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# Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class N

*Monthly Report: April 2018*

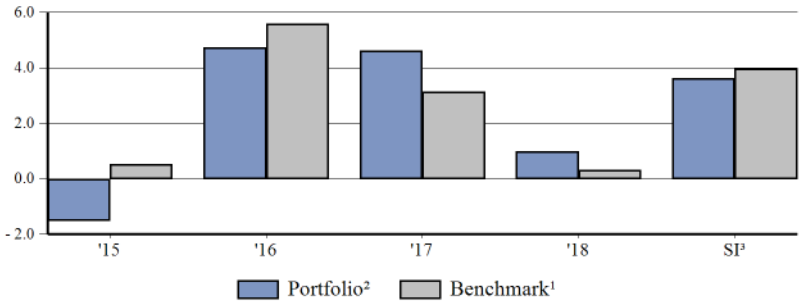
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FIRMWIDE ASSETS OVER $35BN

VALUE ORIENTATED

| | |
|---|---|
| Global Bonds | Emerging Market Debt |
| Global Inflation | Alpha |

**GROSS PERFORMANCE AS AT END OF APRIL 2018**




## MARKET COMMENTARY

The Citi World Government Bond Index fell slightly over the month of April returning -0.4% in US dollar hedged terms. The US ten-year yield increased over the month, briefly rising above 3% as economic data in the US remained strong. It was a good month for the US dollar which rose against most currencies in the benchmark. This meant that the unhedged return for the index was -1.9% for the month. Year to date the index remains in positive territory at 0.6% in US dollar unhedged terms.

Early in the month the USA and China exchanged threats in relation to potential tariffs and trade sanctions. The Chinese government outlined tariffs on US goods that might be imposed if the US proceeded with sanctions against their products. Despite this the US economy continues to perform well with the first quarter GDP number coming in slightly above expectations with year on year growth at 2.9%. Combined with inflation also picking up slightly to 2.4%, the US bond market returned -0.8% for the month. In Canada the bond market also returned -0.8% in US dollar hedged terms as the economy there is also performing well, the latest release indicating growth of 3.0%. Inflation in Canada also increased moderately with the latest reading ticking up to 2.3%. Mexico had a return of -0.4% in US dollar hedged terms despite seeing inflation fall to 5.0% having last peaked at 6.8% at the end of 2017.

Economic growth in the Eurozone still continues to be relatively robust. Despite this the European Central Bank has indicated that they are in no rush to normalise monetary policy and their quantitative easing program is continuing. Over the month, the European bond market returned -0.2% with some divergence across countries; whilst Italy returned a positive 0.3%, the Netherlands declined by -0.3% in US dollar hedged terms. In Norway, the recent announcement by the Ministry of Finance that the inflation target for the central bank was being reduced to 2.0% from 2.5% does not appear to have had a large impact. The rationale for the change was that the period of phasing oil revenue into the economy is now over and there is no longer any reason for the country to have an inflation target above other countries. The Norwegian bond market returned 0.3% in US dollar hedged terms for the month. In the United Kingdom inflation fell again to 2.5%, down from 3.1% in November 2017. The bond market returned -1% in US dollar hedged terms.

In Japan the economy continues to perform well with unemployment holding steady at 2.5%. The Tankan survey reported that Japanese companies are finding it increasingly difficult to find workers to fill vacancies. Despite the tight labour market inflation in the country is remaining stubbornly subdued at 1.1% with core inflation being even lower at 0.3%. The bond market returned 0.1% in US dollar hedged terms over the month. Events in Korea were dominated by the meeting between the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and the President of South Korea, Moon Jae-in. The meeting could pave the way for a summit between Kim Jong-un and President Trump later in the year. The Korean bond market returned -0.3% over the month. Also in Asia, Prime Minister Najib in Malaysia announced that the general election would be held in May. It is widely expected that Najib's party, the United Malays National Organisation, would hold on to power but they are facing a strong challenge by the PPBM party, led by the former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad. Malaysian bonds returned -0.8% in US dollar hedged terms.

Over the month the US dollar performed well against most currencies. Among the major currencies, the Swedish krona fell against the US dollar by -4.7% and the Swiss franc was down -3.6% over the month. The Canadian dollar was amongst the best performers rising by 0.6% against the US dollar. In emerging markets, it was a similar picture, with the Brazilian real falling by -5.6% and the South African rand returning -4.9%.

1. Citigroup World Government Bond Index 100% hedged in New Zealand dollars (NZD).

2. Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class N whose inception date was 03 December 2015. Please see further footnotes on following pages for more details.

3. Annualized returns since inception.

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| Gross Attribution of Total Returns | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Portfolio [2] | Benchmark [1] | Relative Return |
| Monthly | -0.22% | -0.40% | 0.19% |
| Bonds | -0.26% | -0.40% | 0.15% |
| Currency | 0.04% | 0.00% | 0.04% |

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

The fund returned -0.22% over the month, outperforming the benchmark which returned -0.40%. Bond selection added 0.15% to relative returns and currency selection added 0.04%.The top three positive bond contributors to relative returns were the underweight positions in United States, United Kingdom and Europe. The two positive currency contributors to relative returns were the overweight positions in Colombian Peso and Malaysia Ringgit.

| Top 5 Bond Holdings | |
|---|---|
| 1 | US Treasury 2% 31Aug 2021 |
| 2 | New Zealand Government 5% 15Mar2019 |
| 3 | Japanese Govt 0.1% 20Mar2020 |
| 4 | US Treasury 5.375% 15Feb2031 |
| 5 | Irish Government Bond 1% 15May2026 |

| Top Active Currency Positions | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Portfolio Exposure relative to Benchmark* | | *% of Portfolio* |
| *Overweights* | | |
| 1 | Malaysia Ringgit | 5.1% |
| 2 | Mexican Peso | 3.7% |
| 3 | British Pound | 2.2% |
| *Underweights* | | |
| 1 | New Zealand Dollars | -19.4% |

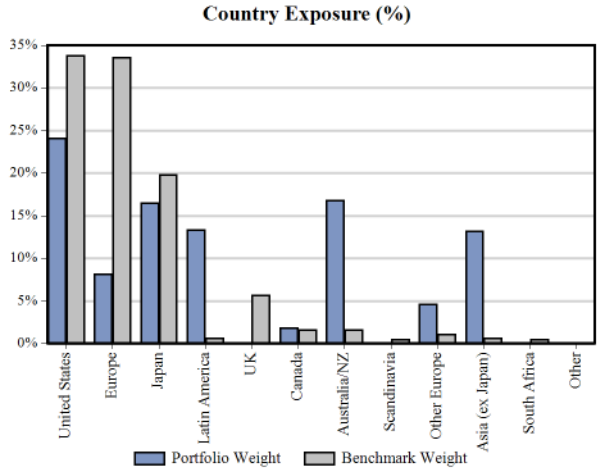
| Portfolio Characteristics | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Portfolio [2]** | **Benchmark [1]** |
| Duration | 6.30 | 7.74 |
| Yield | 3.08 | 2.15 |
| Yield to Maturity | 2.38 | 1.44 |
| Average Coupon | 3.45 | 2.47 |
| Average Credit Rating | AA | AA |

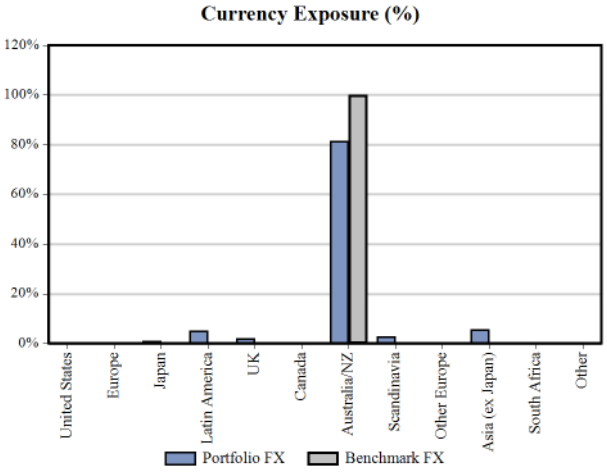
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## MONTH END POSITIONING




## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

| Portfolio | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | SI[23] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Returns | -1.51% | 4.75% | 4.61% | 0.98% | 3.63% |
| Benchmark[1] | 0.52% | 5.58% | 3.14% | 0.32% | 3.96% |
| Relative Gross | -2.03% | -0.84% | 1.47% | 0.66% | -0.33% |

| YTD Returns | Q1:18 | Apr | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Returns | 1.20% | -0.22% | 0.98% |
| Benchmark[1] | 0.73% | -0.40% | 0.32% |
| Relative Gross | 0.47% | 0.19% | 0.66% |

- Valuation and returns have been calculated in NZD as at month end. The WM-Reuters exchange rate used by the index provider in compiling their index is the predominant exchange rate used in valuing the Portfolio.
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- The portfolio was in compliance with applicable investment guidelines throughout April 2018. The portfolio's guidelines are set out in the current prospectus.
- The gross performance record presented above does not reflect the deduction of management and custody fees, which will reduce overall client returns. As an example of the impact of investment management fees on the net return to investors: the value of a $10 million investment at inception of 03 December 2015 on which the highest 70 basis points was payable, would be worth $10.897 million gross of investment management fees and $10.726 million net of fees as at the end of April 2018. The basis for calculating this example is to start with an investment amount, apply the monthly gross performance to the previous computed month end value, and deduct the highest fees payable (70.0 basis points) to compute the new month end value net of fees.Investment management fees are described in the current prospectus.
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