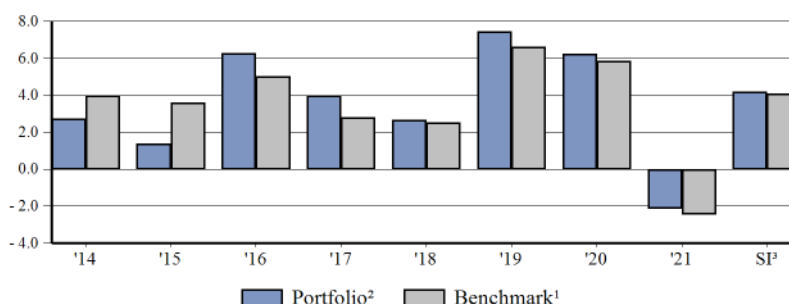


## Colchester Global Government Bond Fund – Class A ISIN: AU60ETL04099

Monthly Report: June 2021

### GROSS PERFORMANCE AS AT END OF JUNE 2021

ESTABLISHED 1999	
CURRENT ASSETS OVER \$42BN	
VALUE ORIENTATED	
Global Bonds	Emerging Market Debt
Global Inflation	Alpha



### MARKET COMMENTARY

Global inflation data has continued to surprise to the upside throughout the past quarter, re-igniting the debate over whether current inflation pressures will prove transitory or permanent. Despite these concerns, global government bonds generated modest gains in June and over the second quarter as yields generally held stable. The FTSE World Government Bond Index returned 0.5% in USD hedged terms for the month and 0.7% for the quarter, whilst the return on the unhedged index was -1.1% in June reflecting a strengthening of the US dollar. Unhedged returns for the quarter however benefited from the weakness of the US dollar at the beginning of the period and ended at a positive 1.0%.

US headline inflation rose to 5% year-on-year in May, which reflected a steady increase over the quarter, and the highest level since August 2008. The rise in the inflation rate was in part due to base effects and an increase in commodity prices. Supply chain disruptions were also apparent however, particularly in goods prices such as used car and trucks. Other economic data continues to point to a robust recovery in US economic activity with the ISM Services PMI hitting a record high in May. The unemployment rate fell to its lowest since its April 2020 peak of 14.8%, hitting 5.8% in May. Despite these stronger indicators, coupled with a perceived shift in the Federal Reserve's policy stance, the US Treasury market still generated positive returns of 0.8% in June and 1.9% over the quarter.

The ECB has retained a clear dovish stance, in contrast to the above-mentioned shift in the US, where the median expectation of FOMC members is now for rates to rise in 2023. The economic backdrop in the Eurozone did improve over the quarter however as the vaccine rollout allows for some relaxation of Covid restrictions. Returns were muted on Eurozone government bond markets, with modest positive returns in June and slightly negative returns over the quarter. The notable exception was Greece which recorded positive returns of 1% in June and 2% over the quarter, supported by a credit rating upgrade by S&P.

In the UK meanwhile, the rate of inflation increased again in May to 2.1% due to higher prices for clothing, fuel and restaurant dining. However, some of these price pressures may ease as the removal of Covid restrictions has been delayed from the 21st June to the 19th July. Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey also mentioned that he would tighten monetary policy if inflation remained persistently above the Bank's target. UK gilts performed well over the month and the quarter generating returns of 0.8% and 1.9% respectively.

Turning to emerging markets, events in Colombia were dominated by political issues and protests as the National Strike Committee temporarily ended its seven week-long protest. The strikes started in opposition to the government's proposed tax reform in April. Despite inconclusive talks between the Committee and the Colombian government the Duque administration intends to table a tax reform again later this year. The local bond market ended the quarter with a modest return of 0.4%. In Mexico, the President's Morena party did not win the two-thirds majority it had hoped for in midterm elections last month. Mexican bonds underperformed in June returning -1.0% but recorded positive returns of 0.7% over the quarter.

The US dollar strengthened against most major currencies in June as investors focussed on stronger economic data, higher inflation and the implications for interest rates, but it did however lose ground over the quarter. Amongst the prime beneficiaries of a weaker dollar, were the Mexican peso, which strengthened 2.8% over the past three months and the Swedish krona which gained 1.9%. The Australian dollar slipped however, weakening by 1.4% over the quarter and the Japanese yen fell slightly, down 0.4% over the quarter.

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 ISIN: AU60ETL04099 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	0.45%	0.55%	-0.10%
Bonds	0.27%	0.55%	-0.28%
Currency	0.18%	0.00%	0.18%

Quarterly	0.98%	0.71%	0.27%
Bonds	0.87%	0.71%	0.16%
Currency	0.11%	0.00%	0.11%

Top 5 Bond Holdings	
1	US Treasury Inflation IX 2.125 15Feb2041
2	Japanese Government 0.1% 20Sep2029
3	US Treasury N/B 0.125% 15May2023
4	Japanese Government 0.3% 20Jun2039
5	US Treasury 2.75 15Feb2024

Top Active Currency Positions		
Portfolio Exposure relative to Benchmark		% of Portfolio
<i>Overweights</i>		
1	Malaysia Ringgit	5.1%
2	Japanese Yen	3.2%
3	Swedish Krona	2.3%
<i>Underweights</i>		
1	Euro	-4.1%
2	Swiss Franc	-3.7%
3	New Zealand Dollars	-3.6%

Portfolio Characteristics		
	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Modified Duration	7.33	8.57
Flat Yield	2.54	1.60
Yield to Maturity	1.74	0.54
Average Coupon	2.74	1.93
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

The fund returned 0.45% over the month, underperforming the benchmark which returned 0.55%. Bond selection detracted -0.28% from relative returns, while currency selection added 0.18%. 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 positive currency contributors to relative returns were the long positions in Malaysia Ringgit, Mexican Peso and Japanese Yen.

## QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

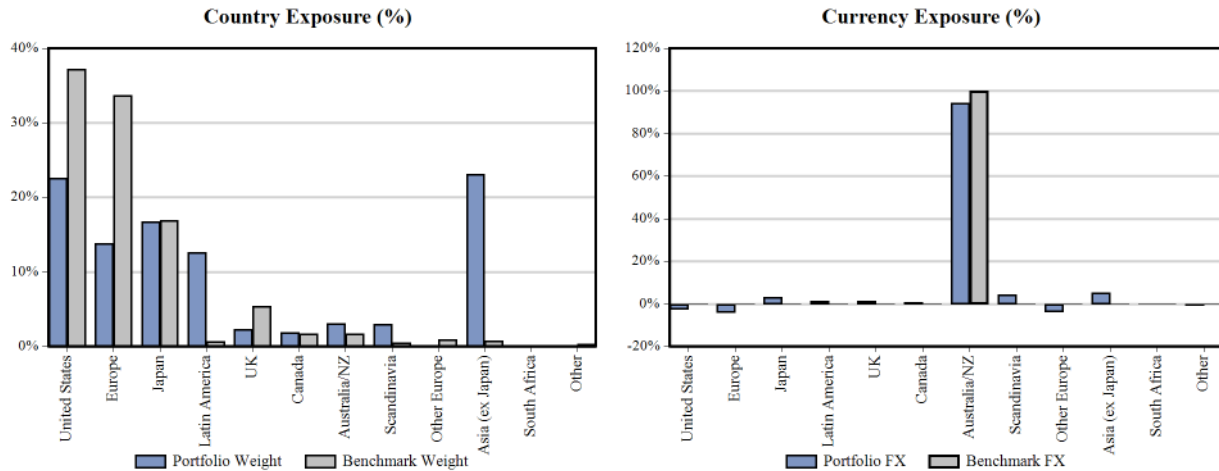
The fund returned 0.98% over the quarter, outperforming the benchmark which returned 0.71%. Bond selection added 0.16% to relative returns and currency selection added 0.11%. The top three positive bond contributors to relative returns were the overweight positions in US inflation-linked bonds and Indonesian nominal 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, Swedish Krona and Malaysia Ringgit.

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## MONTH END POSITIONING



## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

Portfolio	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	SI <sup>3</sup>
Gross Returns	2.73%	1.38%	6.28%	3.98%	2.68%	7.46%	6.24%	-2.14%	4.18%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	3.99%	3.59%	5.02%	2.79%	2.51%	6.63%	5.87%	-2.44%	4.09%
Relative Gross	-1.25%	-2.21%	1.26%	1.18%	0.16%	0.83%	0.37%	0.31%	0.09%

YTD Returns	Q1:21	Apr	May	Jun	Q2:21	YTD
Gross Returns	-3.08%	0.22%	0.31%	0.45%	0.98%	-2.14%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	-3.13%	0.00%	0.17%	0.55%	0.71%	-2.44%
Relative Gross	0.05%	0.22%	0.14%	-0.10%	0.27%	0.31%

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