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20 YEARS OF LDI: FROM DUTCH PENSION INNOVATION TO A PAN-EUROPEAN RISK-MANAGEMENT TOOL

Columbia Threadneedle Investments is marking 20 years of Euro liability-driven investment (LDI) capabilities, highlighting how the strategy has evolved alongside pension systems and continues to play an important role in managing long-term retirement risks across Europe.

LONDON, 12 March 2026: Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, marked 20 years of their Euro LDI fund platform in February. Over the past two decades, LDI strategies have become a core tool for pension funds and insurers seeking to manage interest-rate risk and better align assets with long-term liabilities. The approach has proven resilient through major market shocks, including the global financial crisis, the eurozone debt crisis and the COVID pandemic.

Pioneering role for the Netherlands

LDI strategies were originally developed to help defined benefit (DB) pension schemes hedge interest-rate and inflation risk embedded in long-term liabilities. By using instruments like interest-rate swaps and government bonds, pension funds have been able to reduce the sensitivity of their funding ratios to changes in interest rates.

The Netherlands played a pioneering role in the development of LDI. Regulatory reforms, like the Financial Assessment Framework (FTK), have been required from pension funds to value liabilities using market-based interest rates. This increased the sensitivity of funding ratios to interest-rate movements and accelerated the adoption of LDI strategies designed to stabilise funding levels.

Columbia Threadneedle launched its Euro LDI pooled fund platform in 2006, enabling pension funds to hedge long-dated interest-rate exposure through pooled vehicles rather than building complex derivative infrastructures internally. Since then, it has worked with pension funds and insurers across Europe as regulatory frameworks and pension systems evolve.

Jan Willemsen, LDI Client Portfolio Manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments,

commented: "After 20 years, our LDI funds still deliver precise, swap-based interest rate hedging across the curve. When your liabilities move, your assets move in tandem—no surprises, just reliable duration matching. That clarity has been tested through multiple crises and proven across different market environments. Now, as European pension systems transform, that same swap-based precision is supporting new applications, from reserve portfolios under the Dutch reform to de-risking strategies in Ireland and balance sheet stability in Germany."

LDI under the Dutch pension reform

While DB schemes remain an important user of LDI strategies, their application has broadened in recent years. The Dutch pension reform (Wet toekomst pensioenen – WTP) is an example. The transition to the new system is changing how pension funds approach interest-rate hedging and reserve management. In the legacy system, LDI was primarily used to hedge the interest-rate sensitivity of guaranteed liabilities. Under the new framework, the role of LDI is becoming more diverse. Pension funds are increasingly using LDI-type building blocks to manage reserve portfolios, lifecycle strategies and cashflow-matching allocations, as well as to hedge interest-rate risks associated with new pension structures.

Charles Shodijo, Director, UK & Ireland Institutional at Columbia Threadneedle Investments,

said: "Dutch reform shows LDI is not disappearing – it is evolving. The new system creates different use cases, from managing reserves to supporting lifecycle investment strategies. In many ways, it expands the toolkit rather than replacing it. European pension systems are changing, but the need to manage long-term financial risks has not. The experience gained over the past two decades has an important role to play and will be key to help our clients adapt to the ever-changing regulatory frameworks and new demographic challenges."

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