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Overview



## **CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund Overview**

## **Investment Objective**



- To achieve long-term capital appreciation and income growth via long-only investment in UK government indexlinked bonds
- · Simple low-cost approach, no gearing, no short selling
- The fund is actively managed, without reference to a benchmark

#### **Fees and Structure**



- Size: £23m (launched in October 2023)
- Management Fee: 0.15% | Total Expense Ratio: 0.31%
- Daily priced Irish UCITS

### **Investor Profile**





- A long-term investment horizon
- An aversion to significant short-term losses
- A desire to generate returns that outpace inflation over the long term
- A focus on GBP-denominated returns



## **CG** Asset Management Overview

<b>2001</b> Founded	Founded in 2001 by Peter Spiller, former Chief Investment Officer and Chief Strategist of Cazenove
<b>£2.4bn</b> AUM	£2.4bn in assets under management
<b>2</b> Strategies	Manages two strategies, absolute return and real return, across six funds
<b>11</b> Employees	Team of 11, based in London
289x Return	Low-cost offering, with fee reductions regularly reviewed
<b>2</b> Down Years	Capital Gearing Trust ("CGT") has returned 289x since 1982, with only two down years



## **CGAM** in partnership with our clients

#### What makes us different?

### What does that mean for our clients?

## The firm's founding principles

- 1. The client comes first
- 2. Don't be greedy
- 3. Have fun



## In turn these principles mean that:

- We have and will close funds to protect investors
- We continuously strive to lower fees, even on closed funds
- We have low staff turnover

## **Employee owned**



- Majority owned by an Employee Ownership Trust, which means we will remain independent
- All portfolio managers are significant shareholders in CGAM

## The right incentives



- A significant majority of our own capital is invested in our funds
- Our interests are directly aligned with those of our clients



## **Funds Summary**

Strategy	Fund	ISIN	Launched	AUM <sup>6</sup>	Dealing Frequency <sup>2</sup>	AMC Fee	TER
Absolute Return  Long only investments in a portfolio of bonds, equities and commodities	Capital Gearing Trust	GB0001738615	1982¹	£822m	Listed	0.41% <sup>3</sup>	0.55%
		IE00BYQ69B30	2016	£652m	Daily	0.35%	0.47%
	Capital Gearing Portfolio (P,V shares)	IE00BG5Q6F12	2001	£219m	Daily	0.75%	0.87%
Real Return  Long only investments in inflation-linked bonds	CG Real Return Fund (GBP Hedged available)	IE0034304117	2004	£218m	Daily	0.30% / 0.20% <sup>4</sup>	0.41%
	CG Dollar Fund (GBP Hedged, EUR Hedged and USD Unhedged available)	IE00B41GP767	2009	£430m	Daily	0.25% / 0.15% <sup>5</sup>	0.37%
	CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund	IE000ZSVG218	2023	£23m	Daily	0.15%	0.31%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Peter Spiller began managing Capital Gearing Trust in 1982; <sup>2</sup> Capital Gearing Trust is an Investment Trust listed on the London Stock Exchange, all other funds are Open Ended UCITS domiciled in Dublin; <sup>3</sup> Tiered fee structure, marginal rate is 0.3% above £500m; <sup>4</sup>0.3% below £500m, 0.2% above; <sup>5</sup>0.25% below £1bn, 0.15% above; <sup>6</sup> As of 31st October 2025



## **CGAM Team**

#### **Investments**



**Peter Spiller** Co - Chief Investment Officer



**Alastair Laing** CEO, Fund Manager



**Chris Clothier** Co - Chief Investment Officer



**Chris Taylor** Chief Operations Officer



**Operations and Risk** 

**Jason Barlow** Manager



**Investor Relations** 

**Katie Forbes** Head of Investor



Hassan Raza, CFA Portfolio Manager



**Emma Moriarty** Portfolio Manager



Jock Henderson Investment Analyst



**Amber Williams** Head of Compliance



**Prath Ketheeswaran** Operations Manager



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CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund



## The CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund's positioning is decided via a top-down process



- Outlook for nominal interest rates
- Monetary and fiscal stance
- Inflation expectations vs. breakevens
- Forward rates

- Where prospective returns are strong, we will lock these in for a long time
- Shape of yield curve
- Market segmentation
- Scenario analysis

- NSS yield curve modelling to identify over/undervalued securities
- Adjustments for convexity and seasonality



## Inflation-linked gilts have gone from being uninvestable to good value

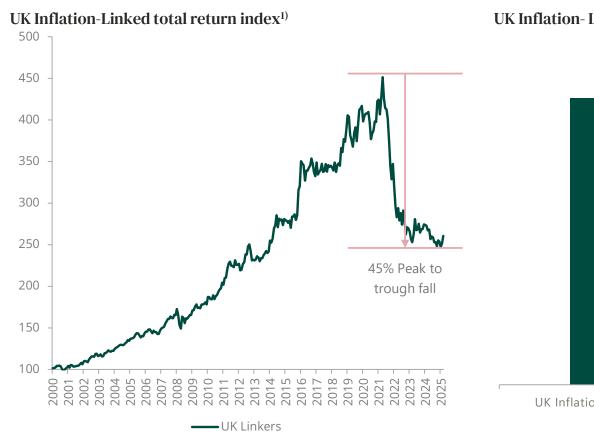
## UK 10 Year Real Yield (%)



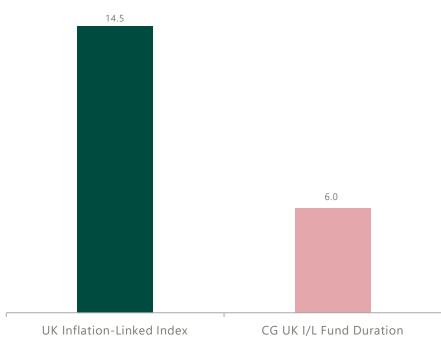
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.



## The long duration of the index has created large drawdowns which are inappropriate for private investors. The CG fund is a much shorter duration alternative



## **UK Inflation-Linked Index duration (years)**

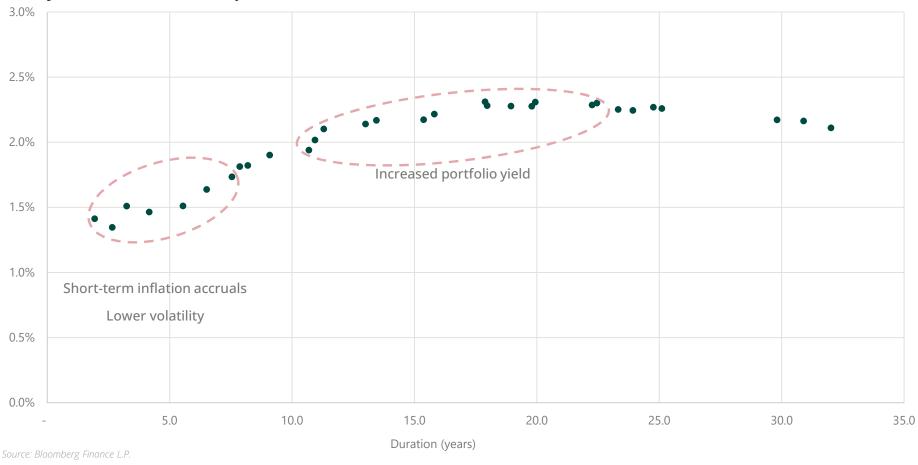


1. UK Index-Linked Index refers to Bloomberg UK Govt Inflation-Linked All Maturities Total Return Index Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.



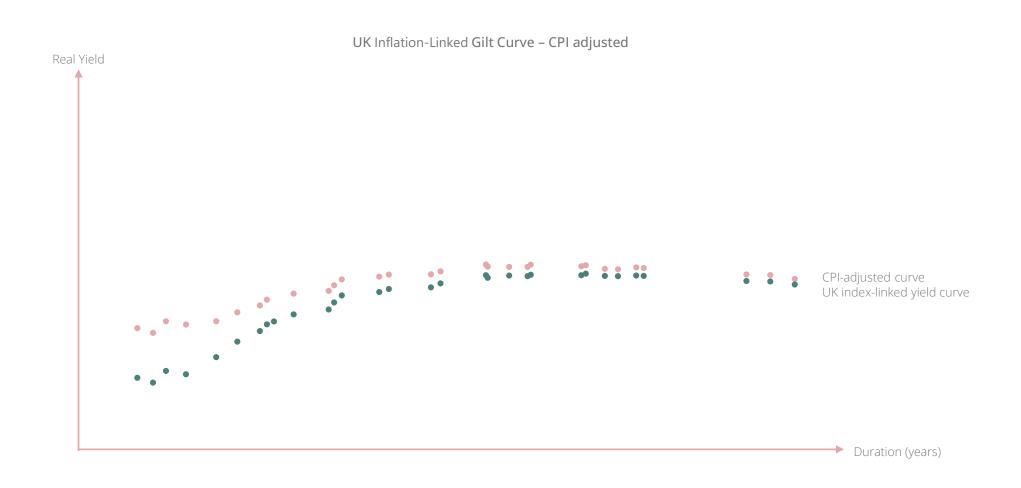
# The shape of the yield curve is driven in part by non-fundamental factors which creates opportunities for active management

## CPI-adjusted UK inflation-linked yield curve





## We then adjust our expected yields for the RPI / CPI wedge





## We use a Nelson Siegel Svensson formula to identify individual under and overpriced bonds

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \frac{\left(1 - e^{\left(-\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}\right)}\right)}{\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}} + \beta_2 \left(\frac{\left(1 - e^{\left(-\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}\right)}\right)}{\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}} - e^{\left(-\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}\right)}\right) + \beta_3 \left(\frac{\left(1 - e^{\left(-\frac{\mu}{\tau_2}\right)}\right)}{\frac{\mu}{\tau_2}} - e^{\left(-\frac{\mu}{\tau_2}\right)}\right)$$

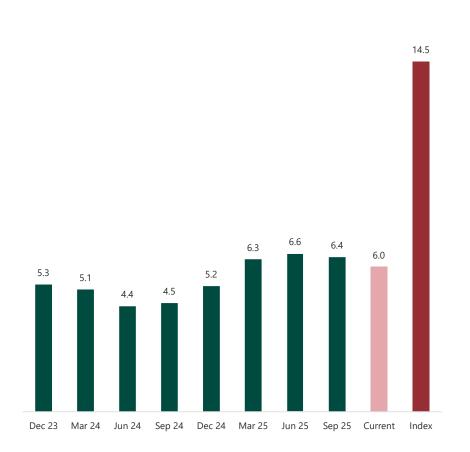


Positioning and Returns

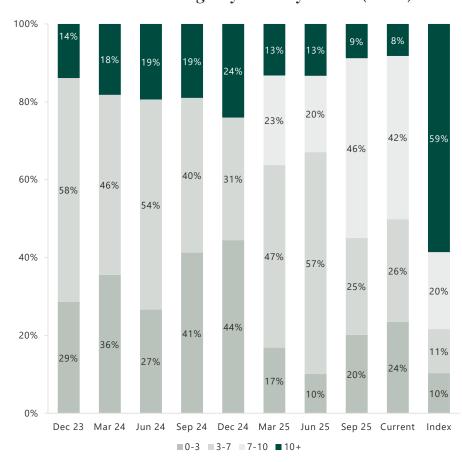


# The CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund has duration shorter than the index and its holdings are weighted to the front end of the UK inflation-linked curve

## Portfolio Duration (Years)



## Portfolio Curve Positioning – By Maturity Bucket (Years)

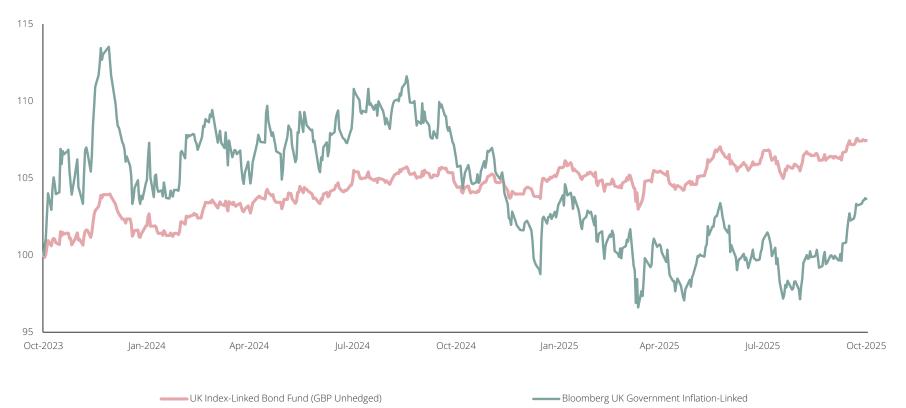


Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust



## The CG UK Index Linked Bond Fund has outperformed its benchmark since inception

## Performance since inception



Source: Bloomberg LP, Northern Trust.



## Breakdown of holdings

Largest Bond Holdings		Credit ratings		Characteristics	
UKTI 0.75% 22/11/33	22.3%	AAA	0%	Number of bonds	15
UKTI 0.125% 22/03/26	20.5%	AA	100%	Yield to maturity (real)	1.7%
UKTI 0.125% 10/08/31	13.8%	A	0%	Average maturity	6.3 Yrs
UKTI 4.125% 22/07/30	12.4%	BBB	0%	Average coupon (real)	0.6%
UKTI 2.00% 26/01/35	7.9%	BB and below	0%	Composite rating	AA

Source: CGAM, Northern Trust



The role of inflation-linked bonds in a multi-asset portfolio



## Inflation-linked bonds are a fundamental component of a diversified portfolio

## Inflation as greatest risk to investor wealth

Against which equities are only a partial hedge.

## Significant risk of inflation persistence

The historical record does not support a swift return to the target.

## Historic outperformance vs nominal bonds

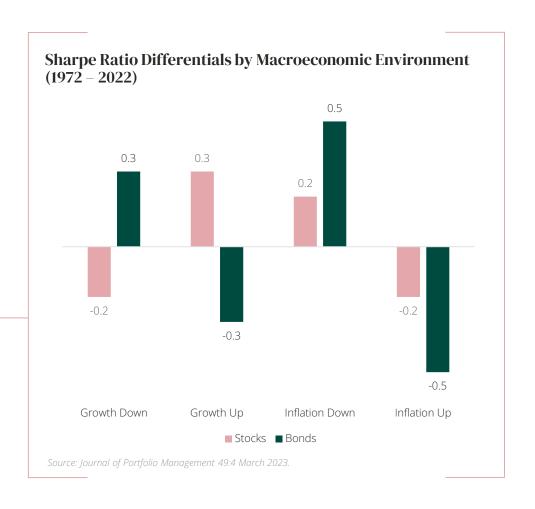
Such outperformance is likely to persist into the future.

## Inflation-linked bonds perform well when equities do not

The negative stock-bond correlation breaks down in times of high inflation. Inflation-linked are a more reliable hedge.

## Protection against financial repression

Only asset that we believe is likely to deliver protection.





# Inflation-linked bonds have outperformed nominal bonds since the turn of the century. Why? Because the market systematically underestimates realised inflation

## Inflation-Linked Bond - Total Returns (US)



## Inflation-Linked Bond - Total Returns (UK)

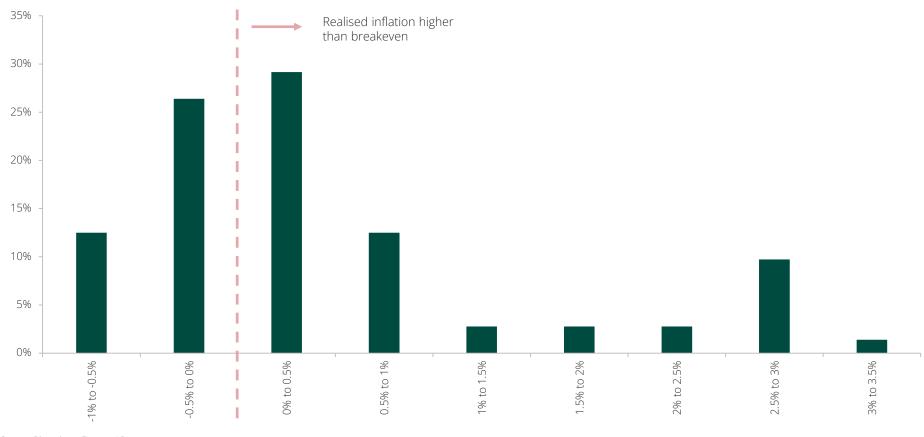


Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P



## Realised inflation has been higher than market-implied expectations

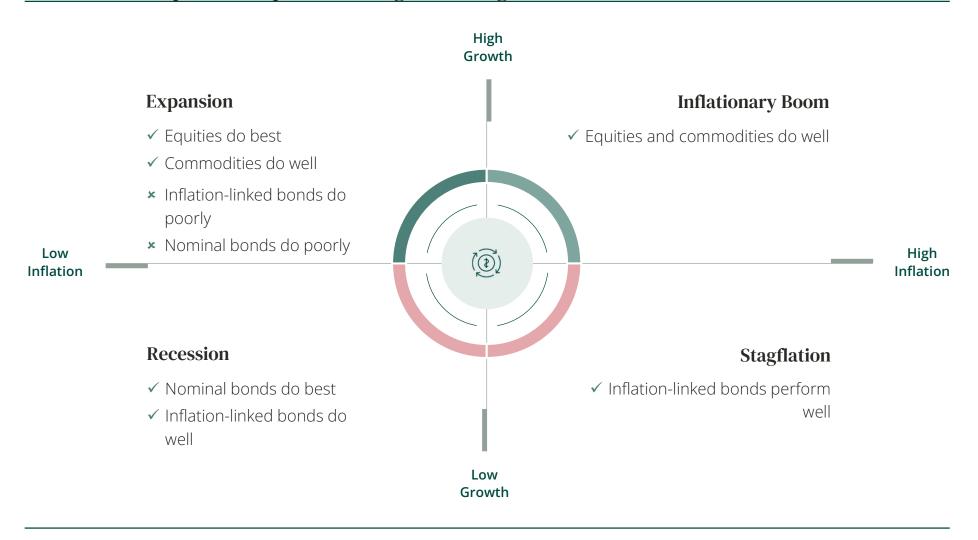
## Difference between UK 5Y Breakeven and subsequent realised inflation (% annualised)







# Inflation-linked bonds perform well in scenarios where equities do not, and are the most reliable portfolio protector against stagflation





## CG Asset Management

Investment Considerations for Direct Government Securities



## **Investment Approach**

## The principles underpinning our investment approach

#### Be honest

No greenwashing, no PR-led initiatives, no jargon. We believe in an accurate presentation of our activities not a marketing campaign.

## One firm, one rule

Our standards apply to all the funds we advise. We do not have ethical and by implication unethical funds.

## **Ethics**, not mathematics

There is no formula that can be applied in a uniform way to every situation. We emphasise judgement over simplistic third party ESG scoring systems.

## Don't disinvest, engage

When investors have the influence to effect change, it is most valuable to encourage positive transition rather than engage in blanket disinvestment.

## **Targeted**

As a small firm, we must focus our efforts where they will have the most influence, rather than taking a generalist approach.

### Governance

Investors have multiple direct mechanisms to influence governance, so we primarily focus on governance even when the ultimate objective consists of other priorities.

## Integration, not separation

The entire team is collectively responsible for stewardship activities, with the ultimate responsibility lying with the chief executive. We do not have a standalone responsible investment team.

## Act, with humility

Every action results in both intended and unintended consequences. Reflect deeply on the risk that good intentions can lead to unintended negative outcomes.



## **Investment Approach**

## Considerations in the investment process

#### **Direct Government Securities**

A majority of the assets held by the funds are invested in direct holdings of securities issues by governments including bonds, bills and cash.

When investing, we consider indices compiled by a range of NGOs and require sovereigns, at a minimum, to achieve strong rankings in at least four out of five of these criteria. In addition to using third party indices, we also overlay our own subjective assessments which typically leads to material additional exclusions.

As we manage funds that invest exclusively in US and UK bonds respectively these jurisdictions will always be included but other sovereigns are subject to these exclusion criteria.

## **ESG Criteria Applied**

## **Resultant Investable Universe**

Index	Criteria		
World Bank governance effectiveness index	Top quartile	United Kingdom	Japan
World press freedom index	Good or satisfactory	United States	Canada
Global freedom score	Free rating	Germany	Australia
UN human development index	Very high human development rank	Sweden	New Zealand
Net zero by 2050 statement	Statement of intent by 2050 or earlier	Denmark	



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