

# CT Net Zero Transition Buy and Maintain Credit Funds

An actively managed buy and maintain credit strategy with a formal commitment to net zero.

**The three funds will be invested in investment grade corporate bonds that mature over discrete periods. This approach:**



**Provides stable  
income**



**Minimises  
transaction costs**



**Aligns cash flows  
with future liabilities**

The strategy implements explicit ESG objectives, with assets being managed under a Net Zero Framework.

## Our approach

- 1 Fundamental stability of revenues and cashflows**  
Our approach to investment grade credit is based on high-quality, bottom-up, issuer research. For buy and maintain, this is tilted towards stability of revenues and cashflows which enable the companies to withstand shock.
- 2 Team-based approach to investment grade**  
A team of over 20 dedicated portfolio managers and analysts, debating issuers, industries and market outlook, results in the best investment decisions for our clients.
- 3 Downside Risk Management**  
We understand that in this asset class we risk our clients' capital to earn stable cash flows. Downside risk management is the main starting point to managing credit portfolios successfully.

Each fund has a maturity span of seven years running from 2024 to 2046. This gives all pension scheme clients – large and small – the flexibility to match their own unique liability profile.

## Meet the team

- 10 Investment Grade Portfolio Managers globally
- 16 Credit Analysts
- 40+ Responsible Investment experts (6 specialists on environmental themes)



**Rebecca Seabrook**  
Buy & Maintain Credit Portfolio Manager



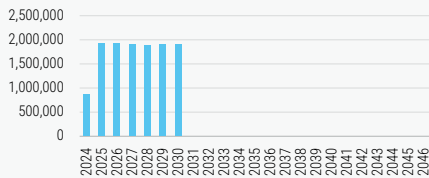
**Andrew Brown**  
Buy & Maintain Credit Portfolio Manager



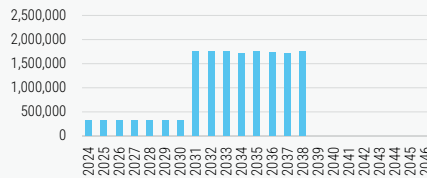
**Richard Ferris**  
Investment Solutions Specialist

### Illustrative cashflow profile (per £10m invested)

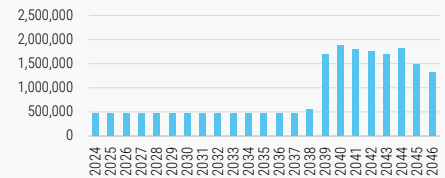
CT Net Zero Transition  
2024 – 2030 Buy & Maintain Fund



CT Net Zero Transition  
2031 – 2038 Buy & Maintain Fund



CT Net Zero Transition  
2039 – 2046 Buy & Maintain Fund



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments. For illustration only.

### Our experience



**26+**  
years

Experience of managing  
buy and maintain credit



**£16+**  
billion\*

Managed globally in buy  
and maintain credit



**£35.6**  
billion\*

AUM in strategies explicitly  
linked to ESG criteria

### ESG objectives

Implementation of ESG objectives aligned to **Article 8 under SFDR\*\***

#### Carbon emissions reduction aligned to a global Net Zero pathway

- ‘Top-down’ portfolio emissions reduction in line with a global net zero pathway
- ‘Bottom-up’ assessment of asset alignment and target for 70% of portfolio emissions to be aligned or aligning

#### Elevated standards of sustainability

- Limit investment in Weapons, Tobacco, Fossil Fuels and Electricity Generation

#### Enhanced standards of good governance

- Formal review policy for lowest ESG scores and companies with severe breaches of UN Global Compact Principles

### Characteristics

**Maturity buckets:** 2024 – 2030, 2031 – 2038, 2039 – 2046

**Expected return:** Gilts + 1.0% over a full market cycle

**Base currency:** GBP

**Launch date:** October 2024

**Management style:** Maturing Buy and Maintain

**ESG style:** ESG Elevated\*\*\*

**Number of issuers:** 100–150

**Credit rating:** BBB- or above at purchase

**Issuer exposure:** AAA: 5%; AA: 3%; A: 2%; BBB: 1.5%; Sub-IG: 1.5%

**Interest rate exposure:** At least 50% GBP bonds. Portfolio hedged to GBP

**FX:** Hedged to GBP

**Vehicle:** Luxembourg FCP

\* Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments as of 31 December 2023

\*\* Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) requires that financial products promote environmental or social characteristics

\*\*\* Source: PRI definition: uses ESG factors to assess the sustainability of companies and countries.

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