

ICE Medium Gilt Future

ICE Medium Gilt Futures contract is a future deliverable into eligible U.K. government debt securities with maturities of 4 years to 6 years and 3 months and an original term to maturity of 11 years or less.

In addition it's possible to execute Medium Gilt Futures vs Long Gilt Futures as a one line spread via the inter-commodity spread (ICS). Trades in a 2:1 ratio.

The contract is traded on ICE Futures Europe and cleared at ICE Clear Europe, alongside Long Gilt Futures & Options and Ultra Long Gilt Futures.

Contract Specifications

ICE Medium Gilt Future	
Trading hours	8 a.m. – 6 p.m. London time
Unit of trading	£100,000 nominal value notional Gilt with 4% coupon
Minimum price movement	0.01 (£10)
Delivery months	Nearest two quarterly expiry months
Last Trading Day	Two business days prior to the last business day in the delivery month. On the Last Trading Day, trading in the front delivery month will cease at 11 a.m.
EDSP	The London market price at 11:00 on the second business day prior to Settlement Day. The invoicing amount in respect of each Deliverable Gilt is to be calculated by the price factor system. Adjustment will be made for full coupon interest accruing as at Settlement Day.
Matching algorithm	FIFO
Wholesale service	Asset allocation, basis trading, block trading
Contract standard	Deliverable
Clearing venue	ICEU (ICE Clear Europe)
Contract symbol	H
Bloomberg ticker	WX
Underlying index	U.K. gilts with maturities of 4 years to 6 years and 3 months and with an original term to maturity of 11 years or less.

Bloomberg ticker:

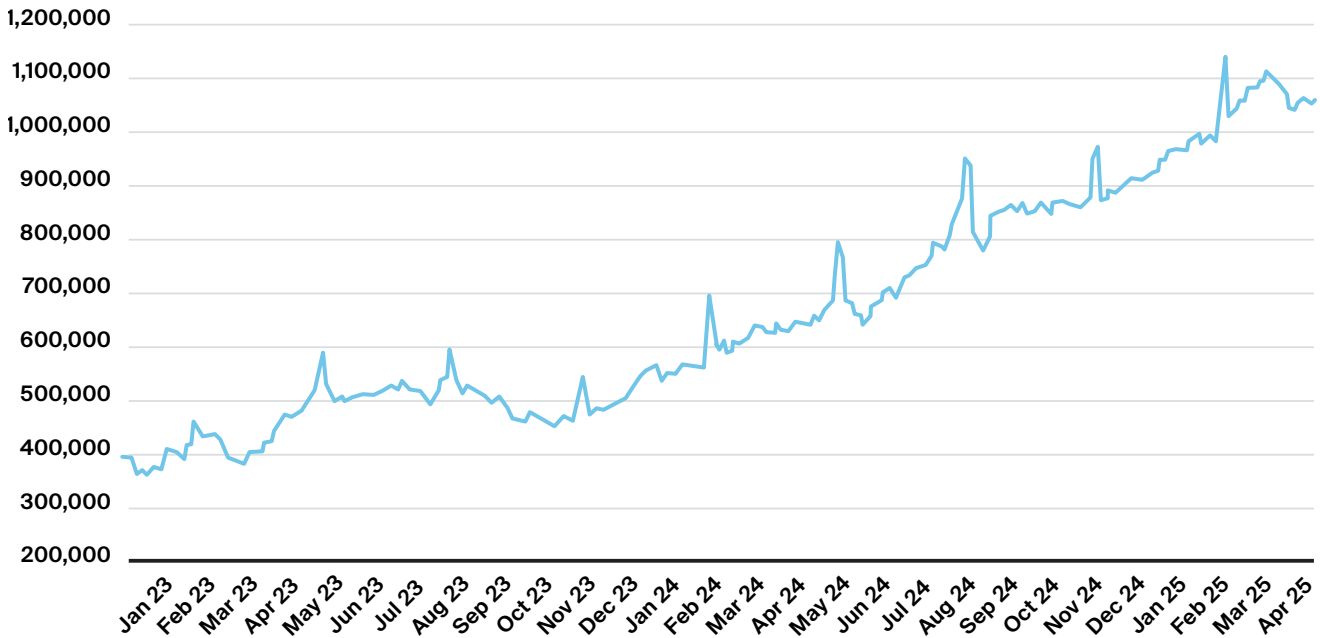
Medium Gilt Future: **WX** | Long Gilt Future: **G** | Medium-Long spread: **WXG***

*Subject to confirmation from Bloomberg

Background

The Long Gilt Future was launched in 1982 and has been helping traders manage risk in the U.K. govt. debt market for over 40 years. The last few years have seen a renewed focus on U.K. rate products and open interest in the Long Gilt Future has increased by over 170% since Jan 2023. The reintroduction of the Medium Gilt Future is timely and provides an additional tenor on the Gilt Curve.

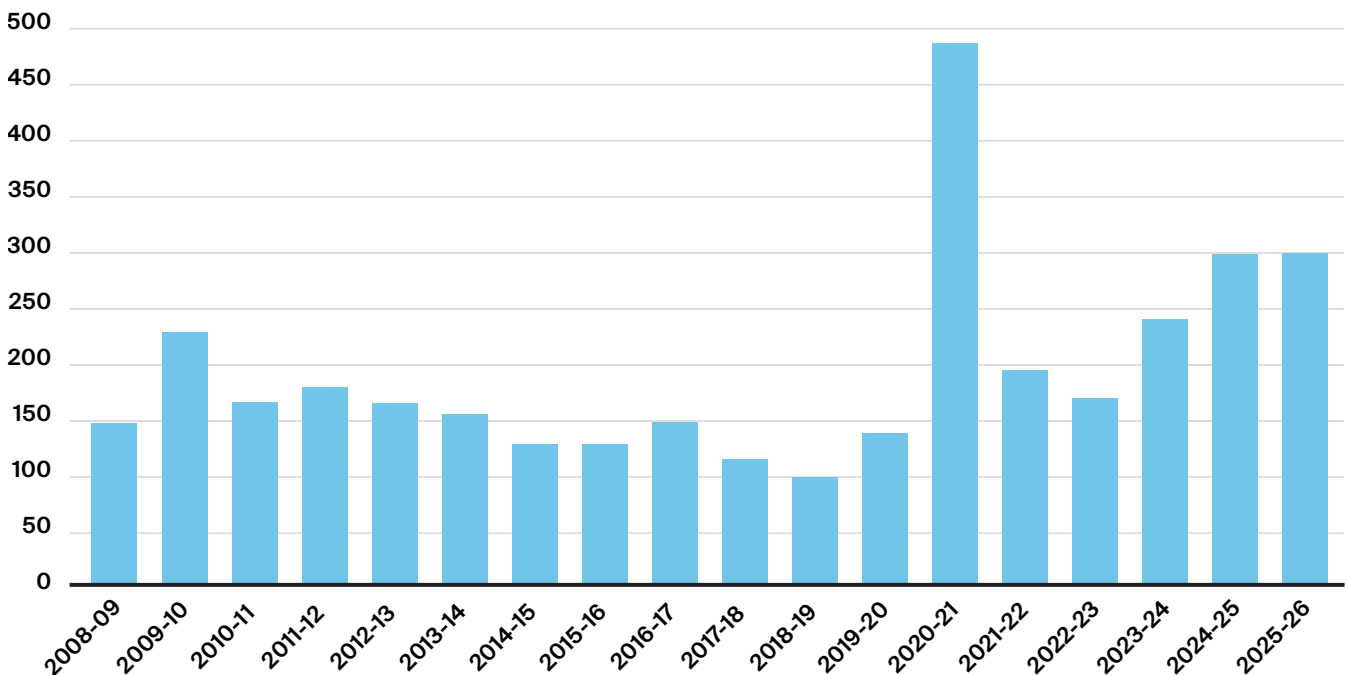
Long Gilt Future Open Interest



Cash mkt

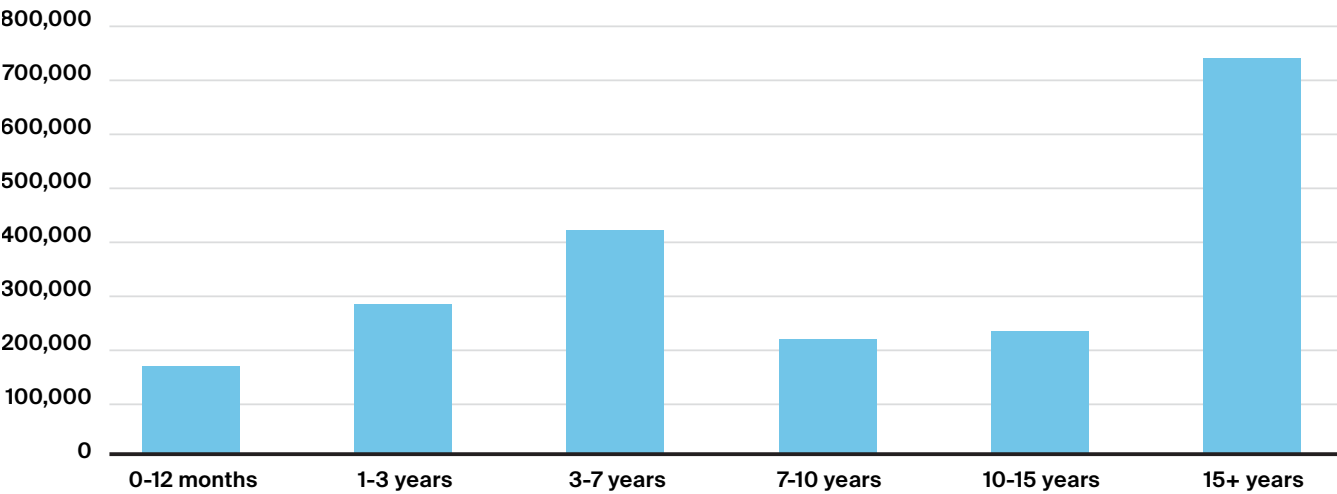
Government Gilt issuance has been on an upward trajectory since 2018 and is expected to continue, according to the latest debt management report.

Gross Gilt sales per the debt management report 2025-2026 (in £ billion)



The U.K. government debt market has traditionally been skewed to longer dated securities, as this chart of the amounts outstanding shows:

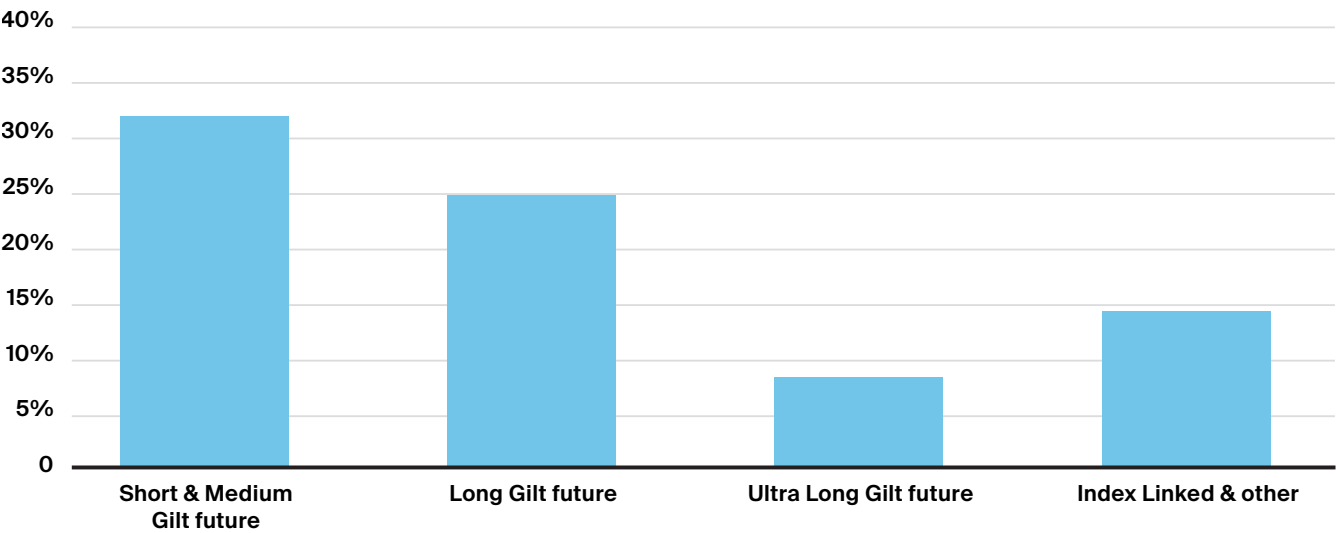
Amount outstanding of Gilts in issue as of May 2025 (in £ million)



Source: DMO

But going forward the U.K. Debt Management Office (DMO) has indicated that issuance is expected to be skewed to shorter term maturities, as evidenced by their 2025-2026 issuance projections:

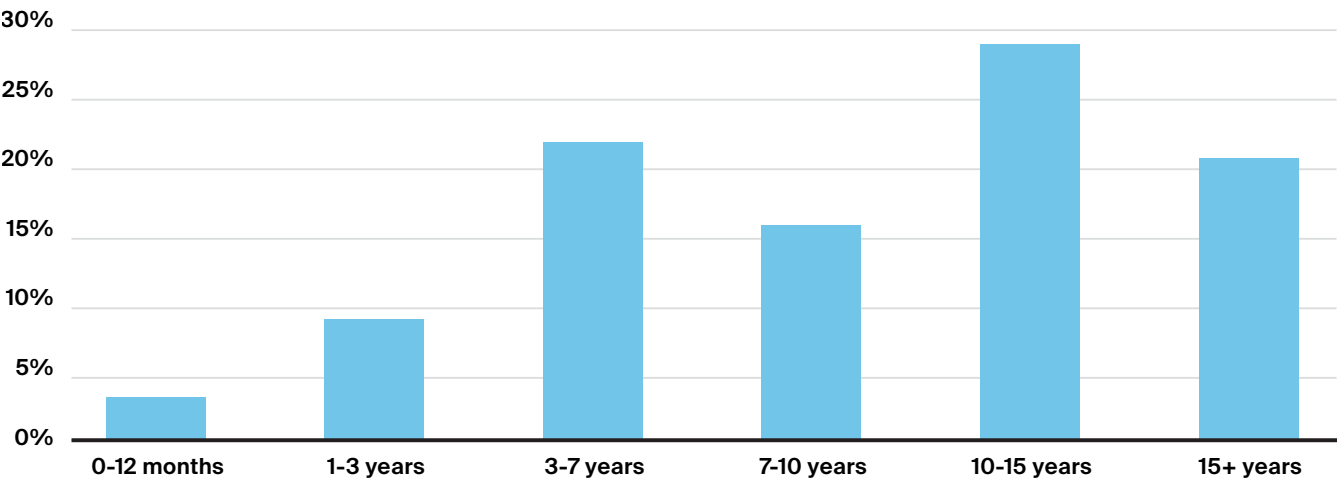
Planned Gilt issuance in 2025-26 expressed in Gilt Future tenor terms



Source: DMO

Secondary market trading for existing issuance shows there are concentrations in the 10 year+ area and the 3-7 year area. The Medium Gilt Future will assist with the management of the latter.

GEMM turnover by maturity band in Q4 2024



Source: DMO