

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

CLASS L SHARES – INCREASE IN INVESTMENT MINIMUM

Which funds are affected by this change?

- European Fund
- UK Equity Income Fund
- UK Select Fund
- US Equity Income Fund
- UK Corporate Bond Fund

What are Class L Shares?

Class L Shares were launched as part of a programme of fund transfers that took place in 2016 and 2017. They are institutional share classes with lower ongoing charges and a smaller annual management fee than the other share classes in the funds.

Class L Shares in the European Fund, UK Equity Income Fund and UK Select Fund are closed to any new investment, though exceptions can be made at the discretion of the fund's authorised corporate director (ACD). For the US Equity Income Fund and UK Corporate Bond Fund, while existing investors can increase their holdings in Class L Shares, the share class is closed to investment from new shareholders in the funds – again, exceptions are possible at the ACD's discretion.

What changes are being made?

In the event that an existing investor exits a Class L Share and then (having gained permission from the ACD) decides to reinvest in that position, the investment minimum for Class L Shares will increase from £500,000 to £100 million with effect from 1 September 2018. There is no change to the minimum subsequent investment amount, which is £25,000.

When will these changes come into effect?

The changes will come into effect on 1 September 2018.

What does this change mean for shareholders?

As you are an existing holder of Class L Shares in one or more of the funds, there is no change to how you will be able to invest in the funds.

For new investors who are eligible to invest in Class L Shares, the new investment minimum of £100 million will apply.

Why are you making this change?

This share class is intended for a specific segment of institutional investors, so we amended the minimum investment level to reflect that.

Will it change how the funds are managed or fund charges?

There will be no change to how the funds are managed. Also, the changes to the minimum investment will have no effect on the fees we charge relating to Class L Shares.

Do I need to take any action?

No, you do not need to take any action as a result of this change.

What can I do if I disagree with the change?

If you are an existing shareholder and disagree with this change, you can redeem your shares or you can switch your investment, free of charge, into another Threadneedle fund.

Where can I find out more?

Further information about the share class can be found in the prospectus and KIID available at www.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk/changes.

If you would like further information, please call us on 0800 953 0134* if you are in the UK or on 0044 1268 444 321* if you're based outside of the UK. Our team is available from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday (UK time).

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