fund | Α | 74 | PAPAX | 74676P300 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific Equity Fund | В | 274 | PAPBX | 74676P409 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific Equity Fund | С | 474 | PAPCX | 74676P508 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific Equity Fund | М | 674 | PAPMX | 74676P607 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific Equity Fund | R | 874 | PAPLX | 74676P706 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific Equity Fund | Υ | 1874 | PAPYX | 74676P805 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Existing shareholders in the Putnam Strategic Volatility Equity Fund and Putnam Asia Pacific Equity Fund may continue to exchange out of the fund or redeem from the funds.

Existing Putnam shareholders in other Putnam Funds will not be allowed to exchange into these funds.

The final NAV will be 4 decimals and will be transmitted through the NSCC.

CDSC will not be waived for redemptions outside of instances permitted by prospectus rules.

CDSC is waived for the liquidation event.

Liquidation proceeds will be sent via wire, however any final distribution proceeds that may be due will be remitted via NSCC.

If you have any questions regarding this Business Update or require additional information, please contact your Dedicated Putnam Representative.