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Key Facts

Fund Manager:



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Columbia Threadneedle Specialist
Funds (UK) ICVC

Management Co: Threadneedle Inv. Services Ltd.
Umbrella Fund: Columbia Threadneedle Specialist Funds (UK) ICVC
Fund Inception Date: 09/12/16
Target Benchmark: iBoxx GBP Corporates 1-5
Fund Currency: GBP
Fund Domicile: United Kingdom
EX-Dividend Date: Monthly
Pay Date: Monthly
Portfolio Size: £335.6m
No. of Securities: 174
Share Class Price: 1.0067
Distribution Yield: 4.1%
Underlying Yield: 4.1%
All information expressed in GBP

Ratings/Awards



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Fund Objective & Policy

The Fund aims to provide income with the prospect of some investment growth over the long term (5 years, or more). It also looks to outperform the iBoxx GBP Corporates 1-5 Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges.

The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade corporate bonds that will mature in 5 years or less.

The Fund may also invest in other bonds (including below investment grade corporate bonds, and government bonds) when considered appropriate to achieve its investment objective.

The bonds selected are denominated in sterling (or hedged back to sterling if a different currency) and issued by companies anywhere in the world.

The Index is broadly representative of the bonds in which the Fund invests and provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be measured and evaluated over time.

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.

Provided sufficient data is available, the results are combined and expressed as a numerical ESG Materiality 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 bonds issued by companies that have poor ESG Materiality ratings, at least 50% of the portfolio is invested in bonds issued by companies with strong ratings.

In line with its engagement policy, the Investment Manager engages with companies with a view to influencing management teams to address material ESG risks and improve their ESG practices ranging from climate change to board independence and diversity.

The Fund only invests in bonds issued by companies that follow good governance practices. It does not invest in bonds issued by 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%).

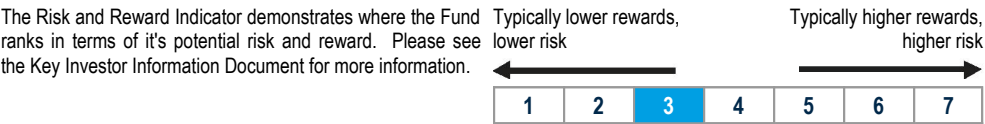
The Fund also excludes companies that have a direct involvement in nuclear weapons, controversial weapons, and companies that the Investment Manager determines to have breached international standards and principles.

The Fund is permitted to invest in other securities, as well as collective investment schemes (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies), and hold money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.

The Fund is not permitted to invest in derivatives for investment purposes, but derivatives may be used with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

Risk & Reward Profile

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Key Risks

- 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 invests in securities whose value would be significantly affected if the issuer refused, was unable to or was perceived to be unable to pay.
- 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.
- Changes in interest rates are likely to affect the Fund's value. In general, as interest rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa.
- 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.
- The fund may exhibit significant price volatility.
- The risks currently identified as applying to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

Typical Investor Profile

The Fund may be suitable for investors with an investment horizon of more than five years seeking income and the possibility of some capital growth who are prepared to tolerate moderate price fluctuations. If investors are uncertain if the Fund is suitable for them, they are advised to contact a financial adviser.

Holdings & Asset Allocation

Top 10 Holdings (%)

| Security Name | Weight |
|---|--------|
| Gov Of UK 0.5% 31-jan-2029 | 5.5 |
| Kfw 0.875% 15-sep-2026 | 2.9 |
| Hsbc Holdings Plc 3.0% 22-jul-2028 | 2.5 |
| Asian Development Bank 0.75% 07-dec-2027 | 1.6 |
| International Finance Corp. 5.5% 22-jul-2026 | 1.6 |
| Southern Water Services (finance) Ltd. 1.625% 30-mar-2027 | 1.5 |
| Bnp Paribas S.a. 6.0% 18-aug-2029 | 1.5 |
| Volkswagen Financial Services Nv 1.375% 14-sep-2028 | 1.4 |
| Thames Water Utilities Finance Plc 0.875% 31-jan-2028 | 1.4 |
| Kfw 0.75% 07-dec-2027 | 1.4 |
| Total | 21.3 |

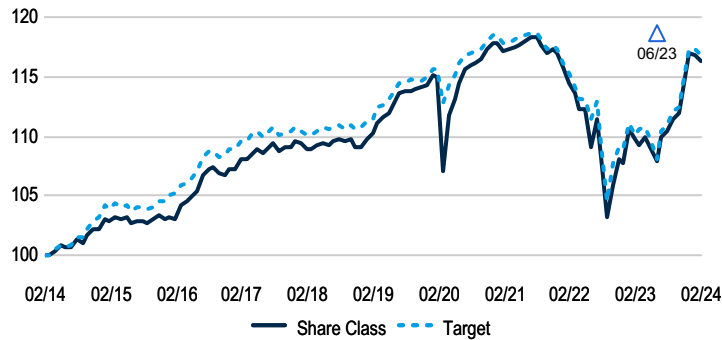
Weightings (%)

| Rating | Fund | Index | Diff |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| BBB | 47.6 | 45.5 | 2.1 |
| A | 21.7 | 43.4 | -21.8 |
| AA | 13.1 | 9.6 | 3.5 |
| AAA | 10.4 | 1.2 | 9.2 |
| BB | 3.9 | -- | 3.9 |
| NR | 0.9 | -- | 0.9 |
| N/A | 0.8 | -- | 0.8 |
| CCC | 0.1 | -- | 0.1 |
| Derivatives | -10.2 | -- | -10.2 |
| Cash Derivatives Offset | 10.3 | -- | 10.3 |
| Cash Equivalents | 5.1 | -- | 5.1 |
| Cash | -3.7 | 0.2 | -3.9 |

Performance

Past Performance does not predict future returns. The return of your investment may change as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation.

10 Years NAV (GBP)



Significant Events

△ Indicates significant event. For detailed information on Fund Changes please see "Significant events – Columbia Threadneedle UK Domiciled Funds" PDF available on <https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes>

Performance Extension

Performance of the Fund before 09 December 2016 is based on the performance of another fund, the UK Short-Dated Corporate Bond Fund (a sub-fund of Threadneedle Investment Funds III ICVC) which was merged into the Fund on that date.

Calendar Year Performance (GBP)

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Share Class (Net) | 8.7 | -8.0 | -0.8 | 3.1 | 4.9 | -0.5 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 3.1 |
| Target Benchmark (Gross)* | 7.8 | -7.3 | -1.0 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 4.2 |

Annualised Performance (GBP)

12M Rolling Period (GBP)

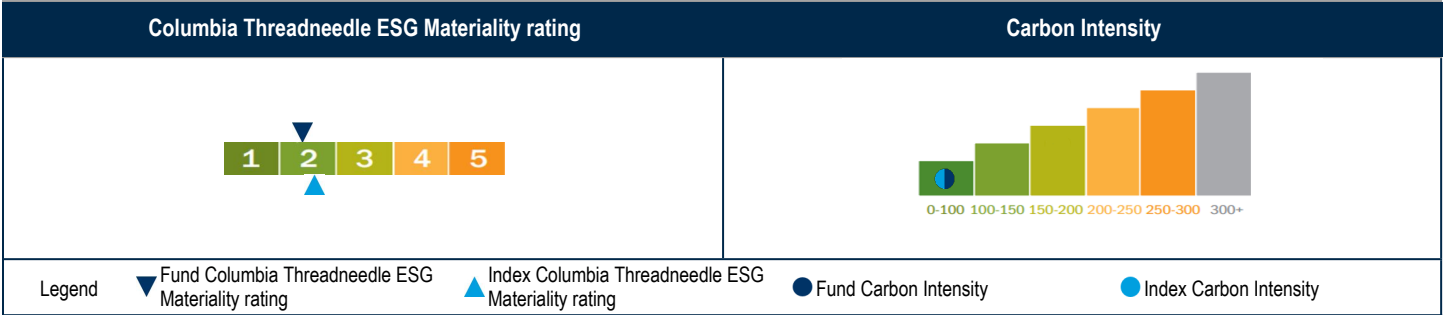
| | 1 YR | 3 YR | 5 YR | 10 YR | 03/23 - 02/24 | 03/22 - 02/23 | 03/21 - 02/22 | 03/20 - 02/21 | 03/19 - 02/20 | 03/18 - 02/19 | 03/17 - 02/18 | 03/16 - 02/17 | 03/15 - 02/16 | 03/14 - 02/15 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Share Class (Net) | 6.1 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 6.1 | -4.1 | -2.4 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 4.8 | 0.1 | 2.9 |
| Target Benchmark (Gross)* | 6.3 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 6.3 | -4.6 | -2.2 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 1.4 | 3.8 |

Source Morningstar UK Limited © 2024 as at 29/02/24. Based on the bid-to-bid and assuming income is reinvested including ongoing charges excluding entry and exit charges. Index returns include capital gains and assume reinvestment of any income. The index does not include fees or charges and you cannot invest directly in it. Annualised performance measures how much an investment has grown on average each year. 12 month Rolling Period shows annualised average returns for the periods stated. *Please note that prior to 01/06/2023 the performance shown for the target benchmark is the iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts 1-5 Years Index.

This fund has an ESG integrated approach, The investment policy of this fund considers ESG factors within the investment decision making process but does not have sustainable investment objective. Please refer to the Fund’s prospectus and Sustainable Investment Guidelines.

Responsible Investment Metrics

| | Fund | Index* | Tilt |
|---|-------|--------|--------|
| Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality rating Weighted average (1 is highest quality, 5 is lowest quality) | 2.36 | 2.56 | +0.20 |
| Carbon Intensity Weighted average (tCO2e/\$1m sales) | 72.05 | 65.75 | -6.30 |
| Controversies Exposure Exposure to controversial names¹ | -- | 0.36% | +0.36% |
| MSCI ESG Score Weighted average (10 is highest quality, 0 is lowest quality) | 7.11 | 7.28 | -0.17 |



*iBoxx GBP Corporates 1-5 Index.
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Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality (ESGM) rating
The Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality ratings provide an initial assessment of how well a company is managing its financially material ESG risks. We use the Sustainability and Accounting Standards Board (SASB) framework to identify which are the most financially material ESG risk factors for a company. These factors are industry dependent. The model processes public data for over 10,000 global issuers, and the ratings are updated daily, or as new data is published. The output is a rating from 1 to 5, where companies rated 5 are most exposed to material ESG risks, and those rated 1 are the least exposed (i.e. a lower score signals better quality). We use the ratings in our investment processes to help guide our research and identify opportunities to engage with companies.

Carbon Intensity
This measures carbon emissions relative to the size of a company, measured by revenues not market capitalisation. The measure used is tonnes of CO2 emitted (tCO2e) per \$1M of revenues. We give data for the overall Fund based on the weightings of the securities held, and a comparison with similar data for the Index. Carbon intensity provides an indication of carbon efficiency. This measure enables comparison with other funds and asset classes.

Controversies Exposure
We assess exposure to controversies using three international frameworks covering standards of operating practice: the UN Global Compact; the International Labour Organisation Core Labour Standards; and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. We measure the proportion of the Fund associated with breaches of the three frameworks and give a comparison with similar data for the index.

MSCI ESG Score
The MSCI ESG score uses MSCI’s own methodology to assess companies’ effectiveness at managing their ESG exposure. Companies with the highest ratings are those assessed as best managing their exposures to those material ESG risks and opportunities. If the portfolio score is above the benchmark, the portfolio is overweight in issuers that manage their ESG exposures better than others.

Tilt
The “Tilt” figure shows the bias of the Fund relative to the Index. It is expressed as the arithmetic difference in the weighting. A positive tilt indicates a bias towards a “better” RI profile than the Index.

Measures are being used to compare the ESG characteristics of the fund against the Index. This index also provides a helpful benchmark against which the financial performance can be compared. Accordingly, the index is not designed to specifically consider environmental or social characteristics.
For more information on Responsible Investment (RI) or investment terms used in this document, please see the Glossary published in the Document Centre on our website: <https://www.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk/en/ret/about-us/responsible-investment/>. The decision to invest in the promoted Fund should also take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the promoted Fund as described in its prospectus/ in the information which is to be disclosed to investors in accordance with Article 23 of Directive 2011/61/EU.
The ESG materiality and carbon intensity scores are calculated on a trailing 12-month weighted average. For periods less than 12 months the rolling average will be calculated using the months available. Weighted average is computed using an equal weighting of the metric for each of the business days contained in the prior 12-month period. The carbon intensity denominator “sales” figure is a revenue measure. Coverage is the portfolio’s percent of market value consisting of holdings for each applicable metric. Cash and derivatives are excluded from coverage. MSCI gives issuers a score of “Pass”, “Watch List”, or “Fail” depending on the degree to which they measure against principles in three documents: The UN Global Compact, the International Labor Organization Core Labour Standards, and the UN Principles on Business and Human Rights. An assignment of “Fail” for any of the three causes the holdings to reflect as controversial.

We made some changes to the ESG materiality rating methodology on 17 April 2023. This means some fund and benchmark ratings have changed, but this does not reflect a material change to the portfolio or our investment approach.
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Share Classes Available

| Share | Class | Hedged | Curr | Tax | OCF | OCF Date | Max Entry Charge | Max Exit Charge | Transaction Costs | Min Inv. | Launch | ISIN | SEDOL | BBID | WKN/Valor/CUSIP |
|--------|-------|--------|------|-------|-------|----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| Inst. | Inc | No | GBP | -- | 0.46% | 31/10/23 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.10% | 500,000 | 09/12/16 | GB00BD8GMB57 | BD8GMB5 | TNSS2IN LN | A2ASM8 |
| Inst. | Inc | No | GBP | Gross | 0.46% | 31/10/23 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.10% | 500,000 | 09/12/16 | GB00BD8GMC64 | BD8GMC6 | TNSS2IG LN | A2ASM9 |
| Inst. | Acc | Yes | EUR | -- | 0.46% | 31/10/23 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.19% | 750,000 | 17/05/17 | GB00BDRHYT16 | BDRHYT1 | TNS2IGH LN | A2DMK7 |
| Inst. | Acc | No | GBP | -- | 0.46% | 31/10/23 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.10% | 500,000 | 17/05/17 | GB00BYQFJT88 | BYQFJT8 | TNS2IGG LN | A2DMK8 |
| Retail | Acc | No | GBP | Gross | 0.48% | 31/10/23 | 3.75% | 0.00% | 0.10% | 2,000 | 09/12/16 | GB00BD8GM822 | BD8GM82 | TNSS1RG LN | A2ASM6 |
| Retail | Acc | No | GBP | -- | 0.48% | 31/10/23 | 3.75% | 0.00% | 0.10% | 2,000 | 09/12/16 | GB00BD8GM939 | BD8GM93 | TNSS1RN LN | A2ASM7 |
| Y | Inc | No | GBP | Gross | 0.31% | 31/10/23 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.10% | 150,000,000 | 29/03/17 | GB00BYQFJV01 | BYQFJV0 | TNSSYGI LN | A2DMLA |

Share classes in the table may not be open to all investors, please refer to the Prospectus for further information. Overall impact of costs: Costs and expected returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations, if costs are to be paid in another currency than your local currency. The ongoing charges figure (OCF), exit charges (maximum amount to be deducted shown in the table above) and transaction costs show the percentage that may be deducted from your expected returns. The OCF is usually based on the last year's expenses, includes charges such as the Fund's annual management charge and operating costs. Transaction costs displayed are based on a three year average total and are calculated based on FYE Report and Account figures. Where the fund is less than 3 years old the transaction costs are based on proxy and actual costs. All transaction costs are as at 30/04/23. Additional distributor or intermediary fees may not be included. In some cases, the OCF may be based on an estimate of future charges. For a more detailed breakdown please visit www.columbiathreadneedle.com/fees.

Distribution History Of Share Class (Net)

| | Feb-24 | Jan-24 | Dec-23 | Nov-23 | Oct-23 | Sep-23 | Aug-23 | Jul-23 | Jun-23 | May-23 | Apr-23 | Mar-23 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| CT Sterling Short-Dated Corporate | £0.0036 ^A | £0.0030 ^A | £0.0031 ^A | £0.0033 ^A | £0.0029 ^A | £0.0029 ^A | £0.0028 ^A | £0.0026 ^A | £0.0025 ^A | £0.0020 ^A | £0.0022 ^A | £0.0019 ^A |
| Bond Fund - Institutional Inc GBP | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Distributions of income generated by a fund are periodically made in respect of the income available for allocation in each accounting period. Please refer to individual fund XD / Pay Dates (E = Estimated Distribution, A = Actual Distribution) on page 1.

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