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Dear Investor,

Important information: Closure of the Threadneedle Absolute Return Bond Fund – action required

As an investor in the Threadneedle Absolute Return Bond Fund ('the Fund'), we are informing you of our decision to close the Fund on 26 July 2019 ('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. Following a recent review, we have decided to close the Fund due to its relatively small size (approximately £23 million as at 29 March 2019). The Fund's assets have fallen to a level which makes it economically unviable to manage and we consider that the Fund is unlikely to attract new investors. On this basis, we believe closure of the Fund is in the best interests of investors and we have received permission from the Financial Conduct Authority to take this action.

When will the Fund be closed?

Dealing in the Fund will be suspended from 12:01pm (UK time) on 23 July 2019 and the closure of the Fund will take place on the Effective Date.

What happens once the Fund has closed?

Once the Fund has closed, the proceeds will be sent to the registered shareholder at the address we have on our records.

What options do investors have?

Investors have the following options:

1. They can switch their investment free of charge into another Threadneedle fund(s) up until 12 noon (UK time) on 23 July 2019.
2. They can sell their investment until 12 noon (UK time) on 23 July 2019. The proceeds will follow around five business days later.
3. They can take no action. The Fund will be suspended on the afternoon of 23 July and will be wound up. Once this process has concluded all remaining shareholders will be paid out. This process is likely to take approximately one month.

Please note, in order for investors to switch shares before the Fund is suspended, we must receive an instruction via phone or mail before 12 noon (UK time) on 23 July 2019. Instructions received after this time will not be accepted, and we will redeem any holdings and send investors the proceeds instead.

If we do not receive an instruction by 12 noon (UK time) on 23 July 2019, we will cash in all investments on the Effective Date and send the proceeds as soon as possible after the end of the termination process (we expect this to take approximately one month).

Are there any tax implications?

There may be tax implications depending on individual circumstances. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest that investors seek advice about any potential tax implications before they take any action.

What do investors need to do?

Investors should let us know what action they would like to take by 12 noon (UK time) on 23 July 2019. If no action is taken, the shares will be redeemed and the proceeds sent to the registered shareholder.

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 +352 46 40 10 7020*. Our team is available from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday (UK time).

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