

Colchester Global Government Bond Fund - Class I APIR Code ETL5525AU

As at 30 November 2018

Investment Objective

To generate income and increase the amount invested by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of government bonds and currencies.

Investment Philosophy & Process

We believe that if we hold a portfolio of high real yielding bonds and currencies that are undervalued according to their real exchange rate that over time this will prove rewarding. At the heart of Colchester's value-oriented philosophy is the belief that investments should be valued in terms of the income they will generate in real terms. Our approach is based on the analysis of inflation, real interest rates and real exchange rates supplemented by an assessment of sovereign financial balances. Portfolios are constructed to benefit from those opportunities with the greatest relative investment potential for a given level of risk.

Fund Facts

Benchmark¹ FTSE World Government Bond Index

Australian Dollar Hedged.

Target Outperform the benchmark by 2% p.a. gross of fees

over full economic cycle 5-7yrs in length.

Fund Inception 9 December 2016

Management Fee 0.60% p.a.

Distributions Quarterly

Liquidity Daily

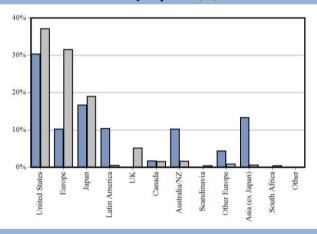
Application: \$1million or as per platform minimum

Platforms: BT Wrap, BT Panorama, HUB24, Macquarie Wrap,

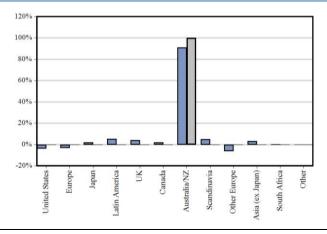
Netwealth, OneVue, PowerWrap,

Ausmaq (ready for trade)

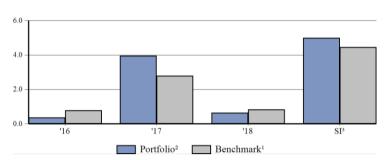
Country Exposure (%)



Currency Exposure (%)



Gross Performance



Total Fund Return ³	2016 ²	2017	2018	Total SI ⁴
Gross Returns	0.36%	3.95%	0.65%	5.00%
Benchmark ¹	0.78%	2.79%	0.82%	4.45%
Relative Gross	-0.42%	1.16%	-0.18%	0.55%

Fund Characteristics			
	Portfolio ²	Benchmark ¹	
Duration	6.14	7.63	
Flat Yield	2.85	2.20	
Yield to Maturity	2.50	1.70	
Average Coupon	3.06	2.45	
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA	

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

Top Active Bond Positions				
Portfolio Exposure		% Relative to Benchmark	Current % of Portfolio	
Overweights				
1	Singapore	+7.35	7.67	
2	New Zealand	+6.91	6.91	
3	Mexico	+6.38	7.02	
Underweights	Underweights			
1	Europe	-21.34	10.33	
2	USA	-6.76	30.48	
3	UK	-5.29	0.00	

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Top Active Currency Positions					
Portfolio Exposure		% Relative to Benchmark	Current % of Portfolio		
Overweights					
1	Malaysian Ringgit	+5.74	5.74		
2	British Pound	+4.07	4.07		
3	Swedish Krona	+3.43	3.43		
Underweights					
1	New Zealand Dollars	-5.38	-5.38		
2	Hungarian Forint	-3.84	-3.84		
3	United States Dollars	-3.63	-3.63		

Monthly Performance Commentary

The fund returned -0.12% over the month, underperforming the benchmark which returned 0.64%. Bond selection detracted -0.22% from relative returns and currency selection detracted -0.54%. The top three bond detractors from relative returns were the underweight positions in Europe and Japan and the overweight position in Mexico. The top three currency detractors from relative returns were the long positions in Malaysia Ringgit, British Pound and Colombian Peso.

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 0.9%

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.

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