# The Colchester Global Government Bond PIE Fund ISIN Code NZCIFE0004S7 As of 30/04/2025



#### **Fund Overview**

The Colchester Global Government Bond PIE Fund seeks to deliver growth and income to investors whilst offering the defensive characteristics of a global sovereign bond portfolio over the medium term. 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.

| CUM Unit Price<br>(30/04/2025) | Current Distribution p.a. | Net Annual Return<br>Since Inception p.a. | Net Total Return<br>Since Inception | Fund Size<br>(\$million) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0.8715                         | 3.40%                     | -0.54%                                    | -2.17%                              | 134.3 NZD                |

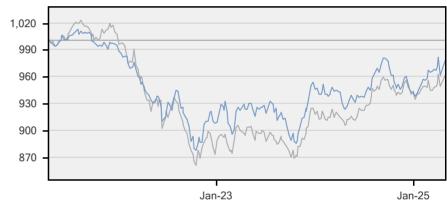
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#### Colchester Overview

- Privately owned specialist sovereign bond and currency asset manager.
- Founded by Chairman & CIO Ian Sims in 1999
- Time proven value-oriented fixed income strategies.
- Highly experienced and stable team with a globally recognised track record.
- Strong client alignment with the investment team investing in the strategies & the company.

#### Growth of 1,000 NZD Invested at Inception





# Net Performance (%)

|           |        |       |       |       |        | Annualised |    |        |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------|----|--------|
|           | 1M     | 3M    | 6M    | YTD   | 1Y     | 3Y         | 5Y | S.I.   |
| Fund      | 0.89%  | 2.89% | 3.15% | 3.80% | 5.77%  | 1.36%      |    | -0.54% |
| Benchmark | 1.09%  | 1.66% | 2.10% | 1.91% | 6.10%  | 1.00%      |    | -0.98% |
| Relative  | -0.20% | 1.23% | 1.05% | 1.89% | -0.33% | 0.37%      |    | 0.44%  |

# Calendar Year Net Performance (%)

|           | 2021   | 2022    | 2023   | 2024   | YTD   |
|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| Fund      | -0.46% | -8.79%  | 5.00%  | -1.14% | 3.80% |
| Benchmark | 0.73%  | -13.34% | 5.90%  | 2.02%  | 1.91% |
| Relative  | -1.19% | 4.55%   | -0.89% | -3.16% | 1.89% |

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## **Key Information**

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|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Fund Inception  | 19/04/2021                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benchmark       | FTSE World Government Bond<br>Index (NZD Hedged) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Management Fee  | 0.60%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buy/Sell Fee    | Nil  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distributions   | Quarterly Distribution                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liquidity       | Daily  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Min Application | \$50,000 or as per platform                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Min Additional  | \$5,000 or as per platform                       |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### **Platform Listings**

APEX Wealth | Consilium | FNZ | NZX Wealth Technologies

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#### **Fund Characteristics**

|                              | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Yield to Maturity (Unhedged) | 4.59% | 3.13%     |
| Running Yield (Unhedged)     | 4.01% | 2.71%     |
| Modified Duration (Years)    | 5.52  | 6.80      |
| Average Coupon               | 3.81% | 2.68%     |
| Average Credit Quality       | AA-   | AA        |

# **Top 5 Securities Holdings**

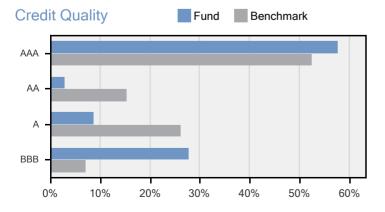
|                                 | Currency | Weight (%) |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1. United States 4.375% Nov '28 | USD      | 3.81%      |
| 2. United States 2.75% Aug '32  | USD      | 3.10%      |
| 3. Poland I/L 2% Aug '36        | PLN      | 3.06%      |
| 4. United States 1.5% Aug '26   | USD      | 2.97%      |
| 5. Mexico 7.75% Nov '34         | MXN      | 2.95%      |

## 5 Largest Active Positions - Bonds (%)

| Country       | Fund   | Versus Benchmark (%) |         |  |
|---------------|--------|----------------------|---------|--|
| Europe        | 9.39%  |                      | -18.06% |  |
| Mexico        | 12.72% |                      | 12.03%  |  |
| United States | 29.81% |                      | -11.87% |  |
| Japan         | 0.00%  |                      | -10.04% |  |
| New Zealand   | 10.21% |                      | 9.95%   |  |

# 5 Largest Active Positions - Currency (%)

| Currency             | Fund   | Versu | Versus Benchmark (%) |  |  |
|----------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|--|--|
| United States Dollar | -9.48% |       | -9.48%               |  |  |
| Swedish Krona        | 5.40%  |       | 5.40%                |  |  |
| Japanese Yen         | 5.22%  |       | 5.22%                |  |  |
| New Zealand Dollar   | 96.37% |       | -3.63%               |  |  |
| British Pound        | 3.61%  |       | 3.61%                |  |  |



# Commentary

The fund returned 0.95% (gross of fees) over the month, underperforming the benchmark which returned 1.09%. Bond selection added 0.01% to relative returns, while currency selection detracted -0.15%. The top three positive bond contributors to relative returns were the overweight positions in New Zealand nominal bonds, Indonesian nominal bonds and Polish inflation-linked bonds. The top three currency detractors from relative returns were the underweight positions in New Zealand Dollars, Swiss Franc and Czech Koruna.

Global bond markets delivered a strong month of positive returns in April, extending the gains seen in the first quarter. The month was marked by a series of tariff announcements from the Trump administration that were initially much more aggressive than economists and market participants had anticipated, leading to significant shifts in the global economic landscape. These tariffs, which included a minimum 10% duty on all exports to the US, heightened recession risks and dampened business sentiment, as investors grappled with the potential for lower growth and higher inflation, at least in some economies. The FTSE World Government Bond Index rose 1.2% in US dollar-hedged terms and a healthy 3.3% in unhedged terms, supported by continued US dollar weakness. US inflation eased slightly with the headline annual rate slowing to 2.4% from 2.8% a month earlier but the impact of recently announced tariffs has yet to be seen. After a volatile period, US Treasury yields declined toward the month end and the US bond market returned 0.6%.

In the Eurozone, annual inflation edged down to 2.2% in April from 2.3%, continuing a gradual disinflationary trend along with European-wide economic data showing modest growth of 1.2% in the first quarter over the same quarter of last year. In Germany coalition talks concluded with the CDU/CSU and SPD parties forming a formal alliance, which will facilitate previously announced reforms to fiscal rules and the so-called "debt brake". In France, the government narrowly passed a revised pension reform bill amid ongoing street protests, relying once again on executive powers to bypass legislative gridlock. In the UK, inflation moderated to 2.6% from 2.8% the month previous, but core inflation remained at 3.4%. The Bank of England held rates steady in April at 4.5%, citing improved but still fragile growth dynamics in their Monetary Policy Statement. UK, French and German bonds returned 1.8%, 2.0% and 2.1% respectively. The Colchester programme remains underweight both Eurozone government bonds and UK Gilts.

Across Asia, inflationary pressures remained varied. In Japan, headline inflation remained stable at 3.6%, reflecting some easing in services inflation. Japanese government bonds underperformed other major markets, returning 0.3%. The Colchester programme remains underweight Japanese government bonds given continued unattractive real yields. In China, inflation was -0.1%, though Q1 growth was somewhat stronger than expected at 5.4%. The uncertainty surrounding the on-going trade dispute with the US however raises downside risks for the economy. In South Korea inflation held steady at 2.1% whilst in Singapore inflation eased to 0.9%. The Singaporean economy posted strong figures, with Q1 growth printing at 3.8%. We remain overweight Singapore, where the local bond market returned 1.9% in the month. Within Colchester's valuations framework, the prospective real yield on Singapore's debt benefits from a further premium being added to take account of its relatively strong financial stability metrics. Meanwhile, in Australia, inflation came in a 2.4%, slightly below expectations, and the central bank left its policy rate unchanged at 4.1%. We maintain a modest overweight to Australian bonds due to attractive real yield valuations.

The US dollar softened further in April, with the DXY index down 4.6%, undermined by policy uncertainty and declining growth expectations in the US. Given its relative overvaluation in real terms the Colchester programme remains materially underweight the Dollar, so its weakness was a positive contributor to relative returns in April. The Euro rose 5.2% compared to the dollar, as investors sought alternative havens from the dollar. The Swedish krona and Japanese yen rose 4.1% and 4.8% respectively and the Colchester programme remains overweight both currencies.



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