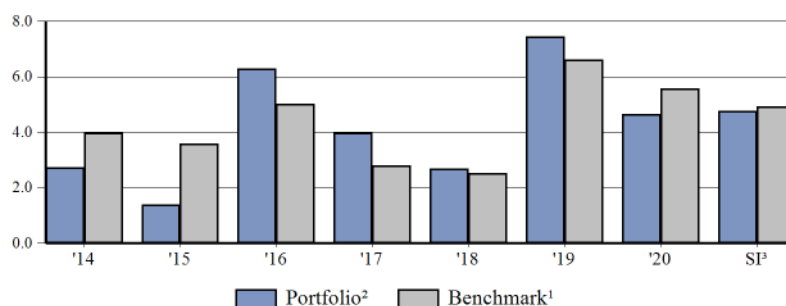


## Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class A

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### GROSS PERFORMANCE AS AT END OF OCTOBER 2020

ESTABLISHED 1999	
CURRENT ASSETS OVER \$39BN	
VALUE ORIENTATED	
Global Bonds	Emerging Market Debt
Global Inflation	Alpha



### MARKET COMMENTARY

Global government bonds produced tepid returns in October, following strong gains in the third quarter, despite heightened levels of uncertainty from the coronavirus pandemic and political risk from the upcoming US Presidential election. The FTSE World Government Bond Index generated a mild negative return of -0.1% in US dollar hedged terms over the month. In unhedged terms the return for October was -0.2% as the US dollar appreciated modestly against most major currencies over the month.

The yield on US Treasuries moved higher in October, resulting in a negative return for US government bonds of -0.9%. The US Presidential race continues to heat up apace and although the gap in the polls has somewhat narrowed, the Democratic candidate Joe Biden continues to lead the polls. The US economy continues to show signs of improvement since the height of the coronavirus crisis in the second quarter. Initial jobless claims, although remaining high have gradually lowered over the summer months into October, however the unemployment rate from the Bureau of Labor Statistics remains elevated at 7.9%. Inflation data released in October showed an increase to an annual rate of 1.4%, well above the low seen in May of just 0.1%. The US dollar initially appreciated in the initial stages of the crisis but has since depreciated, making the import of foreign goods more expensive. Elsewhere, the Canadian bond market return was negative at -0.6% in October. In Mexico inflation has remained elevated at just over 4%, driven largely due to the depreciation of the peso, but the local Mexican government bond market was broadly stable, returning -0.2%.

Japanese government bonds returned -0.2% in October as Bank of Japan policy maintains yields in a narrow range. In Singapore the bond market had another strong month, following the September return of 0.9% with a return of 0.7% in October. The Australian bond market also performed positively over the month, returning 0.2%. In New Zealand, Jacinda Arden and her Labour party won the general election with a landslide victory, forming the first single-party government for over two decades. The result had a modest impact on the bond market, and returns were slightly negative at -0.2% over the month.

The coronavirus crisis deepened in Europe in October with statistics showing an increase in the number of new cases of the virus, with many countries implementing more severe restrictions and even national lockdowns. This had the effect of supporting government bond values across the region. The German market returned 0.9%, France 0.8% and Italy returned 1.3%. In the UK, the approach was initially different than many countries, with a regional approach to fighting the virus however, at the time of writing, new lockdown measures have been announced and the country will also go into a national lockdown in the first week of November. UK gilts underperformed in October, returning -0.6% over the month.

The US dollar stabilized in October after benefitting from the increased risk aversion in September. The Norwegian krone depreciated by -2.1% with the price of oil falling by more than 11% in the month. The Australian dollar also weakened, falling -2.0% and the Euro -0.7% over the month. The Japanese yen continued to strengthen however, gaining 0.9% against the dollar. The best performing major currency was the Mexican peso. Although it underperformed in the early stages of the coronavirus crisis, it rose by 3.8% in October.

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	-0.08%	-0.07%	0.00%
Bonds	-0.20%	-0.07%	-0.13%
Currency	0.13%	0.00%	0.13%

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

The fund returned -0.08% over the month, performing in line with the benchmark which returned -0.07%. Bond selection detracted -0.13% from relative returns, while currency selection added 0.13%. The top three bond detractors from relative returns were the overweight positions in Mexican nominal bonds and US inflation-linked bonds and the underweight position in European nominal bonds. The top three positive currency contributors to relative returns were the long positions in Mexican Peso, Malaysia Ringgit and Swedish Krona.

Top 5 Bond Holdings	
1	US Treasury 1.5% 15 Aug 2026
2	US Treasury 1.625% 15Nov2022
3	US Treasury Inflation IX 2.125 15Feb2041
4	Japanese Government 0.3% 20Jun2039
5	US Treasury 2% 15Feb2025

Top Active Currency Positions		
Portfolio Exposure relative to Benchmark		% of Portfolio
<i>Overweights</i>		
1	Malaysia Ringgit	4.1%
2	Swedish Krona	2.9%
3	British Pound	2.3%
<i>Underweights</i>		
1	United States Dollars	-4.7%
2	Swiss Franc	-4.0%
3	New Zealand Dollars	-3.5%

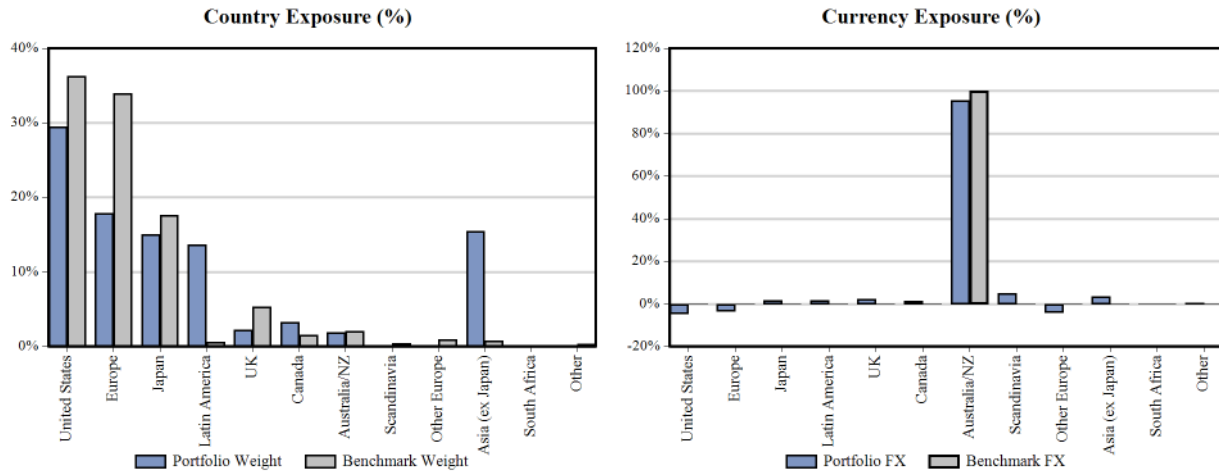
Portfolio Characteristics		
	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Modified Duration	7.83	8.72
Flat Yield	2.38	1.70
Yield to Maturity	1.17	0.26
Average Coupon	2.71	2.13
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA

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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%	4.66%	4.76%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	3.99%	3.59%	5.02%	2.79%	2.51%	6.63%	5.59%	4.93%
Relative Gross	-1.25%	-2.21%	1.26%	1.18%	0.16%	0.83%	-0.93%	-0.17%

YTD Returns	Q1:20	Q2:20	Q3:20	Oct	YTD
Gross Returns	0.40%	3.08%	1.21%	-0.08%	4.66%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	3.92%	0.97%	0.70%	-0.07%	5.59%
Relative Gross	-3.52%	2.10%	0.51%	0.00%	-0.93%

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