

Countrywide Assured GILT PENSION FUND (S&P Series)

Factsheet data as of 30 September 2016

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide actively managed investment in UK gilt-edged and fixed-interest securities. The Fund seeks to achieve excess return through duration as well as sector and security selection. The Fund is well diversified and, under normal circumstances, direct cash holdings are kept to a minimum.

FUND REVIEW

For most of the third quarter, financial markets were stable and uneventful, with risk assets performing well and US Treasuries selling off. Although the quarter began with uncertainty surrounding Brexit, the market impact of the UK's vote to exit the European Union was fairly muted. Negative and low-yielding global bonds continued to drive investors into the US credit market, leading to tighter credit spreads, despite heavy investment grade corporate bond supply in August and September.

The fund outperformed its benchmark over the quarter. Our overweight to investment grade credit benefited returns as risk assets outperformed over the quarter, with sterling spreads (Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index - U.K. Pounds Sterling) 43 basis points tighter. We started the quarter long duration via 10-year UK and 30-year US Treasury inflation-protected securities. We brought headline duration down in the quarter. We switched our long UK duration to a flatter position against the 20-year part of the yield curve. Although we remain constructive on duration, in the short term yields may head slightly higher on the back of better global economic data, increased inflation expectations and disappointment from the Bank of Japan and European Central Bank. Moreover, Brexit has not been a knockout blow for UK economic activity so far and the global reaction has been relatively muted. In periphery, we held onto our long 10-year Italy vs. Germany, which contributed positively as spreads tightened.

FUND OUTLOOK

Global growth is stabilising at sub-trend levels, and meaningful signs of inflation are few. Sub-trend recovery remains our base case, and we expect global GDP and inflation to grow in the range of 0%-3.5% and 0%-2%, respectively.

FUND STATISTICS

Fund manager(s)	David Tan
Fund launch date	11/77
Fund size (as at 30/09/16)	GBP 73.6m

PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

As at 30/09/16	
Duration to maturity	%
0-1 years	2.1
1-3 years	13.8
3-5 Years	13.9
5-7 Years	11.9
7-10 Years	9.9
10+ Years	48.4

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/16)

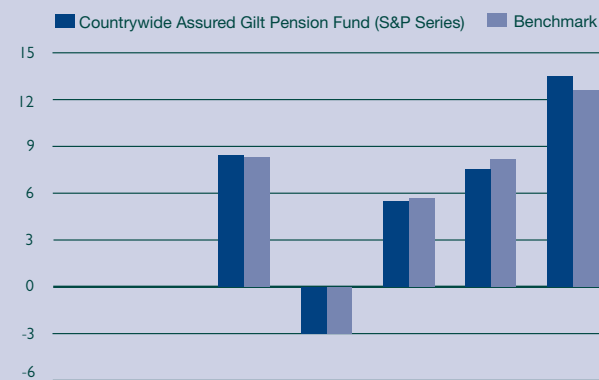


%	3M	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y
Countrywide Assured Gilt Pension Fund (S&P Series)	4.0	13.5	28.7	35.2	78.8
Benchmark	2.3	12.6	28.8	35.2	86.8

BENCHMARK

FTA Government All Stocks Index

ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/16)



%	2012/2011	2013/2012	2014/2013	2015/2014	2016/2015
Countrywide Assured Gilt Pension Fund (S&P Series)	8.4	-3.0	5.5	7.5	13.5
Benchmark	8.3	-3.0	5.7	8.2	12.6

Returns calculated on an offer to offer, pension fund tax basis.

Source: J.P. Morgan.



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