

CT UK Sustainable Equity Fund

AT A GLANCE

An all cap UK equity fund that targets companies which exhibit positive sustainable outcomes, in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),¹ with an overarching focus on generating strong long-term financial returns.

REASONS TO INVEST

- 1. We work towards a better future:** We believe companies that invest in their people and products while delivering sustainable outcomes can achieve strong investment returns.
- 2. Strong UK Equity and responsible investment heritage:** The portfolio managers leverage the best ideas from our highly regarded UK Equities team, in close partnership with our deeply resourced Responsible Investment team.
- 3. Focus on long-term returns:** The Fund aims to provide investors with the twin rewards of delivering positive sustainability outcomes and capital growth. As a prominent investor in UK companies, and a pioneer of responsible investment, we can enable clients to capture these rewards.



SONAL SAGAR
Portfolio Manager (since July 2019)

KEY FACTS

Fund inception date²

30 October 2015

Fund objective

Please refer to the Fund KIID for the objective and policy of this fund

Typical number of stocks

40 to 60

Fund size (as at 31.12.2022)

£135 million



FE, as at 31.12.2022

“In a transforming world, investing sustainably is key to creating a better future, and to delivering investment returns.”

– Sonal Sagar

¹ The SDGs are a set of 17 global goals with the aim of achieving “a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.” Source: United Nations, as at March 2022.

² On 1 July 2019, the Threadneedle Ethical UK Equity Fund was renamed the Threadneedle UK Sustainable Equity Fund and the benchmark changed to the FTSE All Share.

INVESTMENT APPROACH

We look to invest in businesses that drive innovation and create a more sustainable, green and inclusive economy, while generating stable returns for shareholders.

When assessing a company, we evaluate both current exposure to our investment criteria as well as strategy and innovation that support the delivery of eight sustainable outcome areas which cover environmental and social themes. We have a clear exclusion policy to

not invest in companies offering unsuitable products and services, such as weapons, tobacco, alcohol and fossil fuel production. Further information, including a copy of the Fund's Investment Guidelines, can be found at columbiathreadneedle.com.

Understanding how a business conducts its internal Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices, as well as its financial stewardship, is vital as part of a holistic view of its approach to sustainability.

OUR PHILOSOPHY – FINDING THE ‘SWEET SPOT’



- The Fund looks for businesses that derive revenue or growth from sustainable opportunities – a minimum 75% of the Fund will be invested in such companies
- Companies with strong ESG credentials, or an openness to improve, are preferred. We require particularly strong ESG credentials for companies with no significant sustainability impact
- Complemented by a focus on long-term returns, with rigorous financial analysis undertaken for every constituent
- Underpinned by the exclusion of practices misaligned with sustainable outcomes

KEY RISKS

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and the fund may not achieve its investment objective.

Your capital is at risk.

The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.

The Fund aims to invest in companies which deliver sustainable outcomes and in doing so adheres to a set of Sustainable Investment Guidelines. The Guidelines will affect the Fund's exposure to certain sectors, which may impact the performance of the Fund positively or negatively relative to a benchmark or other funds without such restrictions.

The investment policy of the fund allows it to invest in derivatives for the purposes of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions.

The fund typically carries a risk of high volatility due to its portfolio composition or the portfolio management techniques used. This means that the fund's value is likely to fall and rise more frequently and this could be more pronounced than with other funds.

All the risks currently identified as being applicable to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

Please read the Key Investor Information Document and the Fund Prospectus if considering investing.

For a simple reference guide to some of the technical terms used in this document please visit columbiathreadneedle.co.uk/investment-terms.



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