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Dear Investor,

Important information: Closure of the CT American Extended Alpha Fund – action required.

As you are an investor in the CT American Extended Alpha Fund, we are informing you of our decision to close the Fund on 26 January 2024 ('the Effective Date').

Why is the Fund closing?

We constantly review our range of funds and are committed to offering investors the best possible opportunities and value for money. Following a recent review, we have decided to close the Fund due to various factors.

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 would become unviable as the decreasing size would make the Fund difficult to run efficiently. On this basis, we believe the closure of the Fund is in the best interests of investors.

When will the Fund close?

Dealing in the Fund will be suspended from 12:01pm (UK time) on 25 January 2024 and the closure of the Fund will take place on 26 January 2024, the Effective Date.

What do I need to do?

You have the following options to choose from:

1. **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 25 January 2024. The list of available funds is included in this letter, and details of these funds can be found on our website columbiathreadneedle.com.

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. To switch to another UK domiciled Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) managed by TISL, you can call us on the number provided overleaf, write to us at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, PO Box 10033, Chelmsford, Essex, CM99 2AL, United Kingdom or complete and return the Form of Direction in the enclosed pre-paid envelope by 12 noon (UK time) on 25 January 2024.

Please note, in order to switch your shares into shares of another Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) before dealing in the Fund is suspended, we must receive your instruction via phone or mail, or your Form of Direction to switch, before 12 noon (UK time) on 25 January 2024. 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 below.

Please also be aware that if you choose this option, the switch may be deemed a disposal of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes for non-ISA holders, 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.

2. 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 25 January 2024.

To sell your shares, please call us on the number provided overleaf, write to us at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, PO Box 10033, Chelmsford, Essex, CM99 2AL, United Kingdom or complete and return the Form of Direction in the enclosed pre-paid envelope by 12 noon (UK time) on 25 January 2024.

Please be aware that if you choose this option and your shares are held in an ISA, then you will lose your ISA status after the proceeds are sent to you.

Please also be aware that if you choose this option, the sale of your shares may be deemed a disposal of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes for non-ISA holders, 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.

3. Take no action – automatic sale of your shares on the Effective Date:

If you take no action, your shares will be redeemed and the proceeds will be sent to you. We will pay the proceeds into the last designated account that we have on file for you.

Please be aware that if you choose this option and your shares are held in an ISA, then you will lose your ISA status when the proceeds are sent to you.

Please also be aware that if you choose this option, the sale of your shares may be deemed a disposal of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes for non-ISA holders, 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.

If you are unclear about which option to choose, please speak to a financial adviser. If we do not receive your instruction by 12 noon (UK time) on 25 January 2024, we will sell your shares on the Effective Date and send the proceeds to you as soon as possible after the closure of the Fund, subject to the Anti-Money Laundering requirements outlined below.

I hold the Fund in an ISA. What options do I have?

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

1. Switch your ISA investment free of charge into another Columbia Threadneedle fund(s) managed by TISL (the list of available funds is included in this letter, and details of these funds can be found on our website columbiathreadneedle.com) by calling the below number or writing to us at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, PO Box 10033, Chelmsford, Essex, CM99 2AL, United Kingdom before 12 noon (UK time) on 25 January 2024.
2. 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 do not take any action, your investment will be sold when the Fund is closed on the Effective Date, and your investment will lose its ISA status when the proceeds are sent to you. Proceeds will be sent to you four business days after closure, subject to the Anti-Money Laundering requirements outlined below.

Are there any tax implications?

Please be aware that a switch into another Fund in our range (Option 1), a redemption of your shares prior to the Fund closure (Option 2) or the automatic redemption of your shares following the closure (Option 3) may be deemed a disposal of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes for non-ISA holders, 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.

What do I need to do?

Please let us know what action you would like to take by 12 noon (UK time) on 25 January 2024. If you decide to take no action, your shares will be sold on the Effective Date and the proceeds sent to you, subject to the Anti-Money Laundering requirements outlined below.

Anti-Money Laundering

Please note that 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. If you are unsure whether any anti-money laundering documents are outstanding, please contact us.

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

No, Columbia Threadneedle Investments will bear all these costs.

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

Fund Name:	Share Class Name:	ISIN:
CT American Extended Alpha Fund	CT American Extended Alpha Fund Retail Accumulation GBP	GB00B28B7B81
CT American Extended Alpha Fund	CT American Extended Alpha Fund Institutional Accumulation GBP	GB00B28BBW75
CT American Extended Alpha Fund	CT American Extended Alpha Fund Z Accumulation GBP	GB00B9NMDM80
CT American Extended Alpha Fund	CT American Extended Alpha Fund X Accumulation GBP	GB00BJ7VY285

Further information

To find out more, please visit columbiathreadneedle.com/changes

If you are unclear about the contents of this letter, or have any further questions, please contact us. For UK investors please call us on 0800 953 0134*. For investors outside the UK, please call +44 1268 444 321*. Our team is available from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday (UK time). Please note that we are unable to provide financial or tax advice.

If you are unsure about your investment you should speak to a financial adviser. If you are based in the UK, you can find one in your area by visiting www.unbiased.co.uk – please note we do not endorse the advisers on the site.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Perrin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'P'.

James Perrin
Chief Operating Officer Distribution, EMEA
Columbia Threadneedle Investments

*Calls may be recorded.

FORM OF DIRECTION

To: Threadneedle Investment Services Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director of Columbia Threadneedle Specialist Funds (UK) ICVC

	First holder	Second holder
I/We		
(Name)
Address

Account number

Please indicate your choice by ticking the box.

[] **Option 1:** Accept the switch offer as described in the letter to investors in the CT American Extended Alpha Fund dated 27 November 2023 and authorise Threadneedle Investment Services Limited to switch my/our existing holdings in the Fund (and any future regular savers installments into the Fund) to:

<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>ISIN</i>	<i>% Split</i>
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.....
.....
	Total	100%

Please insert the full name of the chosen fund(s) and the % split.

By signing this form below, I/We declare that I/We have received the Key Investor Information Document for the Fund/s we have nominated above to invest in. The KIIDs can be found on our website columbiathreadneedle.com.

OR

[] **Option 2:** Wish to sell my/our holding in CT American Extended Alpha Fund

I/We understand that:

- i. Where this form is received before 12 noon UK time on a business day, the prices used will be those calculated by reference to the valuation of the relevant funds at 12 noon UK time on that business day.
- ii. Where this form is received after 12 noon UK time on a business day, the prices used will be those calculated by reference to the valuation of the relevant funds at 12 noon UK time on the next business day.

Note: Please ensure that any additional identification information requested is provided along with this Form of Direction in the pre-paid envelope.

	Signature	Print Name
First holder
Second holder

Notes:

1. In the case of joint accounts, please ensure that all required signatories sign this form.
2. Please return this form to Threadneedle Investment Services Limited, Client Services, PO Box 10033, Chelmsford, CM99 2AL in the enclosed pre-paid envelope provided.
3. Please note that dealings in CT American Extended Alpha Fund will cease on 25 January 2024. To take advantage of the switch offer or to redeem prior to the closure, this form of direction must be received by 12 noon UK time on 25 January 2024 at the latest, so the switch or redemption can be made before dealings cease.
4. There may be potential tax implications depending on which course of action you wish to pursue. We would therefore recommend that you seek advice from your professional adviser about your potential liability to tax before proceeding.
5. In the case of a corporate body this form must be signed by an authorised signatory.

List of Columbia Threadneedle funds available for you 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 25 January 2024.

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List of available funds:

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 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
Fixed Income Funds		
Emerging Markets:	CT Emerging Market Bond Fund	CT Emerging Market Local Fund
Europe:	CT European Bond Fund	CT Strategic Bond Fund
Global:	CT Global Bond Fund CT High Yield Bond Fund	CT Global Social Bond Fund
UK:	CT Sterling Bond Fund CT Sterling Medium and Long-Dated Corporate Bond Fund CT Sterling Short-Dated Corporate Bond Fund CT UK Social Bond Fund	CT Sterling Corporate Bond Fund CT UK Fixed Interest Fund CT UK Index Linked Fund
US:	CT Dollar Bond 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