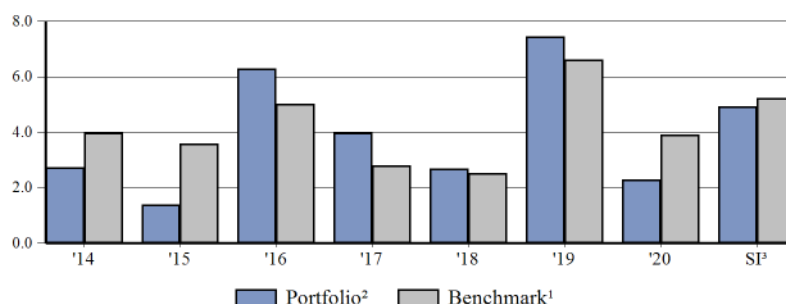


## Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class A

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### GROSS PERFORMANCE AS AT END OF FEBRUARY 2020



### MARKET COMMENTARY

Heightened concerns surrounding the economic impact of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) have led investors to seek safety in government bonds and “safe haven” type currencies in February, while many stock markets around the world fell sharply over the month. Yields fell sharply in most of the major government bond markets fuelling positive returns. The FTSE World Government Bond Index gained 1.0% in US dollar unhedged terms. With the US dollar appreciating over the month, the hedged return was higher at 1.6%, bringing the year-to-date return to 3.9% as at the end of February.

While the overall impact on global growth from the coronavirus is still highly uncertain, there has clearly been a material disruption to production and economic activity in China where the virus first appeared. In recent weeks fears have risen that the disruption to activity outside of China will be worse than initially thought as outbreaks of the virus spread to countries such as South Korea and Italy. In the US, the S&P 500 equity index fell -8.4% over the month and the 10-year US Treasury yield fell to a historical low of 1.15% at the end of the month. Perhaps unsurprisingly, US Treasuries were the best performing government bond market with a return of 2.6% in February.

Core European bond markets followed a similar trend to the US during this period of volatility and risk aversion. The German and Dutch bond markets both returned 1.4% whilst the French market rallied by 1.2% over the month. Yields in Italy did spike towards the end of the month as the coronavirus spread in the North of the country. The impact raises fears that the Italian economy will enter recession and the Italian government has responded by announcing a 3.6bn Euro support package. Italian government bonds generated a negative return of -1.2% over the past month as a consequence of the rise in yields. In Singapore meanwhile the government bond market performed strongly, returning 2.1%. The Singapore economy is one of the most open in the world and is likely to be materially affected by the decline in activity in China.

Returns in Latin America were mixed over the month. Oil exporters such as Mexico and Colombia will be impacted by the sharp decline in the oil price. Over the past month the price of a barrel of crude has fallen from \$52 to \$45 amid concerns over falling demand. The Mexican government bond market returned -0.5% in February and the Colombian market declined by -0.4%. In Brazil the bond market bucked the regional trend with a positive return of 0.8% over the month. The Brazilian central bank cut its policy rate to a record low during February, from 4.5% to 4.25% as the economy continues a gradual recovery and underlying inflation remains low.

On currency markets the US dollar generally strengthened in the past month with only the Japanese yen performing better. The yen rose 0.5% in February supported by its status as a relative “safe haven”. The worst performing currencies tended to be those of economies exposed to declining commodity prices and/or those with close trade links to China. Hence the South African rand sold off by -4.7% and the Mexican peso by -4.4% against the US dollar. The New Zealand dollar and Australian dollar also performed poorly declining by -4.2% and -3.7% respectively. The British pound weakened by -3.1% as trade talks are about to commence between the UK and the European Union. The transition period agreed as part of the UK’s withdrawal from the EU expires at the end of 2020 hence some commentators are expressing concern that a trade deal can be struck in time.

1. The FTSE World Government Bond Index 100% hedged in Australian dollars (AUD), formerly, The Citigroup World Government Bond Index 100% hedged in Australian dollars (AUD).

2. Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class A whose inception date was 19 September 2014. 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 <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Relative Return
Monthly	0.80%	1.60%	-0.79%
Bonds	1.06%	1.60%	-0.53%
Currency	-0.26%	0.00%	-0.26%

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

The fund returned 0.80% over the month, underperforming the benchmark which returned 1.60%. Bond selection detracted -0.53% from relative returns and currency selection detracted -0.26%. The top three bond detractors from relative returns were the underweight positions in United States and Europe and the overweight position in Mexico. The top three currency detractors from relative returns were the short positions in United States Dollars, Swiss Franc and Euro.

Top 5 Bond Holdings	
1	Japanese Govt 0.1% 20Jun2029
2	Japanese Govt 0.1% 20Dec2021
3	US Treasury Inflation IX 2.125 15Feb2041
4	US Treasury 2% 15Feb2025
5	US Treasury 2% 31Aug 2021

Top Active Currency Positions		
Portfolio Exposure relative to Benchmark		% of Portfolio
<i>Overweights</i>		
1	Norwegian Krone	4.3%
2	Malaysia Ringgit	3.9%
3	Swedish Krona	3.8%
<i>Underweights</i>		
1	United States Dollars	-7.2%
2	Euro	-3.9%
3	Swiss Franc	-3.6%

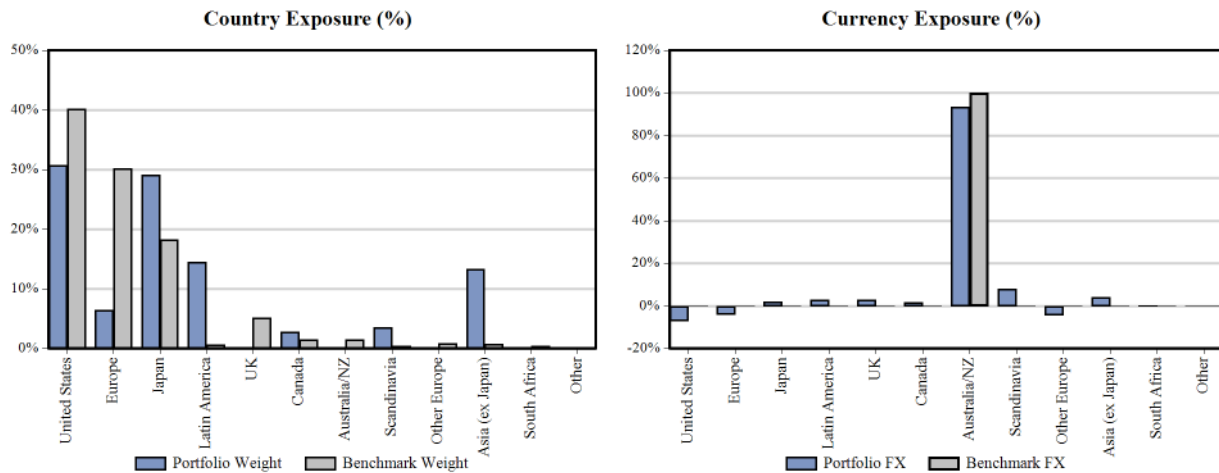
Portfolio Characteristics		
	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Modified Duration	6.76	8.49
Flat Yield	2.34	1.95
Yield to Maturity	1.44	0.60
Average Coupon	2.59	2.39
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA

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## MONTH END POSITIONING



## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

Portfolio	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	SI <sup>23</sup>
Gross Returns	2.73%	1.38%	6.28%	3.98%	2.68%	7.46%	2.29%	4.92%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	3.99%	3.59%	5.02%	2.79%	2.51%	6.63%	3.92%	5.24%
Relative Gross	-1.25%	-2.21%	1.26%	1.18%	0.16%	0.83%	-1.63%	-0.32%

YTD Returns	Jan	Feb	YTD
Gross Returns	1.47%	0.80%	2.29%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	2.29%	1.60%	3.92%
Relative Gross	-0.82%	-0.79%	-1.63%

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