

Colchester Global Government Bond Fund - Class I APIR Code ETL5525AU

As at 31 October 2021

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

over full economic cycle 5-7yrs in length.

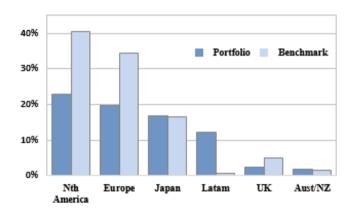
Fund Inception: 9 December 2016 FUM: \$730.28m Management Fee: 0.60% p.a. Distributions: Quarterly Buy/Sell Fee: Nil Liquidity: Daily

Application: As per platform minimum or \$1 million wholesale direct

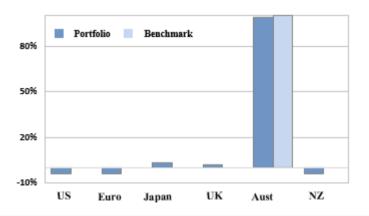
Platforms:

AMP North, MyNorth, Portfolio Care, Summit & iAccess, Asgard, Ausmaq, BT Panorama, BT Wrap, CFS FirstChoice & FirstWrap, Grow Wrap, HUB24, IOOF Pursuit, eXpand & FinHQ, Macquarie Wrap, Mason Stevens, MLC Wrap & Navigator, Netwealth, Oasis, OneVue Wrap, Portfolio One, PowerWrap, Praemium, uXchange, WealthO2Super, Xplore Wealth.

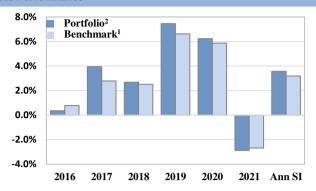
Country Exposure (%)



Currency Exposure (%)



Gross Performance



Total Return ³	2016 ²	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Ann SI ⁴
Gross Returns	0.36%	3.95%	2.68%	7.46%	6.23%	-2.87%	3.58%
Benchmark ¹	0.78%	2.79%	2.51%	6.63%	5.87%	-2.68%	3.20%
Relative Gross	-0.42%	1.16%	0.17%	0.84%	0.37%	-0.19%	0.38%

Fund Characteristics			
	Portfolio ²	Benchmark ¹	
Duration	7.05	8.67	
Flat Yield	2.59	1.56	
Yield to Maturity (Unhedged)	1.93	0.71	
Average Coupon	2.73	1.86	
Average Credit Rating	AA-	AA	

Top 5 Bond Holdings			
1	US Treasury Inflation IX 2.125 15Feb2041		
2	Japanese Government 0.3% 20Jun2039		
3	Japanese Government 0.1% 20Sep2029		
4	US Treasury 2.75 15Feb2024		
5	Singapore Government 3.5 1Mar 2027		

Top Active Bond Positions			
Portfolio Exposure		% Relative to Benchmark	Current % of Portfolio
Overweights			
1	Singapore	+9.29	9.64
2	Mexico	+8.10	8.69
3	Norway	+6.01	6.22
Underweigh	ts		
1	Europe	-20.01	13.18
2	United States	-18.15	20.83
3	UK	-2.75	2.40

Top Active Currency Positions				
Portfolio Exposure		% Relative to Benchmark	Current % of Portfolio	
Overweights	7			
1	Malaysia Ringgit	+5.04	5.04	
2	Japanese Yen	+3.46	3.46	
3	Swedish Krona	+2.49	2.49	
Underweights				
1	United States Dollars	-3.99	-3.99	
2	Euro	-3.93	-3.93	
3	New Zealand Dollars	-3.69	-3.69	

Monthly Performance Commentary

The fund returned -0.72% over the month, underperforming the benchmark which returned -0.19%. Bond selection detracted -0.40% from relative returns and currency selection detracted -0.12%. The top three bond detractors from relative returns were the overweight positions in Singapore and South Korea and the underweight position in United Kingdom. The top three currency detractors from relative returns were the long positions in Japanese Yen, Malaysia Ringgit and Mexican Peso.

Market Commentary

Global bond markets generated mildly negative returns in October, as expectations of monetary policy tightening were brough forward in several economies. Central banks are reacting to upward pressure on inflation and adjusting their guidance to markets as regards the future path of asset purchase programmes and interest rates. The FTSE World Government Bond Index returned -0.4% in US dollar unhedged terms in October as short-dated yields in particular moved higher. The USD dollar hedged return on the index was a slightly better -0.2% this month, reflecting a modest strengthening of the US dollar against the Japanese yen.

As mentioned last month, the US Federal Reserve has set the stage to wind down its bond purchases and data showed that headline inflation rose to 5.4% in the year to September. The US Treasury market was flat over the month however, leaving our prospective real yield valuation at a relatively unattractive -1.2%. The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Canada surprised investors this month with a sharply hawkish statement, announcing an end to its quantitative easing programme. Markets had expected a more gradual tapering of purchases. The return on Canadian government bonds was -0.9% this month as yields pushed higher. Valuations in the Canadian market are somewhat more attractive than in the US with real yields close to zero. The Colombian government bond market also posted a negative return in October, -1.6% in local terms. Colombia's central bank raised the policy rate by 0.5% to 2.5%, as the balance of risks to inflation has shifted significantly higher over recent months.

The European Central Bank held a meeting this month where President Lagarde continued to make the case that the currently above target rate of inflation would prove temporary. In her view, the contributions from base effects, supply chain dislocations, and the recent rises in energy prices will fade over 2022, justifying the ECB's expectation that inflation will return below target in the medium term. Euro area government bonds collectively returned -0.7% over the month and the region remains one of the most overvalued markets we monitor. We continue to hold substantial underweight positions in Euro area markets across the Global Bond programme. In Sweden, inflation data released in the past month show prices having risen at a 2.8% annual rate, driven by the increase in electricity prices. Returns on Swedish bonds were -0.1% over the month and the market is relatively expensive with our 10yr real yield valuation at -0.9%.

Elsewhere, house price data released in October showed that Australian house prices continued to increase at a blistering pace over 2021, rising 17.4% to the end of September. Australian bonds generated a poor return of -3.8% this month, as investors contemplated a shift in the Reserve Bank's yield curve control policy. The Indonesian market enjoyed a strong performance however, with returns just shy of 1% over the month. Inflation continues to remain below even the lower end of the central bank's 3-5% target at 1.6%. The central bank has kept rates on hold at 3.5% since February this year. The relatively benign inflation outlook for Indonesia underpins our attractive valuation for the local bond market, with a real yield of 3.5%, and hence our programmes are generally overweight.

The US dollar experienced a mixed performance this month but was generally weaker against other major currencies. The Japanese yen was something of an exception as it weakened by 2.1% bringing it to even more undervalued levels. The best performing major currency over the month was the Australian dollar, appreciating by 4.0% against the US dollar leaving it overvalued in real terms. The Swedish krone also performed well, appreciating by 1.9% over the month, whilst the British pound rallied by 1.7% against the US dollar. Both currencies remain undervalued and are overweight positions in the Global Bond programme.

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