

This product has some sustainability characteristics, which are explained below. It does not pursue a sustainability objective and does not meet the criteria for a sustainable investment label. As such, this product does not have a UK sustainable investment label. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal.

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Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited

CT Responsible Sterling Corporate Bond Fund

Sustainability approach

Our sustainability approach embeds an “**Avoid, Invest, Improve**” philosophy into the Fund’s investment policy:



Avoid

Companies issuing bonds (issuers) that are considered for investment are first screened against **extensive exclusion criteria**. We avoid investment in bonds whose issuers:

- **are involved in providing activities that harm society or the environment**, including alcohol and tobacco production, deforestation, fossil fuels, weapons, gambling, nuclear energy, pornography.
- **that fail to address the key ethical, environmental, social and governance (ESG) impacts of their business** relating to, for example, human rights, labour standards, biodiversity loss, animal testing and welfare.
- **that breach international standards of business conduct** such as the United Nations Global Compact.

Full exclusion criteria, and any applicable revenue thresholds or exceptions, can be found on our [website](#) and are reviewed and updated annually. Some exceptions apply to issuers where the use of proceeds are ringfenced for specific social or sustainable projects (Green, Social or Sustainability bonds).



Invest

- As a result of applying the extensive exclusion criteria above, we invest in the bonds of issuers that meet high standards in how they operate, and how they manage sustainability issues. Our Responsible Investment team carries out in-depth research on every issuer considered for inclusion in the Fund based on an assessment of their policies and performance and their overall sustainability management.



Improve

- We seek to engage issuers whose bonds are held in the Fund to improve their management of significant ESG issues identified, as part of our firm-wide engagement programme. We believe this should ultimately support long-term performance, reduce risk, and contribute to promoting a fairer and more sustainable world.

Independent review

An independent Responsible Investment Advisory Council, made up of external responsible investment experts, provides us with advice on our approach, the development of our exclusion criteria, and reviews and challenges screening decisions.

Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative (NZAMI)

As a member of the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative, the Fund has committed to an ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. Our focus is on real-world decarbonisation, using stewardship to encourage companies to align to a net zero future.



Company assessment

- We rate companies in their alignment to a net zero pathway, using an internal tool.
- We aim for companies representing >70% of portfolio emissions to be either rated as “aligned” to net zero, or under engagement.



Portfolio assessment

- We compare the fund’s carbon emissions with net zero-aligned trajectory.
- We use the benchmark emissions in 2019 and apply a 50% reduction by 2030.
- This is a reference pathway to track progress, not a binding target.



Net zero stewardship

- We engage with laggard or high-impact companies on climate objectives, seeking to encourage improvement.
- We sell when minimum expectations are not met.



Coal exclusions

- Companies with >30% revenues from coal or investing in new coal infrastructure.

Sustainability metrics

Below is a summary of the metrics we use to measure the sustainability characteristics of the fund:

Net zero

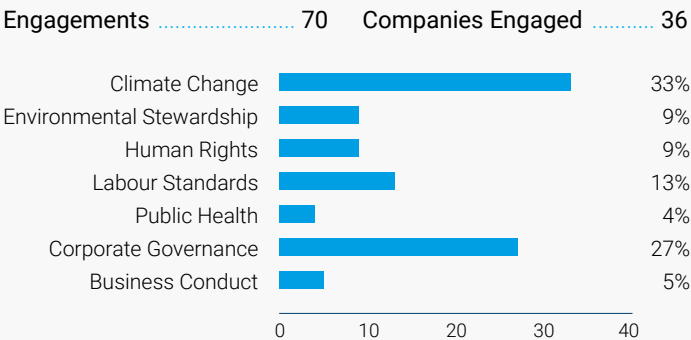
In our next report, we will publish relevant metrics showing progress towards the Fund’s net zero ambition.

Exclusion criteria

We can confirm that no investments were made in companies that breach the exclusion criteria during the reporting period.

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Annual engagement summary



More information

The Prospectus (which contains more information about this Fund), together with the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) can be found on our website: [Link](#)

Other information about the Fund can be found, including information about available share classes and the fees and charges associated with investing: [Link](#)

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