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Dear Investor

Important information about the Threadneedle Japan Fund – no action required

As a shareholder in the Threadneedle Japan Fund, we would like to inform you that due to a ten-day 'Golden Week' holiday period in Japan this year, non-dealing days will be declared on the Fund from Friday 26 April until Monday 6 May 2019 inclusive. This means that investors will be unable to buy, sell, ISA transfer or switch shares in the Threadneedle Japan Fund during this period until the Fund reopens for dealing on Tuesday 7 May 2019.

Why are you declaring non-dealing days?

All Japanese securities markets will be closed due to Golden Week, a national holiday which occurs annually but has been extended this year to commemorate the accession of the new Emperor. This will leave markets closed to trading for six days and a consecutive ten-day holiday has been declared across the country. We have therefore decided that it is in the best interest for all investors in the Fund to not allow trading in the Fund shares during this period. Any deals received between 26 April until 6 May will be rejected. 6 May is already a non-dealing day as it is a public holiday in the UK.

Will this have an impact on any other Threadneedle funds?

No. This is the only fund within our range which has exposure to Japanese securities exceeding 10%, either directly or indirectly, making it the only fund eligible for a declaration of non-dealing days.

Do I need to take any action?

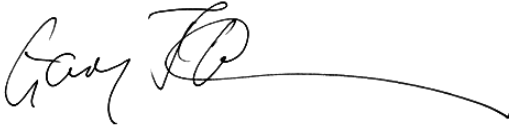
No. You do not need to take any action. If you place an instruction during the non-dealing period, it will be rejected. You will need to reinstruct after Monday 6 May 2019.

Further information

If you are unsure about the implications for your investment, please contact your financial adviser.

If you are unclear about the contents of this letter, or have any further questions, please call us on 0800 953 0134*. Our team is available from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Collins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Collins
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*Calls may be recorded

