

This product has a 'Sustainability Focus' label. It invests mainly in assets that focus on sustainability for people or the planet. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal.



# Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited

# CT Sustainable Universal MAP Defensive Fund

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## Sustainability goal

- The Fund seeks to address sustainability challenges facing people and the environment by investing in issuers that provide solutions aligned with its 7 "Sustainability Themes" as set out below.
- The Fund's sustainability approach affects the Fund's available investment universe and its exposure to certain issuers, industries and sectors. This may impact the relative performance of the Fund positively or negatively.
- In pursuing its Sustainability goal, the Fund may hold shares or bonds of issuers that are creating some negative environmental or social outcomes. To reduce the risk of significant negative outcomes, the Fund does not hold investments in issuers that breach the exclusion or negative alignment criteria set out below.

## Sustainability approach



#### What the Fund invests in:

The Fund holds at least 70% in issuers of shares (companies) or bonds, whose products, services,

or Investments are providing solutions to environmental or social challenges in line with its Sustainability Themes.

- These investments are assessed and selected using Columbia Threadneedle's Standard of Sustainability (the "Standard").
- An investment is identified as sustainable if it meets the Standard in the following ways:

#### 1. The investment aligns with the Sustainability Themes

We identify sustainability challenges that an investment helps to solve, linked to the Fund's Sustainability Themes. These themes align to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals framework<sup>1</sup>. Solutions under this

framework can include products, services or investments that help meet those sustainability challenges (see examples, right); and

# 2. The investment meaningfully contributes to the Sustainability Themes

We assess how significant the contribution of an investment is to the Themes by reference to a company's revenues, or the use of bond proceeds.

To meet the Standard, a company must generate 50% or more of its total net revenue from products, services or investments providing solutions aligned to the Themes (net means we subtract any revenues that are negatively aligned to the Themes from revenues that are positively aligned, to ensure that the sustainable segments of the company's business are the largest part).

For labelled bonds, 100% of the proceeds must be committed to providing solutions.

#### **Sustainability Themes**



**Energy Transition** – provide affordable and clean energy or improve energy efficiency



Resource Efficiency – promote more sustainable resource use, consumption and production



**Sustainable Finance** – support both financial inclusion and businesses addressing sustainability challenges



**Sustainable Infrastructure** – enable less damaging construction processes to maintain sustainable networks



**Societal Development** – support education and training and improve social mobility for underrepresented groups



**Health and Wellbeing** – advance global health, wellbeing, nutrition and food security



**Technological Innovation & Inclusion** – provide innovative hardware or software solutions to sustainability challenges

#### What the Fund does not invest in:



■ Exclusions: The Fund will not invest in issuers with, for example, significant exposure (based on revenues) to certain activities that conflict with the

Sustainability goal of the Fund, including the production of weapons or tobacco products, the extraction of coal, oil and gas or issuers breaching international standards of business conduct, such as

the United Nations Global Compact. The full list of exclusions and any permitted exceptions can be found <a href="https://exceptions.org/nct/bases/">here.</a>

Negative alignment: The Fund will not invest in issuers with total net revenues that are less than 0% aligned with the Sustainability Themes, as this indicates that most of the business is focused on activities that may conflict with the Themes.

#### **Indirect Investment:**

The Fund usually accesses investments directly. However, it can also access investments without directly owning them by investing in another fund that itself holds those investments. We would apply the Standard to that underlying Fund.

#### Other assets:

The Fund may also invest up to 30% in assets that do not pursue the Sustainability goal, including investments which do not currently meet the Standard (i.e. issuers with 0-50% of their total net revenues from sustainable solutions) or assets which are held for the purposes of liquidity or risk management such as deposits and cash.

#### **Engagement:**

We engage with issuers to better understand how they are providing solutions to environmental and social challenges aligned with the Sustainability Themes, and to encourage better management of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.

#### Net Zero Approach:

The Fund has committed to an ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. Our focus is on real-world decarbonisation, using stewardship to encourage issuers to align to a net zero future.

#### Details of our Net Zero Approach:

#### Issuer assessment



- We rate issuers in their alignment to a net zero pathway, using an internal tool.
- We aim for issuers representing >70% of portfolio emissions to be either rated as "aligned" to net zero, or under engagement.

#### Net zero stewardship



- We engage with laggard or high-impact companies on climate objectives, seeking to encourage improvement.
- We sell when minimum expectations are not met.

#### Portfolio assessment



- We compare the fund's carbon emissions with net zero-aligned trajectory.
- We use the benchmark emissions in

2019 and apply a 50% reduction by 2030.

This is a reference pathway to track progress, not a binding target.

#### Coal exclusions



Issuers with >30% revenues from coal or investing in new coal infrastructure.

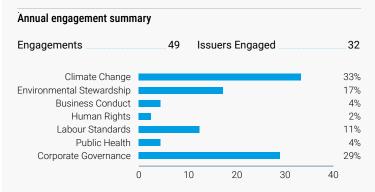
# Sustainability metrics

Below is a summary of some of the metrics we use to measure the sustainability characteristics of the fund.

In next year's disclosure, we will also report on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) detailed in the prospectus, which measure how the Fund is performing against its sustainability goal.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

We can confirm that no investments were made in issuers that breach the exclusion criteria during the reporting period.



#### Net zero alignment status\*

Based on the proportion of the portfolio's carbon emissions (scope 1&2).

Scope 1 emissions are generated directly by the business (e.g. its facilities and vehicles). Scope 2 emissions are caused by something a company uses (e.g. electricity).

| Aligned                | 19% |
|------------------------|-----|
| Engaged                | 63% |
| Not aligned or engaged | 17% |

Metrics are as at 31 December 2024 but subject to change without notice and not indicative of the future funds characteristics. Third party data may be subject to limitations in respect of its accuracy and / or completeness.

\*Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding

#### More information

This document is not marketing material. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest in this Fund. The Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which contains more information about this Fund can be found on our website: **Link** Other information about the Fund including available share classes and the fees and charges associated with investing: **Link** 

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