

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE FUNDS:

CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)

CT Asia Fund

CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

With effect from 2 October 2023, certain changes will be made to the investment policies of certain Columbia Threadneedle equity funds, as shown below.

1. Which funds are being changed?

Changes are being made to the following funds:

- CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)
- CT Asia Fund
- CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

(each a “Fund”, together the “Funds”)

2. What changes are you making?

We are making changes to the Funds’ investment policies to reflect the integration of certain responsible investment measures into the investment decision-making process.

The changes will:

- **Introduce a set of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) exclusions**, that will prevent the Funds from investing in companies that:
 - fail to follow good governance practices¹;
 - derive revenue from certain activities or industries (e.g., coal, tobacco and conventional weapons) above stated thresholds;
 - are considered by the investment manager to be in breach of accepted international standards and principles on human rights, labour standards, and anti-corruption.
- **Establish a “positive ESG tilt” to the portfolio**: i.e., the investment manager will aim for the portfolio to compare favourably against its benchmark index² over rolling 12-month periods, when assessed using Columbia Threadneedle’s own ESG Materiality Rating model. This model gives a rating to companies, indicating how well they are managing material ESG risks and opportunities, with our investment approach favouring companies with stronger ratings.
- **Highlight our engagement with companies**, in particular those with poorer ESG materiality ratings, with a view to influencing management teams to address ESG risks and improve their ESG practices, ranging from carbon emissions to board independence and diversity.

A comparison of the current and updated investment objective and policy for each Fund is contained in the booklet enclosed in your shareholder letter. In addition to the above changes, we have also taken the opportunity to make some minor enhancements to the Funds’ descriptions.

3. Why are you making the changes?

The Funds’ investment policies are being amended to reflect the integration of a range of responsible investment measures into the investment decision-making process. We believe that making the changes will align the Funds to existing and rapidly increasing investor demand for funds with clearly defined environmental and social characteristics.

¹ Governance describes the arrangements and practices that frame how the directors and management of a company organise and operate in leading and directing a business. We have developed a data-driven model which flags poor practices for further review in specific areas which inform our assessment and monitoring of companies. For example, if a company has very poor labour practices such as use of child or forced labour, we would not consider the company to have good governance.

² The benchmark index (which comprises a group of companies) is representative of the type of companies in which the Fund is likely to invest (against which financial performance is also compared over time).

Please note we do not expect these amendments to result in any significant changes to the way in which the Funds are currently managed, or their risk profiles.

4. When will the changes take place?

The changes will be effective from 2 October 2023 (the “Effective Date”).

5. Will there be any cost to me as an investor?

The investment manager is required to sell shares in any companies that do not comply with the new investment exclusions in favour of alternative investments. However, we do not anticipate that any realignment of the Funds’ existing portfolios will be necessary, and as such, there will be no cost to you as a result of the changes.

All administrative costs associated with making the changes will be paid by Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

6. What is the extent of the portfolio realignment required?

We do not anticipate that any realignment of the Funds’ existing portfolios will be necessary as a result of the changes.

7. Will the changes affect the risk profile of the Funds?

No, there will be no change to the risk profiles.

8. What are the relevant share classes (and ISINs) of the Funds?

Fund Name	Share Class Name	ISIN
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Retail Accumulation GBP	GB0001530129
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Institutional Accumulation GBP	GB0001530459
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Retail Income GBP	GB00B0GDX66
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Retail Accumulation EUR	GB00B0WGY707
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Institutional X Accumulation GBP	GB00B19ZCK63
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Institutional X Accumulation USD	GB00B1DD7Z69
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Z Accumulation GBP	GB00B8358Z89
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	Z Income GBP	GB00B88YT359
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	L Accumulation GBP	GB00BLFH8M04
CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	L Income GBP	GB00BQS9K888
CT Asia Fund	Institutional Accumulation GBP	GB0001441020
CT Asia Fund	Retail Accumulation GBP	GB0001441137
CT Asia Fund	Z Accumulation GBP	GB00B83BWC19
CT Asia Fund	X Accumulation GBP	GB00BDZYJL12
CT Asia Fund	Institutional X Accumulation GBP	GB00BZ2GR109
CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Institutional Accumulation GBP	GB00B10SJC56
CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Retail Accumulation GBP	GB00B10SJD63
CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Institutional X Accumulation GBP	GB00B19ZCQ26
CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Institutional X Accumulation USD	GB00B1DD8C08
CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Z Accumulation GBP	GB00B8BYHK55
CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Institutional X Income GBP	GB00BNG64B19

8. Do I need to take any action?

You do not need to do anything as a result of these changes, which will take effect automatically on the Effective Date, 2 October 2023.

9. What can I do if I disagree with the changes?

You have a number of options. Should you disagree with the changes you can choose to redeem your shares, or you can switch your investment, free of charge, into another fund(s) in our UK range*. Should you decide to redeem or switch your shares, it may trigger a taxable event. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest you seek advice from your tax adviser about any potential tax implications before you take any action.

* Only funds managed by Threadneedle Investment Services Limited (TISL) (part of the Columbia Threadneedle group of companies), are currently available for this purpose. A fund's prospectus or Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on our website) will provide this information or please contact us on 0800 953 0134 if you require help establishing alternative funds available to you.