



# Investing for you



CT Individual Savings Account



CT General Investment Account



CT Lifetime ISA



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# Investing for your future

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At Columbia Threadneedle Investments (“Columbia Threadneedle”), we manage the world’s oldest collective investment fund (launched in 1868) and a further seven Investment Trusts to suit a variety of investment needs. This guide will talk you through our Savings Plans and investment options.

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

### **1 Start with a Columbia Threadneedle Savings Plan**

We have three Savings Plans designed specifically to help you invest for your future. With the annual management charge as low as £40 + VAT per year our plans are an affordable way to start investing.

#### **Deciding your investment goals**

### **2 Choose the most effective investment strategy; income, growth, or maybe both.**

#### **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**

Today’s investment options can seem bewildering. With 8 investment trusts, our range keeps things manageable whilst giving you plenty of choice. You can invest globally or in specific markets and choose from options aiming to deliver income, growth or a blend of the two.

### **5 Opening your Savings Plan**

Opening a Columbia Threadneedle Saving 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

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Whether you want a nest egg for retirement, repay a mortgage early, cover university costs, or even travel the world, Columbia Threadneedle have Savings Plans that could suit you.

Our Savings Plans make it easy to invest in our range of funds, once you have made your minimum opening investment of £2,000, you can top up your investment from just £25 a month by Direct Debit or by lump sum whenever you like. And there are no dealing charges for online transactions.

Our online investment service lets you manage your savings plans, obtain a valuation, invest and add money, review transaction history, make changes to your investment choices, set up and make changes to your Direct Debits. You can also view account cash holdings and balances, make lump sum investments and update your personal details.

Once you've registered for the 'Investor Portal', you can also manage your account with the mobile app. Our app can help you manage your investments securely on the go. You can also make some decisions on what you'd like to do next, including:

- Make changes to your investment choices
- Add cash to invest later, or withdraw cash
- Make lump sum investments

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You have the flexibility to stop and start contributions when you want. All of our plans allow you to invest into the same funds. All you have to do is decide which of our three plans is right for you.



## Individual Savings Account

**If you're looking to give your money the best chance to grow, then a tax-efficient Stocks and Shares ISA may be the right plan for you.**

The ISA is designed to help you invest and it reduces the impact of tax on your investments. Each tax year, every UK resident aged 18 or over is entitled to an ISA allowance (£20,000 for the 2025/2026 tax year).

### Opening a new CT ISA is easy:



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



Apply online at **digital.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk**

To transfer an existing ISA from another provider to Columbia Threadneedle:  
Download a transfer form at **ctinvest.co.uk/documents**.

Call us on **0345 600 3030\*** and we can send a transfer form to you

## Why choose the ISA?

### Tax efficient

An ISA is the simplest way to invest tax-efficiently. Any returns you make are free of capital gains tax and there is no further income tax to pay<sup>1</sup>.

### An easier choice

You can access a range of 8 investment trusts that includes equity, property and private equity trusts. For more information about our trusts, visit **[ctinvest.co.uk](https://ctinvest.co.uk)**

### Tailor it to your needs

Our investment trusts range from the fairly cautious to the more adventurous, offering you the potential for growth, income, or a combination of both. You can choose as many trusts as you like to build your investment portfolio.

### Simplicity

You can set up and manage your account online, including topping-up and switching trusts at any time, allowing you to manage your investment when it suits you.



## General Investment Account

**Whatever your long-term investment objective is, our General Investment Account (GIA) might be the right solution for you.**

The GIA is one of our most flexible investment solutions for long-term investors and can be tailored to suit your current circumstances. The GIA could help you harness the long-term potential of the stock market to help you achieve your investment goals.

### Opening a new CT GIA is easy:



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



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[columbiathreadneedle.co.uk](https://columbiathreadneedle.co.uk)

### You may want to consider the CT GIA if:

**You're looking to invest as much as you like.**  
There is no maximum investment in a GIA, which gives you the opportunity to invest more than the annual ISA limit.

**You want easier access for others.**  
Unlike the ISA, you can hold your GIA in joint names, so you can invest together with your loved ones.

**You've fully used your ISA allowance.**  
Ideal for when you've used your annual allowance of £20,000 but want to invest more.

**You're looking for growth and income solutions.**  
With the dividends where applicable (not all of our trusts pay dividends) from your investment, you can choose to take it as income or reinvest it for free to help grow your capital<sup>2</sup>.

**You're looking for a flexible way to invest.**  
Once you have made your minimum opening investment of £2,000, you can top up your investment from just £25 a month by Direct Debit or by lump sum whenever you like.



## Lifetime ISA

For those aged 18-39, a Lifetime ISA could help towards purchasing your first home up to £450,000 or retirement in later life.

Benefit from tax-efficient savings as well as a government bonus.

Up to £4,000 (for the 2025/2026 tax year) of the overall ISA allowance can be invested in a Lifetime ISA and will benefit from the 25% Government bonus.

### Opening a new CT Lifetime ISA is easy:



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



Apply online at **digital.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk**

## Why choose the Lifetime ISA?

### Tax-efficient investments

With a Lifetime ISA, you don't pay additional tax on income or capital gains meaning you could make the most of the money you invest.

### Government bonus

Receive a 25% bonus on investments up to £4,000 per year.

### An easier choice

You can access a range of 8 investment trusts that includes equity, property and private equity trusts. For more information about our trusts, visit [ctinvest.co.uk](https://ctinvest.co.uk)

### Flexible investment options

Once you have made your minimum opening investment of £2,000, you can top up your investment from just £25 a month by Direct Debit or by lump sum whenever you like.

### Simplicity

A single annual charge of £60+ VAT no matter how many tax years' Lifetime ISAs you hold with us. This amount will be collected from your account in two equal instalments of £30+ VAT in April and October each year. No dealing charges for investments made online or by monthly Direct Debit.





# Deciding your investment goals

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**The second step is to determine whether you're investing for income, growth or a combination of the two.**

## Investing for Income

If your aim is to invest your cash in a way that will give you an income both today and in the future, we have a range of investment trusts which aim to provide income normally in the form of dividends, often paid quarterly.

## Investing for Growth

Whether it is for a retirement nest egg or to fund a future need, if your main aim is to build up the value of your capital over time, you can choose to invest in funds that predominantly aim to grow your money over the medium to long-term.

All of our UK & European and Global investment trusts can be used as part of

a growth strategy, as they all seek to grow the value of your investment over time and you can choose to reinvest any dividends to compound the effect of any gain.

## Investing for Growth and Income

If you're looking for the best of both worlds where your investment provides medium to long-term growth, whilst also potentially benefiting from possible extra income, then a trust that aims to achieve both, could be what you're looking for.

The value of your investment may fall as well as rise and you may not get back your original capital investment.



# 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>3</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?

Investing for income could help you improve pension income in retirement or during a period when you have stopped working but are not yet taking your full pension entitlement.



## 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.



## **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>4</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 (EAT) 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 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 54 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 managers and markets within a single investment trust. There are two portfolio's to choose from</p> <p><b>Growth Portfolio:</b> Aims 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> Aims 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, 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>5</sup>	Management Fee <sup>5</sup>	Ongoing Charges (inc. Management fee) <sup>5</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%	0.3% up to £3.5bn based on market capitalisation, 0.25% between £3.5bn and £6bn and 0.2% above £6bn	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%	0.3% p.a. based on market capitalisaion up to £3.5bn, 0.25% between £3.5bn and £6bn and 0.2% above £6bn	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](https://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\***.

Please make sure you have read our Key Information Document (KID) for each investment trust you select.

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>4</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.





## 7 reasons to choose Columbia Threadneedle

### 1 Expertise

We've been managing investment trusts for over 150 years including F&C Investment Trust – the world's oldest collective investment fund launched in 1868.

### 2 Transparency

Our annual management charge is fixed<sup>6</sup> – no matter how much, or how many times you top up your investment (dealing fees and stamp duty still apply).

### 3 Free paper statements

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

### 4 Manageable

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

### 5 Flexibility

Once you have made your minimum opening investment of £2,000, you can invest in lump sum payments or monthly Direct Debit from as little as £25 a month. You can also top up your investment at any time.

### 6

#### Support

Any questions? Just call our friendly, UK-based team. When you call, you won't be selecting from an endless list of options to get through. You'll be straight through to someone who can help you.

### 7



#### Focus

Our only job is managing your investment.



# Complete your application

We look forward to helping you with your investment goals and working hard to maximise your returns, to the very best of our ability.

Opening a new Columbia Threadneedle Saving Plan is easy:

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-  Call us on **0345 600 3030\*** and we will send a form to you

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

<sup>4</sup> Gearing – The amount of borrowing a company or trust has relative to its share capital.

<sup>5</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.

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