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ACTIVE BY DESIGN: COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE EXPANDS ACTIVE ETF RANGE WITH LAUNCH OF CT QR SERIES GLOBAL EQUITY ACTIVE UCITS ETF

- CT QR Series Global Equity Active UCITS ETF latest addition to Columbia Threadneedle's truly active, research-driven QR Series
- Built with active stock selection and designed to select stocks expected to outperform the Global portfolio holds c35% of its MSCI ACWI benchmark
- Columbia Threadneedle continues to grow Active ETF footprint in Europe, following US and European Equity Active ETFs launched last year

LONDON – 16 February 2026 Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, has listed the CT QR Series Global Equity Active UCITS ETF on the Deutsche Börse Xetra, SIX Swiss Exchange and the London Stock Exchange.

The new Active ETF has been designed to provide investors with a core active Global Equity allocation, powered by the scale and efficiency of Columbia Threadneedle's proprietary quantitative research and informed by real-time insights from the firm's industry-leading Global Fundamental Research team of more than 200 analysts. The new Global Active ETF aims to deliver clients better risk-adjusted returns than the benchmark (MSCI ACWI) through active stock selection, focusing on and designed to select stocks expected to outperform. Today, the Global portfolio holds around 35% of its MSCI ACWI benchmark, investing in the highest rated stocks in the index.

Christopher Lo, Senior Portfolio Manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments said:
"Following the launch of the US and European Equity Active UCITS ETFs last year, this new Global Equity Active ETF provides UK and European Investors a portfolio invested only where opportunity is strongest, not where the index dictates, resulting in a meaningful deviation from benchmark holdings,

delivering a truly active exposure. That's why, today, the portfolio holds positions in 35% of its benchmark, showing conviction in the companies which our research positively highlights.

“The new Global Active ETF uses the same quantitative model as all the Active ETFs in the QR Series, which has been refined over more than 20 years and combines Quality, Catalyst and Value insights with real-time fundamental research.”

Michaela Collet Jackson, Head of Distribution and Marketing, EMEA, at Columbia Threadneedle Investments commented: “This is the next milestone for our Active ETF ambitions in the UK and across Europe. We have seen strong interest in the initial Active ETFs launched last year, reflecting an appetite for our truly active approach. We are very pleased to continue to expand our range, meeting demand from investors for a differentiated, active and research-backed solution which can act as a core equity allocation. We recognise that Active ETFs have an important role to play as portfolio building blocks for a wide range of investors and we are already working on the next wave of launches, which will complement our fundamental active high alpha funds.”

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CT QR Series Active ETFs Listings

Fund Name	Ticker Code	Listing Exchanges	Total Expense Ratio	Reference Benchmark	ISIN
CT QR Series Global Equity Active UCITS ETF	QRGE	LSE, Xetra, SIX	0.25%	MSCI ACWI	IE000M07S996
CT QR Series US Equity Active UCITS ETF	QRUS	LSE, Xetra, SIX	0.20%	Russell 1000	IE000953I6Z4
CT QR Series European Equity Active UCITS ETF	QREU	LSE, Xetra, SIX	0.25%	MSCI Europe	IE000SA19OL0

CT QR Series Active ETFs

Managed by Christopher Lo, Columbia Threadneedle's QR Active ETF series adopts the same rigorous approach

as Columbia Threadneedle's US listed ETFs, with added enhancements for the European market. The "QR Series" investment process combines quantitative and fundamental insight with the dynamic attributes of a traditional active solution:

- **Research:** Combining 20+ years of proven quantitative modelling with Global Fundamental Research to identify stocks with the highest potential to outperform, avoiding those likely to lag.
- **Rank:** Leveraging these combined ratings the team ranks the stocks from 'strong buy to strong sell', excluding those stocks expected to underperform, reducing the universe by up to two thirds. This results in a portfolio holding stocks the team has strong conviction in and is aligned to article 8 under SFDR.
- **Recalibrate:** The firm's rules-based, benchmark-aware portfolio construction minimises sector and geographic bias, letting stock selection drive alpha. The portfolio is rebalanced twice a year to manage costs, with daily reviews enabling a quick response to stock downgrades.

This disciplined methodology takes advantage of both human insight and objective data analysis to build robust, transparent portfolios with holdings around 35% of the index constituents by number. This results in a strategy with a 2% to 4% tracking error, which offers a truly active approach, with a better risk-adjusted return than the benchmark at an attractive price point.

Notes to Editors

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Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a leading global asset manager, entrusted with US\$721bn¹ on behalf of individual, institutional and corporate clients around the world.

We have approximately 2,200 people including approximately 550 investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia². 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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