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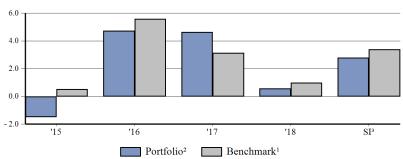
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## Colchester Global Government Bond Fund - Class N

Monthly Report: November 2018

#### GROSS PERFORMANCE AS AT END OF NOVEMBER 2018





### MARKET COMMENTARY

Global government bond markets generally continued the trend of the previous month during November, producing positive returns as the global growth backdrop remains somewhat uncertain, at least outside of the USA. The FTSE World Government Bond Index returned 0.7% over the month in US dollar hedged terms, whilst the unhedged return was 0.5% as the major global currencies were relatively unchanged over the period.

There has been much focus of late on the US Federal Reserve and the likely path of monetary policy in 2019. With most investors expecting a rate increase in December 2018, comments from Chairman Jerome Powell this month did lead to some downward reassessment of the path for next year. Whilst the US economy continues to experience strong growth with non-farm payrolls rising by 250,000 in October and unemployment remaining at 3.7%, Powell has hinted that rates are close to levels that would be considered neutral for the US economy. In terms of inflation, core inflation in the US has dipped slightly in recent months after increasing in the first half of the year. The latest reading declined to 2.1% year-on-year, from 2.2% the previous month, and a high of 2.4% in July. The backdrop has therefore been relatively supportive of US Treasuries in November and consequently the market generated a return of

The trade dispute between the US and China has been unnerving investors for much of this year and markets were closely following the G20 summit in Buenos Aires which took place at the end of November. A much anticipated meeting of President Trump and President Xi resulted in progress of sorts, as the US announced that tariffs on \$200bn of imports from China will stay at 10%, and not rise to 25% as had been planned. Nonetheless, the concerns during the month clearly supported government bond markets in Asia, with the Singapore market generating a return of 1.4%, and the Japanese market rallying by 0.5% in November.

Eurozone bonds also generated positive returns during the month with the Italian market the standout performer. Italian government bonds returned 1.6% as investors reacted positively to reports that the Italian government may amend its budget for next year. The European Commission has rejected Italy's proposed budget, which targets a deficit of 2.4% of GDP next year but the coalition government in Rome have suggested there is indeed some scope for some "fine-tuning" of the budget.

The ongoing Brexit debate has provided another source of potential uncertainty for investors. During November the UK and the EU reached agreement on the text of the Withdrawal Agreement governing the UK's exit in March of 2019. As the month of November came to an end however, there remains considerable doubt as to whether the Withdrawal Agreement will survive a vote in the House of Commons in mid-December. The UK gilt market bucked the trend of positive returns during the month, declining by -1.6% as long-dated yields increased. The Mexican bond market also suffered a negative return during November, returning -1.1%, as the central bank raised interest rates to 8%. Inflation has generally been declining in Mexico but it remains above the central bank's target. Meanwhile, the new president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador was due to formally take power on 1 December.

In November, most major global currencies were relatively flat against the US dollar. The Euro declined by -0.1% for example whilst the Japanese Yen fell -0.6% against the US dollar. The New Zealand dollar however did appreciate significantly, rising 5.2% against the US dollar as employment growth was reported to be stronger than expected. Employment in the third quarter of 2018 was 2.8% higher than a year previously fuelling speculation that the next move by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand may be to increase interest rates.

3. Annualized returns since inception.

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<sup>1.</sup> The FTSE World Government Bond Index 100% hedged in New Zealand dollars (NZD), formerly, The Citigroup World Government Bond Index 100% hedged in New Zealand dollars (NZD).

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



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G <sub>1</sub>	oss Attributio	n of Total Retu	ırns	
	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Relative Return	
Monthly	-0.51%	0.64%	-1.14%	
Bonds	0.42%	0.64%	-0.21%	
Currency	-0.93%	0.00%	-0.93%	

# MONTHLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

The fund returned -0.51% over the month, underperforming the benchmark which returned 0.64%. Bond selection detracted -0.21% from relative returns and currency selection detracted -0.93%. The top three bond detractors from relative returns were the underweight positions in Europe and United States and the overweight position in Mexico. The top three currency detractors from relative returns were the overweight positions in Malaysia Ringgit, Japanese Yen and Norwegian Krone

	Top 5 Bond Holdings
1	US Treasury 5.375% 15Feb2031
2	US Treasury 2% 31Aug 2021
3	Japanese Govt 0.1% 20Mar2020
4	US Treasury 1.5% 15 Aug 2026
5	New Zealand Government 6% 15May2021

Top Active Currency Positions				
Portfolio Ex	posure relative to Benchmark	% of Portfolio		
Overweights				
1	Malaysia Ringgit	4.9%		
2	Japanese Yen	2.3%		
3	British Pound	1.9%		
Underweights				
1	New Zealand Dollars	-18.0%		

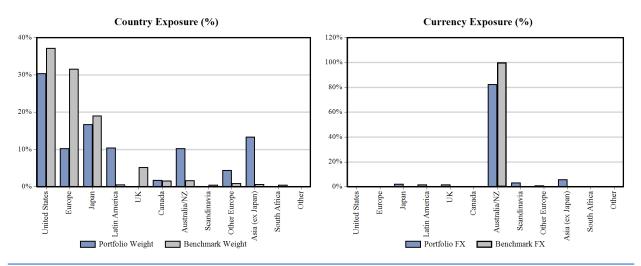
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	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Duration	6.13	7.63
Yield	2.85	2.20
Yield to Maturity	2.50	1.70
Average Coupon	3.05	2.45
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA

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## MONTH END POSITIONING



# PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

Relative Gross

0.47%

Portfolio	2015	2016	2017	2018	$SI^{23}$
Gross Returns	-1.50%	4.73%	4.64%	0.57%	2.78%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	0.52%	5.58%	3.14%	0.98%	3.40%
Relative Gross	-2.02%	-0.85%	1.50%	-0.42%	-0.62%
YTD Returns	Q1:18	Q2:18	Q3:18	Oct	Nov
Gross Returns	1.20%	0.16%	0.16%	-0.43%	-0.51%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	0.73%	0.20%	-0.56%	-0.02%	0.64%

0.72%

-0.04%

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