#### PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

Form SC 13G August 11, 2014

**SECURITIES** 

**AND** 

**EXCHANGE** 

**COMMISSION** 

Washington,

D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE**

13G

Under the

Securities

Exchange Act of

1934

(Amendment

No. )\*

**Putnam Premier** 

Income Trust

(Name of

Issuer)

**Common Shares** 

of Beneficial

Interest, without

par value

(Title of Class

of Securities)

746853100

(CUSIP

Number)

August 1, 2014

(Date of Event

Which Requires

Filing of This

Statement)

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" Rule 13d-1(b)

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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).

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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| 1   | NAME OF<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON                      |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
|   | Saba Capital Management, L.P. CHECK THE             |  |  |
| 2   | APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A              |  |  |
| 3   | GROUP<br>SEC USE ONLY<br>CITIZENSHIP OR<br>PLACE OF |  |  |
| 4   | ORGANIZATION  |  |  |
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | Delaw   | SOLE   |  |
|   | 5   | VOTING<br>POWER  |  |
|   | 6   | -0-<br>SHARED<br>VOTING<br>POWER                               |  |
|   | 7   | 6,655,337<br>SOLE<br>DISPOSITIVE<br>POWER                      |  |
|   | 8   | -0-<br>SHARED<br>DISPOSITIVE<br>POWER                          |  |
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IF THE

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ROW (9)

**EXCLUDES** 

**CERTAIN** 

**SHARES** 

PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY

11 AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

5.082%<sup>1</sup> TYPE OF

REPORTING

12 PERSON

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The percentages used herein and in the rest of this Schedule 13G are calculated based upon 130,948,832 shares outstanding as of January 31, 2014 as reported in the Company's Form N-CSRS filed on March 28, 2014.

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| 1   | NAME OF<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON  |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 2   | Boaz R. Weinstein<br>CHECK<br>THE<br>APPROPRIATE<br>BOX IF A<br>MEMBER (b) "<br>OF A<br>GROUP<br>SEC USE ONLY |   |  |
| 4   | CITIZENSHIP OR<br>PLACE OF<br>ORGANIZATION  |   |  |
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| 10  | 6,655,337<br>CHECK BOX "<br>IF THE  |   |  |

AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES PERCENT OF

**CLASS** 

REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW

(9)

5.082%<sup>2</sup> TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

11

**12** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The percentages used herein and in the rest of this Schedule 13G are calculated based upon 130,948,832 shares outstanding as of January 31, 2014 as reported in the Company's Form N-CSRS filed on March 28, 2014.

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#### Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER

The name of the issuer is Putnam Premier Income Trust (the "Company").

#### Item 1(b).ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

The Company's principal executive offices are located at One Post Office Square, Boston Massachusetts 02109.

#### Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING

This statement is being jointly filed by Saba Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Saba Capital") and Mr. Boaz R. Weinstein (together, the "Reporting Persons') with respect to the ownership of the Common Shares by Saba Capital Master Fund Ltd. ("SCMF"), Saba Capital Master Fund II, Ltd. ("SCMF II"), Saba Capital Leveraged Master Fund Ltd. ("SCLMF") and Saba Capital Partners (Cayman), L.P., ("SCP").<sup>3</sup>

The Reporting Persons have entered into a Joint Filing Agreement, dated August 11, 2014, a copy of which is filed with this Schedule 13G as Exhibit 1, pursuant to which the Reporting Persons have agreed to file this statement jointly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Act.

Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

The filing of this statement should not be construed as an admission that any of the forgoing persons or the Reporting Persons is, for the purposes of Section 13 of the Act, the beneficial owner of the Common Shares reported herein.

# Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE

The address of the business office of Saba Capital and Mr. Weinstein is 405 Lexington Avenue, 58th Floor, New York, New York 10174.

# Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP

Saba Capital is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Weinstein is a citizen of the United States.

#### Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

Common shares of beneficial interest, without par value (the "Common Shares").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Saba Capital is the investment manager of SCMF, SCMF II, SCLMF and SCP and by virtue of such status may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities held by SCMF, SCMF II, SCLMF and SCP. Saba Capital Management GP, LLC ("Management") is the general partner of Saba Capital and as a result may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities held by SCMF, SCMF II, SCLMF and SCP. Boaz R. Weinstein is a member of Management and has voting and investment power with respect to the securities held by SCMF, SCMF II, SCLMF and SCP and may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the securities held by SCMF, SCMF II, SCLMF and SCP.

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#### Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER

746853100

#### Item IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO Rules 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK 3. WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) "Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- (b) "Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- (c) "Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e) "An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) "An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)" A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)" A savings association 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;
- (i) "A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) "Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

#### **Item OWNERSHIP**

The information required by Items 4(a) - (c) is set forth in Rows (5) - (11) of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

# Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

Not applicable.

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#### Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

Not applicable.

# Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON

Not applicable.

#### Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

#### Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

#### **Item 10. CERTIFICATION**

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above 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 purpose or effect.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

**DATED:** August 11, 2014

SABA CAPITAL Management, L.P.

By: /s/ Robert K. Simonds Name: Robert K. Simonds Title: Authorized Signatory

**BOAZ R. WEINSTEIN** 

By: /s/ Robert K. Simonds Name: Robert K. Simonds Title: Attorney-in-fact

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# JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing agreements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained herein and therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATED: August 11, 2014

SABA CAPITAL Management, L.P.

By: /s/ Robert K. Simonds Name: Robert K. Simonds Title: Authorized Signatory

**BOAZ R. WEINSTEIN** 

By: /s/ Robert K. Simonds Name: Robert K. Simonds Title: Attorney-in-fact