

17 January 2025

Dear Adviser,

#### Important changes to:

- CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund
- CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund
- CT Responsible Global Equity Fund
- CT Sustainable Universal MAP Defensive Fund
- CT Sustainable Universal MAP Cautious Fund
- CT Sustainable Universal MAP Balanced Fund
- CT Sustainable Universal MAP Growth Fund
- CT Sustainable Universal MAP Adventurous Fund

(each a "Fund", together the "Funds")

### We recommend you read this letter, no action is required.

We are writing to shareholders in one or more of the Funds to provide them with information about updates we are making to the investment objectives and policies, as explained below (and described in the Appendix to their letters, which are available from our Significant Fund Changes page on our website, via https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes/).

The updates include the addition of a specific sustainability goal, to emphasise that alongside their financial objectives, the Funds invest with the aim of achieving positive environmental or social outcomes. The Funds aim to address sustainability challenges faced by people and the environment by investing in companies (or in the case of the Sustainable Universal MAP range, both issuers of shares and bonds), whose products, services or investments provide solutions which are aligned with the Funds' sustainability themes. We also provide more detail in the investment policy on how the Investment Manager assesses and selects assets that meet this objective using our standard of sustainability.

With respect to the CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund and CT Responsible Global Equity Fund, their financial objectives will also be amended to include an aim to outperform the MSCI World Index (target benchmark), over rolling 5-year periods.

# Why are we making these changes?

The Financial Conduct Authority¹ (FCA) has introduced four sustainability investment labels to help investors find and compare products that have a specific sustainability goal. The Funds will be adopting a "Sustainability Focus" label as they invest mainly in assets which are sustainable for people or the planet. In the future you and your clients will see the new label used in some of the Funds' literature.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The FCA regulates the financial services industry in the UK. Its role includes protecting consumers, keeping the industry stable, and promoting healthy competition between financial service providers: <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/">https://www.fca.org.uk/</a>

You and your clients can find more information on the sustainability investment labels, which have been introduced as part of the FCA's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) and labelling regime, on the FCA's consumer webpage: <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/identifying-sustainable-investments">https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/identifying-sustainable-investments</a>

As part of the SDR labelling regime, the FCA requires that all labelled products provide clear and detailed information on what the sustainability goal of the product is and the approach to achieving it, as well as report annually on how the product is performing against this objective using key performance indicators.

In addition to the sustainability objective, we have included information on how the Funds avoid investing in assets that conflict with this objective and details of our approach to engagement with companies on sustainability related issues.

This information is provided to investors in an SDR Consumer Facing Disclosure document (available from our website) and the Fund's prospectus (an extract is provided in the Appendix of your clients' letters).

We are also taking this opportunity to update the financial objectives of the **CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund** and the **CT Responsible Global Equity Fund** to include the MSCI World Index as the target benchmark. In our view, this index is representative of the types of companies in which these funds invest and provides a useful measure to assess and demonstrate their financial performance over time (including through our Value Assessment Report, which is published each year on our website).

Please note, we do not expect the updates to result in any significant change to the way in which the Funds are managed or their risk profile.

The updates will become effective on 24 March 2025 (the "Effective Date").

The Appendix to shareholder letters sets out a comparison of the current investment objectives and policies of the Funds against the updated versions. Given the length of the new disclosures for the Funds, the Appendices have not been included in this letter but can be found on our Significant Fund Changes page on our website, via <a href="https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes/">https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes/</a>. A copy of the prospectus is also available from our website.

#### Costs

The administrative costs of the Funds associated with making these changes are paid by Columbia Threadneedle Investments; investors will not bear any costs as a result of these changes.

### What do your clients need to do?

Your clients do not need to do anything as a result of these updates, which will take effect automatically on the Effective Date.

## What can your clients do if they disagree with the changes?

They have a number of options. Should they disagree with the changes they can choose to redeem their shares, or they can switch their investment, free of charge, into another fund(s) in our UK range<sup>3</sup>. Should they decide to redeem or switch their shares, it may trigger a taxable event. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest clients seek advice from their tax adviser about any potential tax implications before they take any action.



### **Further information**

To find out more, please visit <a href="https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes/">https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes/</a>

If you are unclear about the contents of this letter, would like additional information regarding any of our funds or have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0330 123 3798 or on +44 1268 44 3902\* if you are calling from outside the UK. We are here to help from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday (UK time). Alternatively, you can email us at account.enquiries@columbiathreadneedle.com.

Yours faithfully,

Tina Watts

For and on behalf of Columbia Threadneedle Funds Management Limited
As Authorised Corporate Director of Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I, Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC III
& Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC V

\*calls may be recorded

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Only funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle Funds Management Limited, are currently available for this purpose. A fund's prospectus or Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on our website) will provide this information, please contact us on 0330 123 3798 if you require help establishing the alternative funds available to you.

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