

Media Release

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCES PLANS TO TRANSFER EU CUSTOMER ASSETS TO ITS LUXEMBOURG FUND RANGE

LONDON, 09 MAY 2018: Columbia Threadneedle Investments today announces plans to transfer EU customer assets from its UK OEIC range to equivalent funds in its established Luxembourg SICAV range, to best serve European clients after the UK departs from the EU.

A total of 20 funds from the Threadneedle OEIC range will transfer assets to equivalent funds in the SICAV range, with the firm launching 13 new funds on its SICAV platform (see fund list below). The transfers are subject to shareholder approval.

Michelle Scrimgeour, CEO, EMEA at Columbia Threadneedle said: “Our priority is to provide certainty and continuity for our clients. By facilitating the transfer of European customers to our existing Luxembourg range we will ensure they can continue to access our best investment strategies in a UCITS-compliant fund, regardless of the final agreement between the UK and the EU. For EU investors, the transfers will remove uncertainty regarding the future status of their investment in their home country”.

Investors in impacted funds will receive detailed information regarding the transfers between May and September.

The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) have been notified of the proposed transfers.

Impacted funds

Threadneedle Fund	TO	Threadneedle (Lux) Fund
Threadneedle Pan European Smaller Companies Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Pan European Smaller Companies
Threadneedle Credit Opportunities Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Credit Opportunities
Threadneedle European High Yield Bond Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – European High Yield Bond
Threadneedle Pan European Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Pan European Equities
Threadneedle European Corporate Bond Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – European Corporate Bond
Threadneedle Pan European Equity Dividend Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Pan European Equity Dividend
Threadneedle European Smaller Companies Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – European Smaller Companies
Threadneedle Global Equity Income Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Global Equity Income
Threadneedle Global Extended Alpha Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Global Extended Alpha
Threadneedle American Smaller Companies Fund (US)		Threadneedle (Lux) – American Smaller Companies
Threadneedle Global Select Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Global Select
Threadneedle American Extended Alpha Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – American Extended Alpha
Threadneedle European Select Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – European Select
Threadneedle UK Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – UK Equities
Threadneedle American Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – American
Threadneedle American Select Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – American Select
Threadneedle UK Equity Income Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – UK Equity Income
Threadneedle UK Absolute Alpha Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – UK Absolute Alpha
Threadneedle Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Global Emerging Market Equities
Threadneedle Asia Fund		Threadneedle (Lux) – Asia

Subject to regulatory approval

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About Columbia Threadneedle Investments

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With more than 2000 people including over 450 investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia, we manage €395 billion¹ of assets across developed and emerging market equities, fixed income, asset allocation solutions and alternatives.

Our priority is the investment success of our clients. We know investors want strong and repeatable risk-adjusted returns and we aim to deliver this through an active and consistent investment approach that is team-based, risk-aware and performance-driven. Our investment teams around the world work together to

uncover investment insights. By sharing knowledge across asset classes and geographies we generate richer perspectives on global, regional and local investment landscapes. The ability to exchange and debate investment ideas in a collaborative environment enriches our teams' investment processes to ensure the best insights are applied to portfolios. More importantly it results in better informed decisions for our clients.

Columbia Threadneedle Investments is the global asset management group of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (NYSE:AMP), a leading US-based financial services provider. As part of Ameriprise, we are supported by a large and well-capitalised diversified financial services firm.

Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments as at 31 March 2018

¹ Source: Ameriprise Financial Q1 2018 earnings release.

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