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Gilts tipped to thrive in 'certain' UK recession

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The UK has entered a full blown recession and IFAs should be looking at UK gilts to safeguard client assets, City Financial's Ian Williams says.

Williams, the City Financial Strategic Gilt fund manager, expects a recessionary environment to be "extremely favourable" for the gilt market.

He feels IFA should not sit on their hands and treat a recession as nothing other than a "certainty".

Williams, who [steered his fund](#) to the top of the IMA UK Gilt sector in 2007, says the UK faces a sustained economic downturn.

"The news needn't be all bad. While a recessionary backdrop is cause for concern in other asset classes and certain sectors, it is in fact extremely favourable to the UK gilt market," he says.

"It would be very unusual to have a recession and not see gilts do well.

"As the equities market continues to slide, we expect to see a large institutional shift into government bonds. When that happens, investors in gilts should benefit."