

# News Release

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## **COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE APPOINTS SARAH BLAKELOCK AS HEAD OF UK CLIENT GROUP**

**LONDON – 10 November 2025** - Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, has appointed Sarah Blakelock to the new role of Head of UK Client Group. Based in London, Sarah joined the firm on 3 November and will be responsible for the UK client business and sales strategy.

The newly created role deepens the UK Distribution leadership team, recognising the strategic importance of the UK business, which has an established footprint offering a full range of investment capabilities to wholesale, institutional, insurance and investment trust clients. Sarah's appointment comes at an exciting time for the firm as it looks to accelerate its growth in the UK, and across the EMEA region, launching new client solutions, such as the CT QR Series Equity Active UCITS ETFs, and accelerating the growth of its low-cost active multi-asset CT Universal MAP range.

Sarah will report to Michaela Collet Jackson, Head of EMEA Distribution and Marketing, and will take on the reports for the UK sales leaders Mike O'Toole, Head of UK Wholesale, Greg Skinner, Head of UK Institutional and Insurance, and Marrack Tonkin, Head of Investment Trusts.

Sarah is a seasoned distribution leader with 20 years of experience in client and sales enablement roles within the asset management industry. Sarah joins from Wellington Management, where she held various senior Client Platform roles, including COO of the Client Group. Prior to that, Sarah held senior roles at Goldman Sachs Asset Management, including COO of the EMEA Client Business.

Speaking on the appointment **Michaela Collet Jackson, Head of Distribution, EMEA at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, said:** "We are very pleased to have Sarah join the business with her calibre and

experience. Her appointment reflects the ambition to accelerate growth across our established UK footprint and the need to connect the expertise across our UK client business under a single leader, to better serve our clients as they evolve within the changing environment. We are committed to remaining forward thinking and relevant across our capabilities to provide solutions for clients as their needs adapt. Sarah's deep industry expertise, strategic mindset and collaborative approach will be invaluable as we continue to grow and deliver for our clients. "

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## **Notes to Editors**

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We have approximately 2,300 people including approximately 550 investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia<sup>2</sup>. We offer our clients a wide range of strategies across equities, fixed income and alternatives, as well as specialist responsible investment capabilities and a comprehensive suite of solutions.

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.

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