

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

THE CLOSURE OF THE **CT EMERGING MARKET LOCAL FUND**

Q&A – Closure of the CT Emerging Market Local Fund.

Columbia Threadneedle Investments regularly reviews its fund ranges and is committed to ensuring our shareholders receive good value from the funds we offer. Following thorough review, the CT Emerging Market Local Fund (the “**Fund**”) will close, effective Tuesday 5 August 2025 (the “**Effective Date**”).

1. Why are you closing the Fund?

On occasion and in the best interest of shareholders, we may need to close funds where we deem them no longer viable to manage. In this instance, the Fund has experienced a continuing decline in assets, underperformed its benchmark and failed to attract significant new investment during the last five years.

For these reasons, it is unlikely that the Fund will attract new investors in the future. Without additional investment, the Fund is not viable as its decreasing size makes it difficult to manage efficiently and meet its investment objective and policy on a long-term basis.

2. When is the Fund closing?

The Fund will close on Tuesday 5 August 2025. Dealing in the Fund will be suspended at 12:01pm (UK time) on Monday 4 August 2025.

3. What options do I have?

You have the following options to choose from:

i) **Switch into a different fund prior to the Fund’s closure:**

You can switch your shares free of charge for shares of another UK domiciled Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) managed by Threadneedle Investment Services Limited (TISL) up until 12 noon (UK time) on 4 August 2025. The list of available funds is included in question 12 of this document, and more detail of these funds can be found on our website www.ctinvest.co.uk/literature.

Before you switch your shares to another fund(s), it is important that you read the Key Investor Information Document(s) (KIID) for the fund(s) you wish to switch to. These can also be found on www.ctinvest.co.uk/literature.

To switch to another UK domiciled Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) managed by TISL, you can call us on the number provided in question 14 of this document, or complete and return the Form of Direction (see question 4) by 12 noon (UK time) on 4 August 2025. Any instructions received after this time will not be accepted, and we will sell your shares and send you the proceeds instead, subject to the Anti-Money Laundering requirements outlined in question 5.

ii) **Sell your shares prior to the Fund’s closure:**

You can sell your shares before dealing in the Fund is suspended at 12:01pm (UK time) on 4 August 2025.

To sell your shares, please call us on the number provided in question 14, send a request signed by all holders or complete and return the Form of Direction (see question 4).

Please be aware that if you choose this option and sell your shares before dealing in the Fund is suspended at 12:01pm (UK time) on 4 August 2025, and if your shares are held in an ISA, then your investment will lose its ISA status.

iii) **Take no action – automatic sale of your shares:**

If you take no action by 12 noon (UK time) on 4 August 2025, your shares will be automatically redeemed, and the proceeds will be sent to you. If your shares are held in an ISA, then your investment will lose its ISA status.

We will sell the Fund's portfolio of investments in the period after its closure on the Effective Date. We envisage this should take a maximum of 5 working days. As soon as possible after that, you will receive a cash payment in respect of the net proceeds by the method we have on file for you. Note that we will write to you if there are any outstanding requirements preventing us from releasing the proceeds to you. Alternatively, if you are unsure on whether there are any outstanding requirements on your account, such as the Anti-Money Laundering requirements outlined in question 5, please contact us on the number provided in question 14.

As a consequence of market movements between the Effective Date and the date on which the bonds and other investments held by the Fund are sold, you may get more or less than the value of your holding on the Effective Date.

4. Where can I get a Form of Direction?

The Form of Direction was provided with the shareholder notification sent out on 5 June 2025. We also enclosed a reply-paid envelope that you can use in the shareholder notification. This can also be found on our website at www.columbiathreadneedle.com/changes, or you can call us on the number provided in question 14 for a copy.

5. What are the Anti-Money Laundering requirements?

We must have complete anti-money laundering documentation from you before we can pay any proceeds to you. If documents are outstanding, the proceeds will be held in a non-interest bearing client money account until all outstanding documentation has been received. We will write to you if there are any outstanding requirements preventing us from releasing the proceeds to you.

Alternatively, if you are unsure on whether there are any outstanding requirements on your account, please contact us on the number provided in question 14.

6. What if I hold the Fund in my ISA, what options do I have?

If you want to keep your investment in an ISA, you have the following options:

- a) **Switch into a different fund prior to the Fund's closure:** Switch your ISA investment free of charge into another Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) managed by TISL (the list of available funds is included in question 12, and details of these funds can be found on our website www.ctinvest.co.uk/literature) by calling the number in question 14, or complete and return the Form of Direction (see question 4). Please note we must receive your instruction before 12 noon (UK time) on 4 August 2025.
- b) **Transfer your ISA investment to another ISA manager:** To do so, you will need to complete an ISA transfer form and send it to your new ISA manager, who will then contact us to complete the transfer. Please note that ISA transfers can take around 30 days to complete, so you need to ensure you allow enough time for your ISA manager to complete the transfer. If you transfer your investment in-specie (i.e. transfer assets instead of cash) to a new ISA manager before the Effective Date, your shares in the Fund will still be redeemed on the Effective Date and the cash sent to your new ISA manager.

If you do not take any action, your shares in the Fund will be sold from the Effective Date, and your investment will lose its ISA status. Proceeds will be sent to you after closure, subject to the Anti-Money Laundering requirements discussed in question 5.

7. What are the tax implications?

Please be aware that a switch into another Fund in our range (Option i), a redemption of your shares prior to the Fund closure (Option ii) or the automatic redemption of your shares following the closure (Option iii) may be deemed a disposal of shares for capital gains tax purposes, and there may be tax implications depending on your individual circumstances. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest that you seek professional advice about any potential tax implications.

8. Can I still invest in the Fund?

Yes, dealing in the Fund will continue to be possible until 12 noon on 4 August 2025, however we would encourage you not to buy new shares in the Fund in the period leading up to the closure of the Fund. From 12.01pm on 4 August 2025, you will no longer be able to buy or sell shares in the Fund.

9. Will I have to pay any of the winding-up or termination costs?

No, Columbia Threadneedle Investments will bear all these costs.

10. What happens once the Fund have closed?

If you remain invested in the Fund after dealing has been suspended, we will redeem your investment and the proceeds will be sent to you, as soon as possible after closure, using the information we have

on our records. If there is any outstanding information, we will contact you. Please note this may delay receipt of the payment(s). The Fund will then be terminated and you will then be sent the final report and accounts of the Fund.

11. What are the relevant share classes (and ISINs) of the Fund?

Fund Name:	Share Class Name:	ISIN:
CT Emerging Market Local Fund	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Retail Income GBP	GB00B2B3NW43
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Retail Income USD	GB00B2B3NY66
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Retail Income EUR	GB00B2B3NZ73
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Retail Gross Accumulation EUR	GB00B3CD6J84
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Retail Gross Accumulation GBP	GB00B3CD5916
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Institutional X Gross Accumulation USD	GB00B2B3XH99
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Institutional X Gross Accumulation GBP	GB00B2B3XG82
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Institutional X Gross Accumulation EUR	GB00B2B3XL36
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Institutional Gross Accumulation GBP	GB00B2B3X356
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Institutional X Gross Income GBP	GB00BNG64H70
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Z Income GBP	GB00B88S8291
	CT Emerging Market Local Fund Z Gross Accumulation GBP	GB00B80NJR42

12. Which funds are available to switch into?

You can switch your shares free of charge into any of the below UK domiciled Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) until 12 noon (UK time) on 4 August 2025.

Before you switch your shares to another fund, it is important that you read the Key Investor Information Documents (KIID) for the fund(s) you wish to switch to. The KIIDs can be found on our website www.ctinvest.co.uk/literature.

To switch to another UK domiciled Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) managed by TISL as set out in the table below, you can call us on the number provided in question 14, or complete and return the Form of Direction (see question 4) by 12 noon (UK time) on 4 August 2025.

List of available funds (as at 5 June 2025):

Fixed Income Funds		
UK:	CT Sterling Bond Fund CT Sterling Short-Dated Corporate Bond Fund CT UK Social Bond Fund CT Sterling Corporate Bond Fund	
Emerging Markets:	CT Emerging Market Bond Fund	
Europe:	CT European Bond Fund CT Strategic Bond Fund	
Global:	CT Global Bond Fund CT Global Social Bond Fund CT High Yield Bond Fund	
US:	CT Dollar Bond Fund	
Equity Funds		
Asia:	CT Asia Fund	
Emerging Markets:	CT Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	CT Latin America Fund
Europe:	CT European Fund CT European Smaller Companies Fund	CT European Select Fund CT Pan European Focus Fund
Global:	CT Global Equity Income Fund CT Global Focus Fund	CT Global Extended Alpha Fund CT Global Select Fund
Japan:	CT Japan Fund	
UK:	CT Monthly Extra Income Fund CT UK Equity Income Fund CT UK Growth and Income Fund CT UK Mid 250 Fund CT UK Smaller Companies Fund	CT UK Equity Alpha Income Fund CT UK Institutional Fund CT UK Monthly Income Fund CT UK Sustainable Equity Fund
US:	CT American Fund CT American Smaller Companies Fund (US)	CT American Select Fund CT US Equity Income Fund
Mixed Asset Funds		
Global:	CT Dynamic Real Return Fund CT Managed Bond Focused Fund CT Managed Equity & Bond Fund CT Managed Equity Fund	CT Global Multi Asset Income Fund CT Managed Bond Fund CT Managed Equity Focused Fund CT Managed Equity Income Fund
Alternative Funds		
UK:	CT UK Property Authorised Investment Fund	CT UK Property Authorised Trust*

* This fund is not available within the Threadneedle Stocks & Shares ISA

13. Why can't I switch into Columbia Threadneedle Investment funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited (CTFML) or in the Luxembourg SICAV range?

Unfortunately, it is not possible to switch into our Luxembourg range because SICAV funds operate under a different regulatory regime and have differences in taxation, structure and management compared to UK domiciled funds. For European investors, we offer a range of Luxembourg domiciled funds for investment. Please visit our website for more information.

Similarly, switching into a fund managed by CTFML is not currently possible because TISL and CTFML exist as different legal entities and require different application forms amongst other items.

14. How can I contact you for any queries I may have?

You can call us. For UK shareholders please call us on 0800 953 0134*. For shareholders outside the UK, please call +44 1268 464 321*.

You can also email us at questions@service.columbiathreadneedle.com. Our team is available from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday (UK time).

If you are an Institutional Investor and would like further information or to discuss your options, please contact your dedicated Client Director or Client Manager.

*Calls may be recorded.

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