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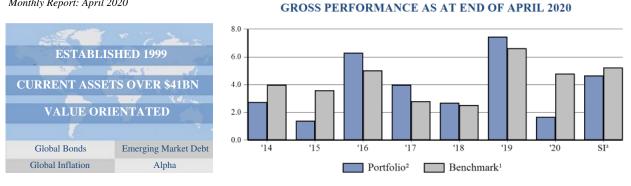
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# Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class A

COLCHESTER GLOBAL INVESTORS

#### Monthly Report: April 2020



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

As many countries started to outline plans towards the end of April for gradually re-opening their economies, and most governments have launched substantial economic support programs, market volatility generally declined over the month. Yields fell modestly in most of the major government bond markets, meaning the FTSE World Government Bond Index gained 0.9% in US dollar hedged terms over the month. As the US dollar was slightly weaker over the month, the unhedged return was 1.2%.

In the US, the more positive sentiment was best exemplified in the S&P 500 equity index, which rose 12.7% over the month. This was despite a backdrop of the largest increase in unemployment the country has ever seen, with more than 20 million people filing initial jobless claims in April alone. In part due to this, the 10-year US Treasury yield hovered just above its recent historical lows, closing the month at 0.64%. This meant a return of 0.7% over the month for the US market, still making it one of the highest returning bond markets for the year to date. Canadian government bonds outperformed Treasuries to return 1.5% over the month. The Bank of Canada has followed the lead of the Federal Reserve in announcing an increase in the scope and scale of its asset purchase program.

Core European bond markets also generated positive returns over the month of April, with the best performer being Austrian debt, rallying by 2.6%. The Italian market had another volatile month as fears mounted it could be downgraded to junk by one or more ratings agencies. S&P affirmed its rating at BBB but Fitch downgraded Italy to BBB-, only one notch above non-investment grade. The agency cited the expected jump in the country's debt/GDP ratio, which exacerbates debt sustainability risks. It did note, however, that the ECB's purchase program provides a significant support for the Italian market and maintains the government's funding costs at a very low level. This rating change brings Fitch and Moody's in line at the lowest investment grade rating with S&P rating Italy one notch higher at BBB. Italian government bonds returned -1.1% in April. Elsewhere in the Eurozone, the Spanish bond market returned 0.3% whilst German government bonds gained 1.3%.

Returns in Latin American bond markets were quite robust over the month. In oil producing economies such as Mexico and Colombia local bonds rallied even as oil prices briefly turned negative for the first time ever during the month. In Mexico the bond market returned 3.5% and in Colombia, 3%. The price of a barrel of oil reached an unprecedented intraday low of around -40 USD as the May futures contract came to expiry. Due to the large decline in end-user demand, oil storage facilities are close to full, and so holders of long positions in futures contracts scrambled to avoid taking delivery. As April drew to a close, oil prices were back in positive territory. In Brazil the bond market was up 1.4% as political headlines took centre stage once again towards the end of the month. The wellrespected Justice Minister resigned over the firing and appointment of a new police chief and threatened to reveal incriminating text messages from the President.

In currency markets the rally in the US dollar waned after a very strong first quarter pushed the currency's valuation towards extreme levels. The Australian dollar was the strongest performer for the month, up 7.0%. This was followed by the 4.1% appreciation of the New Zealand dollar, and the 3.6% rise in the Colombian peso. All three benefitted from the improvement in risk sentiment as investors began to contemplate an easing of restrictions in a number of major economies. This backdrop also supported the Norwegian krone which rallied 2.8% after a tumultuous March. Amongst the worst performing currencies was the Brazilian real, down -4.2%, on the back of the aforementioned political headlines, and the Mexican peso which declined -1.5%.

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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Gı	Gross Attribution of Total Returns			
	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Relative Return	
Monthly	1.25%	0.83%	0.42%	
Bonds	1.12%	0.83%	0.29%	
Currency	0.13%	0.00%	0.13%	

	Top 5 Bond Holdings
1	US Treasury Inflation IX 2.125 15Feb2041
2	US Treasury 2% 15Feb2025
3	US Treasury 1.625% 15Nov2022
4	Japanese Govt 0.1% 20Jun2029
5	US Treasury 5.5% 15Aug2028

#### **Top Active Currency Positions**

Portfolio Ex	% of Portfolio	
Overweights		
1	Norwegian Krone	5.3%
2	Mexican Peso	4.2%
3	Swedish Krona	4.0%
Underweights		
1	United States Dollars	-7.6%
2	Euro	-6.2%
3	Swiss Franc	-4.6%

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Modified Duration	7.19	8.51
Flat Yield	2.41	1.92
Yield to Maturity	1.36	0.41
Average Coupon	2.73	2.36
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA

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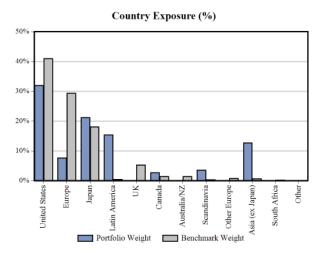
## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

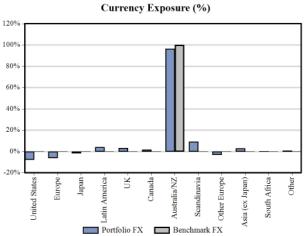
The fund returned 1.25% over the month, outperforming the benchmark which returned 0.83%. Bond selection added 0.29% to relative returns and currency selection added 0.13%. The top three positive bond contributors to relative returns were the overweight positions in Mexican nominal bonds, US inflation-linked bonds and Singaporean nominal bonds. The top three positive currency contributors to relative returns were the short positions in United States Dollars, Euro and Swiss Franc.



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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%	1.65%	4.65%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	3.99%	3.59%	5.02%	2.79%	2.51%	6.63%	4.78%	5.24%
Relative Gross	-1.25%	-2.21%	1.26%	1.18%	0.16%	0.83%	-3.13%	-0.58%
YTD Returns	Q1:20	Apr	YTD					
IID Returns	Q1.20	7301	110					
Gross Returns	0.40%	1.25%	1.65%					
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	3.92%	0.83%	4.78%					
Relative Gross	-3.52%	0.42%	-3.13%					
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