

Dear <Salutation>,

### **Important changes to your investment with Columbia Threadneedle Investments – Action required**

As a shareholder in one or more sub-funds of our Columbia Threadneedle OEIC<sup>1</sup> fund range (Columbia Threadneedle Investment Funds (UK) ICVC and/or Columbia Threadneedle Specialist Funds (UK) ICVC), we would like to let you know about certain changes that will impact your investment with us.

#### **What is changing?**

You are invested in a Columbia Threadneedle OEIC, which is a type of UK-domiciled fund. Prior to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, these funds were UCITS, which stands for *Undertakings for the Collective Investment in Transferable Securities*. UCITS funds can be sold to any investor within the EU under a harmonised regulatory regime for marketing.

Following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, UK-domiciled OEIC funds lost their UCITS status. Our Local Transfer Agent, BNP Paribas Securities Services, no longer provides a Local Transfer Agent Service to UK OEIC funds. Therefore, the service provided by BNP Paribas Securities Services with Euroclear France is no longer available to investors in Columbia Threadneedle OEIC funds.

#### **What do I need to do?**

You have the following options:

1. You can transfer your investment free of charge from Euroclear France to our registrar in the UK. Please contact your financial adviser.
2. You can transfer your investment free of charge to another fund in our UCITS-compliant Luxembourg SICAV<sup>2</sup> fund range. These funds, along with their PRIIPS Key Information Documents (KIDs) can be found on our website [columbiathreadneedle.com](http://columbiathreadneedle.com).
3. You can take no action. Your shares will be redeemed, and the proceeds sent to you.

If you are unclear about which option to choose, please speak to a financial adviser. If we do not receive your instruction by 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon (UK time), we will sell your shares and send the proceeds to you as soon as possible.

#### **Are there any tax implications?**

There may be tax implications depending on your individual circumstances. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest that you seek advice from your tax adviser about any potential tax implications before you take any action.

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<sup>1</sup> OEIC stands for open-ended investment company.

<sup>2</sup> SICAV stands for Societe d'Investissement à Capital Variable.

**Further information**

If you have any further questions, please call us on [0180 500 3815]\*. Our team is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm (CET), Monday to Friday.

Thank you for investing with Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Perrin'.

James Perrin

**Chief Operating Officer Distribution, EMEA**  
Columbia Threadneedle Investments

\*Calls may be recorded