



# Investing for your children



CT Junior Individual Savings Account (CT JISA)



CT Junior Investment Account (CT JIA)



CT Child Trust Fund (CT CTF)

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# Investing for your child's future

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Like it or not financial planning has become part of the modern parent's ever widening remit. But don't be daunted as with time on your side you are in a good position from which to start thinking about investing for a child's future. At Columbia Threadneedle Investments, we manage the world's oldest *collective investment* fund (launched in 1868) and have been offering dedicated children's savings schemes for many years. This guide will talk you through our plans and investment options.

## Investing is easy with Columbia Threadneedle: 5 simple steps

### 1 Start with a Columbia Threadneedle Savings Plan

We have three plans designed specifically to help you invest for the child in your life. With the annual management charge as low as £25 + VAT per year, our plans are an affordable way to start investing for your child.

#### Thinking about your

### 2 investment approach

Whether you're investing for a deposit for your child's first home, education or first car, you'll need to think about how to achieve that goal. You'll have to consider how much you can afford to put aside, how long you're investing for and how much risk you're comfortable with taking. Whatever your investment objective is for your child, we could help you get there.

#### Consider your risk appetite

- 3 You need to ensure you are comfortable with risks involved in investing in our trusts. They are subject to differing risks and you may not get back your original investment.

### 4 Choose your investment

Investing for your child now could help them get ahead in the future so it's important to pick the right investments. With our 8 investment trusts, you can choose to invest globally, regionally or in the UK and choose from options targeting income, growth or both. To help grow the capital in your child's investments, there are no dealing fees when you reinvest dividends.

### 5 Invest – complete your application

Opening a Columbia Threadneedle Savings Plan is easy – simply complete an application form or apply online. Before investing, please make sure you have read our Key Features and Terms & Conditions, the Pre-Sales Cost & Charges Disclosure for your Savings Plan and selected investment(s), and the Key Information Document (KID) for each investment trust you select.

# Start with a Columbia Threadneedle Savings Plan

Start with picking a plan that reflects your goals. It might be that you're looking for a tax-efficient route or want a plan with less restrictions on how much you can invest and that keeps you in control. We have three options; the tax-efficient Junior ISA (JISA), the flexible Junior Investment Account (JIA) and for those born between September 1 2002 and January 2 2011, the Child Trust Fund (CTF).



## Junior ISA

If you're looking to provide your children with a financial boost when they reach their adult years, for example, a deposit on a first home; help towards university fees; or simply a Savings Plan, the Stocks and Shares JISA could be the ideal investment vehicle.

With the JISA, the whole family can participate. Your child's loved ones, including grandparents, godparents, friends and relatives can all contribute to your child's Savings Plan – great for birthdays or special occasions. The JISA limit is £9,000 for the 2025/26 tax year.

**Invest from £1,000 and add as little as £25 a month**

The minimum opening investment amount for the CT JISA is £1,000. You can supplement the initial investment with regular saving. Given sufficient time even relatively small amounts can add up, particularly when you consider the impact of compounding over the long-term. With no dealing charges on regular investments by Direct Debit, investing monthly can be cost effective too.

**You won't pay unnecessary tax**

Tax allowances and the benefits of tax-efficient accounts are subject to change and tax treatment depends upon your individual circumstances. We do not offer tax advice. If you are unsure, please consult your tax or financial adviser.

**You can get the whole family involved**

Anyone can contribute, so it offers the opportunity for grandparents and loved ones to get involved in planning for your child's future.

## Why choose the JISA?

### Potential of investing long-term

When investing for children you've got time on your side, meaning you are better placed to harness the performance potential of stock markets and other financial assets like commercial property.



## Junior Investment Account

The JIA is a simple way to invest in the global stock market through our range of investment trusts. It could provide a tax-efficient way for you to build a Savings Plan for the child in your life.



## Child Trust Fund

The CTF is a long-term tax-efficient savings account for children born between September 1 2002 and January 2 2011. Although you can't open a new CTF, as it has been replaced by the JISA, you can transfer an existing CTF from another provider to Columbia Threadneedle.

### You may want to consider a JIA if:

#### **You want to decide when the time is right**

Unlike the JISA or CTF where the child automatically has access at 18, you decide when your child benefits from their Savings Plan. For example, you could use it to help pay for their education or invest it until they're ready to buy their first home.

#### **You're looking to invest as much as you like**

There is no maximum investment with the JIA, providing you the opportunity to invest more than the annual JISA or CTF limit. Although there is a minimum opening investment amount of £1,000 when opening a CT JIA. Contributions can also be made by family and friends.

#### **You wish to maximise your inheritance tax advantages**

Our plans can help you reduce your inheritance tax liability by gifting money to a child. With no upper limit you can use our JIA to make the most of your allowances.

### Why transfer to the CT CTF?

#### **Benefit from the potential of long-term investing**

Tap-into the growth potential of investing in stock markets and other financial assets like commercial property.

#### **You won't pay unnecessary tax**

Neither you nor your child will pay income or capital gains tax on any potential growth on the investment in the CTF, so your child could make more of the money you've invested. The annual subscription limit is £9,000 for the 2025/26 tax year.

#### **CTF investment options**

You can start investing from just £10 per month into our Stakeholder CTF. Our Shares CTF requires an opening investment amount of £1,000 lump sum, after which regular investments from £25 can be made. It could be a great way to involve friends and family who would like to help you invest for your child's future as well. There are no dealing charges at all on CTFs.



If a child already has a Child Trust Fund (CTF), they cannot also have a Junior ISA. They are however able to transfer a Child Trust Fund into a Junior ISA.

Tax allowances and the benefits of tax-efficient accounts are subject to change and tax treatment depends upon your individual circumstances. We do not offer tax advice. If you are unsure, please consult your tax or financial adviser

## Investing for your children - comparison table

	Junior ISA (JISA)	Junior Investment Account (JIA)
<b>Product information</b>		
Who is eligible?	A child under 18 who is UK resident and doesn't already have a Child Trust Fund or existing Child Trust Fund holders	Anyone investing on behalf of a child
Can anyone make contributions?	✓	✓
Can the account be accessed before the child is 18?	✗	✓
<b>Investment information</b>		
Minimum opening investment Lump Sum (by cheque)	£1,000	£1,000
Minimum monthly investment (by Direct Debit)*	£25	£25
Maximum monthly investment	£666 for 2025/26 tax year	No limit
Annual limit	£9,000 for 2025/26 tax year	No limit
<b>Plan information</b>		
Choice of investment trusts	8	8
Annual charge	£25 + VAT This amount will be collected from your account in two equal instalments of £12.50 + VAT in April and October each year	£25 + VAT This amount will be collected from your account in two equal instalments of £12.50 + VAT in April and October each year
Dealing fees	<b>No dealing fees</b> on monthly Direct Debits, reinvesting dividends, purchases or sales made online  <b>£12</b> (per investment option) only applies to purchase or sale instructions received by post	<b>No dealing fees</b> on monthly Direct Debits, reinvesting dividends, purchases or sales made online  <b>£12</b> (per investment option) only applies to purchase or sale instructions received by post
Stamp duty	0.5% Government stamp duty (on purchase of UK shares only)	0.5% Government stamp duty (on purchase of UK shares only)
Fund switching	Dealing & stamp duty apply	Dealing & stamp duty apply

\*Minimum opening investment lump sum must be invested before a Direct Debit can start.



Child Trust Fund (CTF) Shares account	Child Trust Fund (CTF) Stakeholder account
Children born from Sept 1 2002 to Jan 2 2011	Children born from Sept 1 2002 to Jan 2 2011
✓	✓
✗	✗
£1,000	£10
£25	£10
£666 for 2025/26 tax year	£750 for 2025/26 tax year
£9,000 for 2025/26 tax year	£9,000 for 2025/26 tax year
8	Invests in the CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund (OEIC) only
£25 + VAT This amount will be collected from your account in two equal instalments of £12.50 + VAT in April and October each year	Annual account charge of 0.7% plus the fund expenses will never exceed 1.5% <sup>2</sup>
No dealing fees	No dealing fees
0.5% Government stamp duty (on purchase of UK shares only)	—
Stamp duty applies	No other funds available for switching



The annual charge on our range of products is a fixed fee of £25+ VAT, except the CTF Stakeholder Account where it will be based on the size of your investment pot (0.7%).



## Deciding your investment goals

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**You may have a clear idea of what you would like your child to use this money for or you may be putting it away simply to help them in later life. If you want them to use it for something further down the track, for example a house deposit or university fees, then you should consider investing for growth.**

All of our investment trusts can be used as part of a growth strategy as they all seek to grow the value of your investment and you can choose to reinvest dividends if applicable. You may want to consider the JISA or transferring your child's CTF into our CTF. Both these accounts encourage growth by reinvesting all dividends where applicable and don't allow any withdrawals before the child is 18. The good news is that reinvesting dividends through all our children's plans is free.

Remember that a JISA and CTF automatically converts into the child's name at age 18 so if you want to have more control over how the money is spent then our JIA may suit you better.

If you're looking to use the money before they reach adulthood for costs such as school fees we have a range of investment trusts that aim to provide income, normally in the form of dividends and often paid quarterly. The JIA is our only children's plan that allows you to withdraw money before they reach 18. You can either sell shares when you need the money or have the dividends paid out to you. To find out more about the dividend yield and payment frequency for each of our investment trusts, please see page 12. Dividend income may fluctuate and income may be paid at the expense of capital.

# Choose your investment

Once you've chosen your plan and have a clear understanding of your investment goals, the third step is to choose the investment trust or combination of trusts that you feel meets your goals.

## What is an investment trust?

An investment trust is a pooled investment fund that is structured as a company and is listed on the stock exchange. As a listed company, each investment trust is overseen by a Board of Directors. They have a number of responsibilities, but their main one is looking after the interests of individual shareholders.

When you invest, your money is added to that of many other investors. Professional Fund Managers then invest this in a wide range of different investments e.g. companies or properties.

Because your money is pooled with other investors, it means that, even if you only have a small amount to invest, you can access a range of investments that you may not have been able to otherwise.

If the investments that our Fund Managers make perform well, the value of your shares

should increase. As well as investing in companies both in the UK and abroad, investment trusts can also invest in other assets such as property, bonds<sup>5</sup> or private equity (companies that are not listed on a stock exchange).

Investment trusts are investments rather than savings and unlike bank and building society accounts you may not get back the full amount invested.

## How many investment trusts can you choose?

You can invest in a single trust or in a combination. For example, you could choose to complement one of our global trusts with a more regionally focused one or supplement your investments in smaller companies with a holding in commercial property – it's up to you.



If you feel you need specific investment advice that takes your individual circumstances fully into account, please talk to a financial adviser. Please make sure you have read the Key Information Document (KID) for each investment trust you select.

## Did you know?

With university fees costing up to £9,250 a year currently<sup>3</sup> and the average wedding costing around £31,974<sup>4</sup>, being able to help your child with these expenses could be invaluable.



## Core and Specialist trusts

**Core trusts** - These trusts invest in a wide range of companies across different asset classes, markets and sectors. This level of diversification helps to reduce risk. Their broad approach could make them appealing as the base of your investment portfolio to which you can add more specialist trusts.

**Specialist trusts** - These trusts invest in a specific type of investment or sector, for example property, private equity or smaller companies. Their more targeted investment approach could provide the potential for strong growth, however this can come with a greater level of risk. These trusts can act as a complement to a broader investment portfolio.



Investment trusts are overseen by an independent board that acts on your behalf and closely monitors investment performance.

### Opening a new Columbia Threadneedle Savings Plan for your child is easy:



Complete and return the appropriate form(s) in the prepaid envelope



Apply online at [ctinvest.co.uk/register](https://ctinvest.co.uk/register)

### To transfer an existing JISA or CTF from another provider to Columbia Threadneedle:



Download a transfer form at [ctinvest.co.uk/documents](https://ctinvest.co.uk/documents)



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## **6 good reasons to consider investment trusts**

### **1 Professional experts**

Your investment is looked after by professional Fund Managers who are dedicated to managing the assets in the trust. They commit their time to researching individual companies and markets to ensure investments are aligned with the trust's aims and in the interest of shareholders.

### **2 Investing into a wide range of asset classes and markets**

The wise old saying of 'don't put all your eggs in one basket' could be applied to investing. To spread the risk, your investment is diversified across a range of companies, asset classes and geographical regions.

### **3 Ability to borrow could enhance returns**

The Fund Manager can borrow money to take advantage of more opportunities – a tool that could help boost returns in rising markets (also known as gearing<sup>6</sup>). Remember, markets can go down as well as up and gearing can further reduce fund performance if markets fall.

### **4 Regular and consistent income**

In contrast to open ended funds – which are obliged to pass on all the dividends they receive in any given year – investment trusts can keep some of the income they generate in the good years to maintain similar dividend levels in the not so good years. This may be particularly attractive if you are looking to invest for income as it could help to give you a regular and consistent flow of income.

### **5 Value for money**























Many other collective (or pooled) investments involve higher initial charges. This normally applies to all investments, even if you are paying in monthly. Ongoing charges on investment trusts tend to be lower which helps make them a relatively cost effective way of accessing the stock market.

### **6 Independent board**

Like any listed company, investment trusts are overseen by an independent board that acts on your behalf and closely monitors investment performance. They also have the ability to change the Fund Manager should they be concerned about the performance of the trust.

## Our Investment Trusts

Investment trust	Investment Objectives
<b>CT UK Capital and Income Investment Trust</b> ctcapitalandincome.co.uk	<p><b>Consistently growing income from investing in some of the UK's best businesses</b></p> <p>CT UK Capital and Income Investment Trust offers a reliable income while at the same time seeking to grow the size of your investment.</p> <p>The trust carefully identifies companies that are growing and profitable today and have the strong, sustainable foundations to be able to continue that profitable growth into the future.</p> <p>Whether you are looking for regular income now, or to reinvest your dividends for long term growth, CT UK Capital and Income Investment Trust can play an important part in your investments.</p>
<b>CT UK High Income Trust</b> ctukhighincome.co.uk	<p>The Trust aims to provide an attractive return in the form of dividends and/or capital repayments, together with prospects for capital growth. CT UK High Income Trust invests predominantly in UK equities and equity-related securities of companies across the market capitalisation spectrum.</p>
<b>European Assets Trust</b> europeanassets.co.uk	<p><b>The easy way to access the growth of Europe's most dynamic smaller companies</b></p> <p>Europe's hugely dynamic smaller companies have generated some of the strongest returns among global stock markets over the past 15 years. Most investors ignore this market, which creates a significant opportunity to discover and capture value. European Assets Trust gives you access to the growth of Europe's exciting small and mid-cap companies, while rewarding investors through the ups and downs with a market-leading dividend of 6% of net asset value.</p> <p>Investing in EAT is the easy way to profit from the growth of Europe's most overlooked companies.</p>
<b>The Global Smaller Companies Trust</b> globalsmallercompanies.co.uk	<p><b>The simple choice to access the growth potential of the world's most exciting smaller companies</b></p> <p>The Global Smaller Companies Trust gives you access to some of the world's most exciting smaller businesses in a single fund. Its objective is to secure a high total return by investing in smaller companies worldwide through a blend of direct equity and collective investments. The fund management team search out and invest in growing, profitable businesses with strong and responsible management that are undervalued by the market. The diversified portfolio harnesses growth and ensures that no company, sector or region is dominant. The company is an AIC Dividend Hero, increasing its dividend every year for 52 years. The Global Smaller Companies Trust gives you one-stop access to the dynamic performance of some of the world's most exciting smaller businesses. All with the reassurance of a truly diversified portfolio, a strong track record and a growing dividend.</p>
<b>CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust</b> ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk	<p>CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust is a 'multi-manager' investment trust, investing in a range of investment companies to provide investors with exposure to different investment providers and markets within a single investment trust. There are two portfolio's to choose from</p> <p><b>Growth Portfolio:</b> To provide Growth shareholders with capital growth from a diversified portfolio of investment companies. The Portfolio invests in a diversified portfolio of at least 25 investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions and sectors.</p> <p><b>Income Portfolio:</b> To provide Income shareholders with an attractive level of income, with the potential for income and capital growth from a diversified portfolio of at least 25 investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions and sectors.</p>
<b>CT Private Equity Trust</b> ctprivateequitytrust.com	<p>CT Private Equity Trust offers access to the potential benefits of investment in unlisted companies – an opportunity that typically lies beyond the reach of individual investors. The Company's portfolio is comprised of private equity funds and stakes in individual private businesses, which have been carefully selected with a view to generating capital growth over the medium to long term.</p>
<b>F&amp;C Investment Trust</b> fandc.com	<p><b>Smart investing made simple</b></p> <p>Our flagship trust launched in 1868. The objective of the trust is to secure long-term growth in capital and income through a policy of investing primarily in an internationally diversified portfolio of publicly listed equities, as well as unlisted securities and private equity, with the use of gearing. F&amp;C invests in more than 400 companies globally.</p>
<b>TR Property</b> trproperty.com	<p>TR Property's investment objective is to maximise total returns by investing in the shares and securities of property companies and property related businesses internationally and also in investment property located in the UK. It has focused on property investing for over 40 years, with a record of steady, benchmark-beating returns. The Company makes it easy to gain broad and diverse exposure to the UK and European commercial property sector.</p>

Investors Objectives	Geographic Focus	Payment Frequency	Current Net Dividend Yield <sup>7</sup>	Management Fee <sup>7</sup>	Ongoing Charges (inc. Management fee) <sup>7</sup>
  	UK	Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec	3.79%	0.40% p.a. of the net asset value	0.67%
  	UK	Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Ordinary shares (Dividend): 5.62% B shares (Capital repayment yield): 5.98%	0.60% p.a. of the net asset value	1.08%
  	Europe exc. UK	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	6.59%	0.75% for funds under management up to €300 million. Then 0.55%	1.04%
 	Worldwide	Aug, Jan	1.79%	0.55% on assets up to £750m, at 0.5% above £750m. Investments in collectives are charged at 0.275%.	0.61%
Growth Portfolio:   Income Portfolio:  	Worldwide	Growth Portfolio: None Income Portfolio: Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	Growth Portfolio: N/A Income Portfolio: 6.5%	0.65% of total assets p.a. (reduced to 0.325% p.a. on the value of any investments in other funds managed by the Manager)	Growth Portfolio: 1.11% Income Portfolio: 1.20%
  	Worldwide	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	6.2%	0.90% p.a. of the net asset value	1.1%
 	Worldwide	Feb, May, Aug, Nov	1.3%	3.3% p.a. based on market capitalisation up to £3.5bn, 0.25% between £3.5bn and £6bn and 0.2% above £6bn <sup>^</sup>	0.49%
 	Europe & UK	Jan, Jul	5.2%	£4.18m plus 0.20% of net assets p.a	1.81%

## For more information, up-to-date performance and valuation information

You can find the latest factsheet and performance details about each of our investment trusts online at [ctinvest.co.uk](http://ctinvest.co.uk). Alternatively, you can call one of our specially trained UK-based consultants to send you a copy of the factsheet on each of our trusts on **0345 600 3030\***.

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The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price, as at the date shown. It does not include preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

## Risks to consider when investing

**Performance & Price Volatility** - Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of all stock market investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount originally invested. If you feel you need specific investment advice that takes your individual circumstances fully into account, please talk to a financial adviser.

**Gearing<sup>6</sup>** - Investment trusts can borrow money to make further investments. This is known as gearing. In a rising market, this can enhance returns to shareholders. Correspondingly, if the market falls, losses may be greater.

**Insufficient Income** - If the income earned by an investment trust is insufficient to cover its charges and expenses, these may be charged to capital, which will constrain capital growth.

**Liquidity** - Shares in smaller companies are generally traded less frequently than those in larger companies. This means that there may be difficulty in both buying and selling shares and individual share prices may be subject to short term price swings.

**Net Asset Value (NAV) & Premiums/Discounts** - Investment trust shares are publicly traded on the London Stock Exchange. Their price is determined by market factors, such as demand and supply. That price will not necessarily reflect the underlying value of the trust's portfolio of investments (its 'Net Asset Value' or 'NAV').

The share price may be either higher than the NAV; at a 'premium', or lower than the NAV; at a 'discount'. Many factors influence the discount or premium and a large discount does not necessarily indicate a bargain.

**Property** - The value of directly held property reflects the opinion of valuers and is reviewed periodically. These assets can also be illiquid and significant or persistent redemptions may require the manager to sell properties at a lower market value adversely affecting the value of your investment.





## 6 reasons to choose Columbia Threadneedle

### 1 Transparency

Our annual management charge is fixed<sup>8</sup> – no matter how much, or how many times you top up your investment. Although stamp duty may apply, there are no dealing charges (where applicable) for monthly contributions or lump sums made online.

### 2 Free paper statements

You will receive statements and valuations each quarter at no extra cost.

### 3 Manageable

Keeping an eye on your investment is easy – do it all online.

### 4 Flexibility

We know that your circumstances can change so you can start, change or stop monthly contributions at any time. Or make a lump sum whenever suits you.

### 5 Support

Any questions? Just call our friendly, UK-based team. When you call, you won't be selecting from an endless list of options – pushing 1 for this and 6 for that. You'll be straight through to someone who can help you.



### 6 Focus

Our only job is managing your investment.



# Complete your application

We look forward to helping you invest for the child in your life and working hard to maximise your returns, to the very best of our ability.

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\*Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm. Calls may be recorded or monitored for training and quality purposes.

<sup>^</sup>Based on market capitalisation up to £4.0 billion, and 0.25% thereafter

<sup>1</sup> Columbia Threadneedle Investments does not offer tax advice. If you are unsure, please consult your tax or financial adviser. Tax allowances and the benefits of tax-efficient accounts are subject to change and tax treatment depends upon your individual circumstances.

<sup>2</sup> Including on-going expenses charged in the fund, which are currently 0.30%.

<sup>3</sup> [www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)

<sup>4</sup> [www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/uk-news/how-much-wedding-cost-uk-16864916](https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/uk-news/how-much-wedding-cost-uk-16864916)

<sup>5</sup> Bonds – A form of loan paying a generally agreed rate of interest over a fixed term, with the principal paid at maturity.

<sup>6</sup> Gearing – The amount of borrowing a company or trust has relative to its share capital.

<sup>7</sup> Information correct as at 28 February 2025 except CT Private Equity Trust correct as at 30 September 2024 information is subject to change. CT UK High Income Trust B Shares receive capital repayments instead of dividends. Please refer to the latest annual report as to how the Ongoing charge is structured.

<sup>8</sup> CTF Stakeholder account has a 0.7% annual management charge.

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