### **KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION**

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This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# CT EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND (THE "FUND")

Class Z Income Shares (GBP) GB00B978SQ14, a sub-fund of Columbia Threadneedle Investment Funds (UK) ICVC (the "Company"), regulated by the FCA.

This sub-fund is managed by Threadneedle Investment Services Limited (the "Management Company") (part of the Columbia and Threadneedle group of companies).

#### **Objectives and Investment Policy**

- The Fund aims to achieve investment growth over the long term (5 years, or more). It also looks to outperform the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges.
- The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least 75% in shares of European smaller companies, meaning companies domiciled in Continental Europe or with significant business operations there, and, at the time of purchase, are not represented in the top 225 companies in the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index (an index of large and medium-sized European companies).
- The Index represents the share performance of smaller sized companies across Europe (ex. the UK) and provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be evaluated over time.
- The investment Manager selects smaller companies considered to have good prospects for share price growth across different sectors, and typically invests in fewer than 100 companies, including some companies not within the Index.
- The Investment Manager also seeks to create a portfolio that compares favourably against the Index over rolling 12-month periods, when assessed using the Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality Rating model.
- This model (developed and owned by Columbia Threadneedle Investments) analyses company data to assess how effectively material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities are being managed. If sufficient data is available, the combined results are expressed as a numerical rating to indicate how much exposure a company has to material ESG risks and opportunities in a particular industry.
- Whilst the Fund may still invest in companies that have poor ESG Materiality ratings, at least 50% of the portfolio is invested in companies with strong ratings.
- The Investment Manager engages with companies with a view to influencing management teams to address material ESG risks and improve their ESG practices.
- Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a signatory to the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative and has committed to an ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner for a range of assets, including the Fund. As such, the Investment Manager will proactively engage with companies to assist with progressing this and may disinvest from those not meeting the minimum standards.
- The Fund only invests in companies that follow good governance practices. It does not invest in companies which derive revenue from industries or activities above the thresholds shown: tobacco production (5%); nuclear weapons indirect involvement (5%), conventional weapons military, or civilian firearms (10%), and thermal coal extraction or power generation (30%), providing a company is not engaged in new coal projects.
- The Fund excludes companies that have direct involvement in nuclear or controversial weapons, and companies determined to have breached international standards and principles.
- The Fund may invest in other securities, funds (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies), money market instruments, deposits, and cash. Derivatives may only be held with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.
- Any income the Fund generates will be paid to you, unless you have chosen to have it reinvested.
- You can buy or sell shares in the Fund on any day that is a business day in London. You can find more detail on the investment objective and policy of the Fund in the Prospectus. For more information on investment terms used in this document, please see the Glossary available at columbiathreadneedle.com.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Lower Risk, Typically lower rewards Higher Risk, Typically higher rewards



- The Fund is rated 6 because historically it has shown a high level of volatility (how much the value of the Fund goes up and down).
- The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.
- The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.
- Where investments are in assets that are denominated in multiple currencies, or currencies other than your own, changes in exchange rates may affect the value of the investments.
- The Fund holds assets which could prove difficult to sell. The Fund may have to lower the selling price, sell other investments or forego more appealing investment opportunities.
- The Fund may invest in derivatives (complex instruments linked to the rise and fall of the value of other assets) with the aim of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions. Such derivative transactions may benefit or negatively affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager does not intend that such use of derivatives will affect the overall risk profile of the Fund.
- The Fund applies a range of measures as part of its consideration of ESG factors, including the exclusion of investments involved in certain industries and/ or activities. This reduces the investable universe, and may impact the performance of the Fund positively or negatively relative to a benchmark or other funds without such restrictions.
- An investment style bias can impact a Fund's performance relative to its benchmark in a positive or negative way. No investment style performs well in all market conditions. When one style is in favour another may be out of favour. Such conditions may persist for short or long periods. A Fund exhibits a growth style bias relative to its benchmark if the majority of the Fund invests in companies with above average growth rates, or good growth potential (based on indicators such as earnings and sales growth) relative to its benchmark. However, there is no guarantee that such companies will continue to show such characteristics in the future. A Fund's investment style may also change over time.
- The risks currently identified as applying to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.



#### Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge:	3.00%
Exit Charge:	0.00%

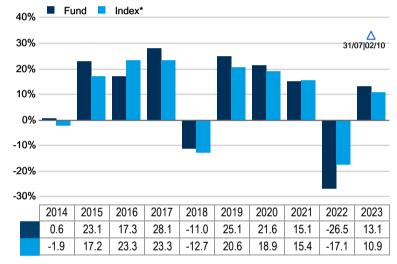
These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

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Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing Charges:	0.88%
Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions	
Performance Fee:	NONE

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ending 07/03/23. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).

For more information about charges please see the Fund's prospectus.





Source: Morningstar

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Fund launch date: 14/11/1997

Share/unit class launch date: 26/09/2013

Performance is calculated in GBP.

All charges and fees, except any entry, exit and switching charge, have been included within the performance.

This chart shows how much the Fund increased or decreased in value as a percentage each year.

△ Before this date the Fund had different characteristics.

Please refer to www.columbiathreadneedle.com for further details.

\*MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap

The benchmark of the Fund changed from the EMIX Smaller European Companies Ex UK Index to the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index, with effect from 31 July 2023.

## **Practical Information**

- Depositary: Citibank UK Limited.
- You can obtain further information regarding the Fund, the Company, its Prospectus (in English only), latest annual reports and any subsequent half-yearly reports (in English only) free of charge from the Management Company. You can obtain other practical information, including current share prices, at columbiathreadneedle.com.
- Details of the remuneration policy, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the persons responsible for awarding them (including the composition of the remuneration committee), are available at columbiathreadneedle.com. A paper copy is available free of charge upon request.
- The tax legislation of the United Kingdom may have an impact on your personal tax position.
- Threadneedle Investment Services Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the UK-UCITS.
- This document describes a single fund of the Company. The Prospectus and reports are prepared for the entire Company.
- The assets of the Fund are segregated by law and cannot be used to pay the liabilities of other funds of the Company.
- You may exchange your shares for shares of other funds of the Company, if available. Details can be found in the section of the Prospectus with the heading "Switching/Converting". Details of other share classes of the Fund can be found in the Prospectus or at columbiathreadneedle.com.

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