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Columbia Threadneedle Investments enhances responsible investment offering with the launch of the CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund

- *The CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund is the latest addition to Columbia Threadneedle's social bond suite of funds*
- *Columbia Threadneedle is a pioneer in bringing social impact investing to retail investors*
- *The Fund is designed to deliver long-term investment returns whilst promoting positive social impact*

LUXEMBOURG – 05 Dec 2023 - Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, has today launched the CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund (the “Fund”), classified as Article 9 according to the EU’s Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) and available to European investors. The Fund, managed by a dedicated Social Bond team led by investment grade senior portfolio manager Tammie Tang, aims to use the scale and breadth of the bond market to target positive social outcomes in a growing global universe. The launch complements Columbia Threadneedle’s existing UK and European strategies, providing investors with a wider choice of geographical remit for their social bond exposure.

The CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund is the latest addition to Columbia Threadneedle’s innovative social impact range. Columbia Threadneedle has a long history of being able to achieve a high social impact without sacrificing a financial return for their investors and have taken the lead in relation to social impact investing, launching the first mainstream social bond strategy in the UK in 2013, despite

very few labelled¹ bonds existing in the market. In 2017, the European Social Bond strategy was launched, and the labelled market had grown to \$200 billion. Now, the CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund has been designed to take advantage of the developing global universe of labelled bonds that currently stands at over \$4 trillion.

The Fund uses Columbia Threadneedle's existing unique and proprietary rating methodology to determine the suitability of bonds based on their social intentionality and social intensity. Using an outcomes-based approach to deliver both social and financial returns, bond issuers that make a positive social impact from seven key social development fields² are identified to form a global-based social investible universe of over 8,000 bonds. The most beneficial projects are targeted in the areas of most need, with geography being a key driver. Outcomes are then also mapped to the underlying 169 targets of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Columbia Threadneedle has been at the forefront of active ownership – engaging with companies for over three decades, helping shape industry policies and standard. The specialist social bond management team are supported by a large team of credit analysts, a 40+ strong Responsible Investment team and a Social Advisory Panel.

The Fund's Social Advisory Panel, which consists of representatives from Columbia Threadneedle; the Fund's core social partner organisation 'The Good Economy' and from impact adviser 'Steward Redqueen'. The Panel will review, assess and report on the Fund's social impact, as well as set the Fund's social targets. In line with the other Social Bond strategies, an annual impact report will be composed by the core social partner for the Fund. This panel, in addition to Columbia Threadneedle's robust methodology and heritage in social investing, ensures that the Fund delivers targeted social impact alongside financial returns.

Tammie Tang, Portfolio Manager of the CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund said: "The launch of the CT (Lux) Global Social Bond fund is an important step in Columbia Threadneedle's ongoing commitment to, and belief in, the power of social impact investing. As pioneers in this area, we are confident in the ability of bond investing to tackle globally systemic problems alongside a financial return. By actively selecting specific bonds with positive social outcomes, rather than excluding bonds through conventional negative screens, we aim to generate positive social impact and financial results."

Michaela Collet Jackson, Head of Distribution, EMEA, at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, said: "Following increased client demand for both our UK and European social bond strategies, working with clients we believe the time is right to expand our range to include a Global strategy. We

¹ Labelled bonds include Social, Green, Sustainability and Sustainability-linked bonds.

² The seven key social development fields are: primary social needs, basic social needs, social enabling, social empowerment, social enhancement, social facilitation and societal developments

are excited to offer clients this new offering, which provides access to our tried and tested model of achieving financial returns and positive social impact, now using the global universe of socially labelled bonds. Initially available as an OEIC for UK investors, we are pleased to make this strategy available to European investors through this Sicav launch.”

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Notes to Editors:

About the CT (Lux) Global Social Bond Fund

Structure: UCITS, Luxembourg SICAV

ISIN: LU2656610172 (ZU)

SFDR: Article 9

Minimum investment:

USD \$2,000,000 (Class Z (Platforms))

USD \$100,000 (Class I (Institutional))

USD \$2,500 (Class A (Retail))

Base currency: USD

Average number of securities: 100-150

Estimated Ongoing Charges Figure:

0.45% (Class Z)

0.40% (Class I)

0.55% (Class A)

(Please see prospectus for all available share classes)

Registration details: Initially registered in Luxembourg, the Fund is intended for distribution across other markets subject to regulatory approval.

About Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a leading global asset manager, entrusted with US\$587bn / €554bn / £481bn³ on behalf of individual, institutional and corporate clients around the world.

We have more than 2500 people including over 650 investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia⁴. 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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³ Source: Ameriprise Financial Q3 2023 earnings release

⁴ As at 30 September 2023, Columbia Threadneedle Investments

About The Good Economy

From strategy development to verification, The Good Economy helps organisations to define, measure, evaluate, report and verify impact investments that make a positive contribution to sustainable development. Our impact services are designed to meet the growing investor demand and market expectation for greater confidence and credibility in impact creation and are underpinned by three 'i's - intentionality, integration and integrity.

Recognised as thought leaders, The Good Economy is the 'go to' firm for impact investors and organisations looking to deliver on and report against their mandate.

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About Steward Redqueen

Steward Redqueen is a specialised consultancy firm that works across the globe advising organisations on impact and sustainability.

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