

Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC V Interim Report and Financial Statements For the period ended:

30.11.2024

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### Directory

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### **Company Information**

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Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of the Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC), is the sole director. The ACD has appointed Columbia Threadneedle Management Limited as the Investment Manager to the individual sub-funds of the OEIC.

Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC V (the 'Company') is an investment company with variable capital under the Open-Ended Investment Company Regulations 2001 (SI2001/1228). The Company is an umbrella company with 3 individual sub-funds, and each of the sub-funds is a UCITS scheme.

#### **Financial Statements**

These financial statements are for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024.

#### Shareholders

Shares of the Company have no par value and the share capital of the Company will at all times equal the sum of the net asset value of each of the sub-funds. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. The assets of each sub-fund are treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and are invested in accordance with the investment objectives and policy of that sub-fund.

Each sub-fund is a segregated portfolio of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a sub-fund belong exclusively to that sub-fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company or any other sub-fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The Company adopted segregated liability status for sub-funds on 8 June 2012. From that date the assets of one sub-fund may not be used to satisfy the obligations of another sub-fund.

While the provisions of the OEIC Regulations provide for segregated liability between sub-funds, the concept of segregated liability is relatively new. Accordingly, where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known how those foreign courts will react to regulations 11A and 11B of the OEIC Regulations.

#### Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus

The Company was incorporated and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority on 8 August 2001 under registered number IC118.

As at 30 November 2024 the OEIC comprised the following sub-funds:

- CT Responsible Global Equity Fund
- CT Responsible UK Equity Fund
- CT Responsible UK Income Fund

Additional sub-funds may be added at the ACD's discretion.

The investment objectives, investment policies and investment activity reports, for each sub-fund are included in the financial statements for that sub-fund.

Copies of the current prospectus, the latest annual report and any subsequent reports are available from the Administrator.

#### Other Information

The CT Responsible Global Equity Fund, CT Responsible UK Equity Fund and CT Responsible UK Income Fund offer both accumulation and income shares.

The Operating charges figure for each share class can be found in the sub-fund's Comparative Tables.

There were no cross holdings between sub-funds in Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC V as at 30 November 2024.

#### Taskforce for Climate-related Disclosures (TCFD)

TCFD information for the funds covered by this Report has been made available on the relevant Fund Details or Document Library pages of our website and can be found at www.columbiathreadneedle.com.

% of total gross return

**Company Information** (continued)

Company Information							(	continued)
Securities Financing Transactions (SI	FTs)							
CT Responsible Global Equity Fund 1) Global Data								
Proportion of securities and commo	dities on loan as	at 30 Novembe	r 2024				£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash	nand cash equiva	lents:					-	0.000/
Securities and commodities on loan Assets engaged in SFTs and total re	turn cwanc ac at	20 November 2	0024				£000	0.00% <b>%</b>
Fund assets under management (AL		30 NOVEILIBEI 2	.024				1,330,341	/0
Absolute value of assets engaged in Securities lending	ı:						-	0.00%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers								
Name and value of collateral and co	mmodities receiv	red as at 30 Nov	vember 202	4				£000
Top 10 Counterparties  Name and value of outstanding transecurities lending	nsactions as at 30	November 202	24					£000
J								
3) Aggregate Transaction Data								
Type, Quality and Currency of Collat Type		vember 2024 Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending		quanty				currency		1000
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Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remain	ing pendu to ma	-	One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
Tuno	one day £000	one week £000	month £000	months £000	one year £000	year £000	maturity £000	Total £000
Type Securities lending	- 1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
•	1 2004							
Counterparty details as at 30 Nover		Country of coun	iterparty					
Туре		establishment	.co.pa.cy		Settlement an	d clearing		£000
4) Re-use of Collateral								
The Fund does not engage in re-use	of collatoral							
The Fund does not engage in te use	or condicion.							
5) Safekeeping of Collateral Receive								
Names and value of custodians safe	keeping collatera	al as at 30 Nove	mber 2024					£000
6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted	<u>d_</u>							
The Fund does not borrow stock fro		; therefore, no c	collateral has	s been granted	d.			
7) Return and Cost								
for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 No	ovember 2024 (ui	naudited)						
		Collective I	nvestment	Manager o	of Collective	1	Third Parties	
			ndertaking	Investment (			ding agent)	Total
Cognition landing			£000		£000		£000	£000
Securities lending Gross return			1		-		_	1
% of total gross return			75%		5%		20%	'

5%

20%

75%

Bonds

Bonds

Bonds

Bonds

Total collateral held

Company Information			(	(continued)
Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs)				
CT Responsible UK Equity Fund  1) Global Data				
Proportion of securities and commodities on loan as	at 30 November 2024		£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash and cash equiva		4.	38,618	
Securities and commodities on loan			7,997	1.82%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total return swaps as at	30 November 2024		£000	%
Fund assets under management (AUM)		4	80,754	
Absolute value of assets engaged in:				
Securities lending			7,997	1.66%
2) Concentration Data				
Top 10 Collateral Issuers				
Name and value of collateral and commodities received	ved as at 30 November 2024			£000
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe				1,620
French Republic Government Bond				1,427
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds				1,192
Netherlands Government Bond				1,187
United Kingdom Gilt				1,080
United States Treasury Bond				858
United Kingdom Inflation-Linked Gilt				566
Republic of Austria Government Bond				311
Finland Government Bond				70
Bundesschatzanweisungen				32
Top 10 Counterparties  Name and value of outstanding transactions as at 30	1 November 2024			£000
Securities lending	5 November 2024			1000
Merrill Lynch				5,801
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)				1,463
Morgan Stanley International				572
HSBC Bank				161
3) Aggregate Transaction Data				
Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral as at 30 No	vember 2024			
•	Quality	Currency		£000
Securities lending	-	•		
Ponds	Investment Crade	Ctarling		1 6 1 6

Investment Grade

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Investment Grade

Investment Grade

Sterling

Euro

US dollar

Canadian dollar

1,646

4,693

2,051

8,407

17

Company Information (continued)

Maturity Tenor of Collateral	(remaining period to ma	iturity) as at 30	0 November 20	24				
			One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	_	_	58	8 349	_	8 407

8,349

#### Counterparty details as at 30 November 2024

Туре	establishment	Settlement and clearing	£000
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Bi-lateral	157
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Tri-party	8,250
Total collateral held			8,407

#### Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity) as at 30 November 2024

			One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending		-	-	-	-	-	7,997	7,997
	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,997	7,997

#### 4) Re-use of Collateral

The Fund does not engage in re-use of collateral.

#### 5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received

Names and value of custodians safekeeping collateral as at 30 November 2024	£000
Bank of New York	6,700
JP Morgan	1,550
State Street	157
Number of custodians safekeeping collateral	3

#### 6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted

The Fund does not borrow stock from counterparties; therefore, no collateral has been granted.

#### 7) Return and Cost

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £000	Total £000
Securities lending				
Gross return	3	-	-	3
% of total gross return	75%	10%	15%	

Bonds

Bonds

Bonds

Bonds

Total collateral held

Company Information			(	continued)
Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs)				
CT Responsible UK Income Fund  1) Global Data				
Proportion of securities and commodities on loan as	s at 30 November 2024		£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash and cash equivosecurities and commodities on loan	valents:		3,941 4,867	1.71%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total return swaps as a	t 30 November 2024		£000	%
Fund assets under management (AUM)	E 30 HOVERIBER 2021		9,686	
Absolute value of assets engaged in:				
Securities lending			4,867	1.57%
2) Concentration Data				
Top 10 Collateral Issuers				
Name and value of collateral and commodities rece	ived as at 30 November 2024			£000
United States Treasury Bond				1,881
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe				771
Netherlands Government Bond				666
French Republic Government Bond				599
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds				533
United Kingdom Gilt				531 119
United Kingdom Inflation-Linked Gilt Canadian Government				
				10
United States Treasury Bill Kingdom of Belgium Government Bond				2
Top 10 Counterparties				
Name and value of outstanding transactions as at 3	30 November 2024			£000
Securities lending				
Merrill Lynch				3,272
HSBC Bank				1,587
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)				8
3) Aggregate Transaction Data				
Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral as at 30 No				
Туре	Quality	Currency		£000
Securities lending		6. 1		

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Investment Grade

Investment Grade

Investment Grade

Investment Grade

Sterling

Euro

US dollar

Canadian dollar

650

10 2,038

2,418

5,116

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Туре	Less than one day £000	One day to one week £000	One week to one month £000	One to three months £000	Three months to one year £000	Above one year £000	Open maturity £000	Total £000
Securities lending		-	-	-	367	4,749	-	5,116
		<u> </u>			367	4,749		5,116
Counterparty details as at 30 N		Country of cou	ınternarty					
Туре		establishment	• •	9	Settlement an	d clearing		£000
Securities lending		United Kingdo			Bi-lateral	<u></u>		1,640
Securities lending		United Kingdo	m	-	Tri-party			3,476
Total collateral held							_	5,116
Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Tot	tal Return Swaps (rem	aining period t	o maturity) as	at 30 Novem	ber 2024			
			One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,867	4,867
	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,867	4,867

#### 4) Re-use of Collateral

The Fund does not engage in re-use of collateral.

#### 5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received

Names and value of custodians safekeeping collateral as at 30 November 2024	£000
Bank of New York	3,441
State Street	1,640
JP Morgan	35
Number of custodians safekeeping collateral	3

#### 6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted

The Fund does not borrow stock from counterparties; therefore, no collateral has been granted.

#### 7) Return and Cost

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £000	Total £000
Securities lending				
Gross return	2	-	-	2
% of total gross return	75%	5%	20%	

### Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the Authorised Corporate Director

This report contains the information required by the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued in May 2014, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, in the case of interim financial statements and was approved for publication on 29 January 2025.

Director
On behalf of Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited
Authorised Corporate Director
29 January 2025

### **Responsible Principles**

#### Introduction

Responsible is the name of a range of socially responsible investment funds provided by the Columbia Threadneedle Investments. These funds are invested in company shares and bonds to provide capital growth and income for customers. Published policy is outlined on the www.columbiathreadneedle.com website, which states positive and negative criteria but without these specificities.

#### Philosophy

Our Responsible product range offers customers a way to invest in shares and bonds of companies that adhere to certain values and standards, and are managed to provide capital growth and income. We do this by applying ethical and environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles to the selection of investments, having a robust approach to portfolio construction and management, and using our influence as shareholders to encourage more ethically, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable behaviour by companies. The philosophy for these products is based on three pillars:

**Invest** in companies that demonstrate responsible business practices, and support those whose activities make a positive contribution to society and the environment;

Avoid investments in companies with activities that harm society or the environment; and

**Improve**: use our influence as an investor to encourage companies in their efforts to improve their management of ethical and ESG issues through engagement and voting.

Our investors are increasingly interested in the non-financial performance of the strategies they invest in. We publish annual responsible profiles for our responsible fund ranges to share more information with our customers on the ESG performance of the strategies and their underlying holdings.

#### Overview

We provide a range of investment strategies for the diverse demands of investors. This has evolved over time to include a mix of asset classes and geographic coverage. Members of our Responsible Investment (RI) team are involved in analysing each company proposed for this fund range. In addition, we have an independent Responsible Investment Advisory Council (RIAC) that works with the RI team to provide input on key ESG trends and engagement priorities. Columbia Threadneedle Investments' range of Responsible strategies includes:

#### Global strategies

- CT Responsible Global Equity Fund

#### **UK** strategies

- CT Responsible UK Equity Fund
- CT Responsible UK Income Fund
- CT Responsible Sterling Corporate Bond Fund

#### **Emerging Market strategies**

- CT Responsible Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

#### European strategies

- CT Responsible Euro Corporate Bond Fund

### **Responsible Principles**

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#### Screening criteria

Our in-house Responsible Investment team conducts in-depth research into every company considered for the Responsible strategies. We have product-based criteria and conduct-based criteria in order for us to thoroughly assess whether companies should be held in the Responsible range. The RI team also draws on an independent Responsible Investment Advisory Council, a group of experts who are leaders in their fields, bringing international experience across responsible investment, environmental, social and ethical issues.

#### a) Product-based exclusions

We review whether companies are involved in providing activities and services that are deemed to be negative from an ethical or sustainability perspective. Below is a summary of our product-based criteria.

#### Product-based Criteria

- Alcohol
- Deforestation
- Electricity generation
- Fossil fuels
- Fur
- Gambling
- Genetic Modification (GM)
- High interest rate lending
- Nuclear energy
- Pornography, harmful and violent materials
- Tobacco
- Toxic chemicals
- Transport
- Weapons

#### b) Conduct-based exclusions

In addition to the above criteria, the strategies will exclude companies that fail to address the key ethical, environmental and social impacts of their operations. Below is a summary of our conduct-based criteria.

#### Conduct-based Criteria

- Social
  - Animal testing and welfare
  - Human rights
  - Labour standards
  - Product safety
  - Responsible sales and marketing
- Governance
  - Bribery and corruption
  - Compliance and ethics
- Environment
  - Biodiversity loss
  - Climate change
  - Waste management
  - Water consumption

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

#### **Accounting Policies**

The interim financial statements for each sub-fund have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2024. They are in accordance with the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (IMA) in May 2014 (the IMA SORP 2014), and United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice.

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term (at least 5 years).

The Fund invests only in assets which meet the Fund's predefined responsible investment criteria.

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% in shares of companies which may be located anywhere in the world, be of any market capitalisation and be in any industry sector (subject always to the responsible investment screening).

As part of its investment process, the Investment Manager integrates environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors into its routine analysis. Through this process, the Investment Manager: (1) avoids investments that are contrary to the goals of making positive contributions to society and/or the environment, taking into account both product based exclusions and conduct based exclusions; (2) predominantly invests in companies that provide sustainable solutions or that make positive contributions to society and/or the environment; and (3) improves companies by selecting those that, in the Investment Manager's opinion, will benefit from active investor engagement, leading to reduced risk, improved performance, best practices and, overall, long-term investor value.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, other collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by the ACD), money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash.

The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 12 April 2024. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Jamie Jenkins and Nick Henderson

Fund size £1,330.7 million Launch date 13 October 1987

#### Manager's Review

Global equity markets rose strongly in the six months to 30 November. Positive drivers included generally encouraging corporate earnings, declining inflation and the resulting interest rate cuts by key central banks. This helped risk assets overcome periods of volatility stemming from economic concerns and political uncertainty in some regions.

US equities outperformed, as markets remained confident the Federal Reserve was on track to cut rates following encouraging declines in inflation. There was volatility in July following lacklustre second-quarter earnings reports from some of the "Magnificent 7" companies that had led the market. Weaker-than-expected labour-market data also triggered market selloffs in early August and September. However, the Fed subsequently satisfied investors' hopes of a larger, 50-basis-point (bp) cut at its September meeting. The US equity markets then rallied following the election of Donald Trump as US president. The Fed cut interest rates again in November, though by only 25 bp.

Expectations that the European Central Bank (ECB) would start easing policy earlier than the Fed boosted European equities early in the period. The ECB followed through with a 25-bp rate cut in June, but risk appetite soon soured due to political uncertainty following the EU election results, which saw populist far-right parties make strong gains. The regional economy looked increasingly fragile, adding a headwind for regional equities, despite the ECB cutting rates again in September and October. European and other equity markets slipped further after the election of Donald Trump as US president, given concerns over the impact of his policies on raising import tariffs. While China was affected by negative sentiment over potential increases to US, its equity markets ended the period ahead boosted by a raft of stimulative measures in September designed to underpin faltering economic growth.

Our outlook for the US economy in 2025 remains robust, buoyed by business-friendly policies under the Trump administration such as tax cuts and deregulation as well as sustained productivity benefits from technology investments. This should continue to support solid US corporate earnings growth in 2025 and in turn US stock returns. However, the outlook for economies outside of the US is murkier due to the potential negative impact of Trump tariffs, a stronger USD on higher inflation and the rest of the world not experiencing the same productivity benefits from technology. However, this "US exceptionalism" is reflected in US market valuations that are at relative highs to the rest of the world thus we do not expect much further market re-rating, further growth needs to come from earnings growth. We expect AI related stocks, and the "Magnificent 8" in particular, to maintain an influential role in global markets given their outsized index weighting. We remain zeroed in on high quality, well managed companies leveraged into long term sustainability trends, and will use any near-term volatility to build positions opportunistically.

### Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

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for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

#### Activity

The most significant purchases during the quarter were Intuit, Union Pacific and Smurfit Westrock.

Intuit creates financial software for consumers, including the self-employed and small businesses. We favour the firm for its dominant market position in an industry with high barriers to entry, while its improving product depth and geographic reach should help it to boost top-line growth and earnings.

As one of the largest railroad companies in the US, Union Pacific boasts a robust market position in an oligopolistic industry. We favour the company for the competitive advantages provided via its scale, significant pricing power and strong network effect. Union Pacific's CEO, Jim Vena, has promised to improve railroad safety and service. In addition, the potential for better rail services to reduce road traffic provides a good ESG angle.

Smurfit Westrock is Europe's leading packaging firm and one of the largest manufacturers of paper-based packaging products. The firm benefits from having a secure supply of products and has been pushing through price increases to offset higher input costs. Smurfit also boasts a solid balance sheet and resilient margins and cashflows, alongside a disciplined capital allocation strategy. Leverage is well below management's target range, which should enable the company to make attractive acquisitions. The company is now benefiting from the synergies of its acquisition of WestRock; this should permit it to penetrate the US market. Additionally, Smurfit is a good-quality sustainability leader and well positioned for the growing demand for environmentally sustainable packaging.

During the period, we exited our positions in Accenture and Vestas Wind Systems. We sold Accenture to fund the new acquisitions as we felt it represented a less attractive opportunity. We exited Vestas Wind Systems as the competitive dynamic is deteriorating faster than forecast with an apparent step up on Chinese OEM competitiveness.

#### Performance Summary

The CT Responsible Global Equity Fund 2 Acc. returned 6.3% over the six-month period. By comparison, the MSCI World Index returned 11.6%. All figures are net of fees, in sterling terms and on a total return basis.

The underperformance over the period was primarily driven by our stock selection. Our picks in health care, consumer discretionary and industrials detracted. In terms of regions, it was stock selection in the US that was the key negative factor. This was partial offset by good stock selection in IT. At a stock level, our key contributors were Shopify and technology stocks like NVIDIA, while our holdings in Dexcom and ASML detracted, while not holding Tesla was also a negative factor. Sector allocation was unhelpful, as our overweight position in materials and health care, and underweight in financials detracted and offset the positive contribution from our lack of exposure to energy.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 23 January 2025

# Portfolio Statement

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
ALICTRALIA /1 CEO/.*\	noidiligs	20,749	1.56
AUSTRALIA (1.65%*) CSL	143,526	20 <b>,749</b> 20,749	1.56
CANADA (2.41%*)	·	49,989	3.76
Shopify (New York listing)	217,141	19,242	1.45
Shopify (Toronto listing)	2,702	241	0.02
Waste Connections	200,559	30,506	2.29
DENMARK (3.20%*) Novo Nordisk	254,553	<b>21,104</b> 21,104	<b>1.59</b> 1.59
FRANCE (2.73%*)	234,333	36,013	2.71
Schneider Electric	179,146	36,013	2.71
GERMANY (1.61%*)	,	17,336	1.31
adidas	90,525	16,707	1.26
Allianz	2,603	629	0.05
INDIA (1.09%*)		16,415	1.23
HDFC Bank ADR	308,635	16,415	1.23
IRELAND (8.35%*)	240.752	93,060	6.99
Kerry Linde (Dublin listing)	318,753 637	23,900 229	1.80 0.02
Linde (New York listing)	125,408	45,158	3.39
Smurfit WestRock (London listing)	13,396	573	0.04
Smurfit WestRock (New York listing)	538,105	23,200	1.74
JAPAN (5.81%*)		68,707	5.17
Hoya Keyence	218,800 96,600	22,111 32,812	1.66 2.47
Shimano	125,400	13,784	1.04
NETHERLANDS (3.91%*)	,	35,783	2.69
ASML	35,731	19,076	1.43
Wolters Kluwer	127,985	16,707	1.26
SWITZERLAND (1.67%*)		21,740	1.63
Sika	106,807	21,740	1.63
TAIWAN (2.01%*)	1 052 000	<b>25,402</b>	1.91
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	1,052,000	25,402	1.91
UNITED KINGDOM (5.23%*) AstraZeneca	196,607	<b>75,933</b> 20,828	<b>5.70</b> 1.56
London Stock Exchange	268,566	30,254	2.27
SSE	1,399,646	24,851	1.87
UNITED STATES (59.67%*)		820,424	61.64
Acuity Brands	96,515	24,334	1.83
Advanced Drainage Systems Airbnb	156,780 284,349	16,443 30,957	1.24 2.33
Apple	403,011	74,572	5.60
Becton Dickinson	80,799	14,119	1.06
Crowdstrike	71,153	19,476	1.46
eBay Eli Lilly	416,926 42,637	21,115 26,478	1.59 1.99
Equinix #	46,256	35,639	2.68
Hubbell	58,040	20,962	1.57
Intercontinental Exchange	247,980	31,462	2.36
Intuit	64,800	32,450	2.44

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

		Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Holdings	£000	%
Intuitive Surgical	59,402	25,196	1.89
Mastercard	131,050	54,916	4.13
Mettler-Toledo International	16,135	15,799	1.19
Microsoft	273,815	91,176	6.85
NVIDIA	696,870	74,300	5.58
Roper Technologies	55,468	24,642	1.85
Synopsys	47,184	20,352	1.53
Thermo Fisher Scientific	75,410	30,989	2.33
Tractor Supply	72,638	16,125	1.21
Trimble	395,890	22,581	1.70
Union Pacific	155,372	30,004	2.25
Xylem	289,025	28,599	2.15
Zebra Technologies	53,337	17,043	1.28
Zoetis	148,688	20,695	1.55
Portfolio of investments		1,302,655	97.89
Net other assets	_	28,093	2.11
Total net assets	_	1,330,748	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 May 2024.

<sup>#</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust.

# **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
Microsoft	90,562	Alphabet	52,915
Eli Lilly	29,477	NVIDIA	31,235
Shopify (New York listing)	23,756	Apple	29,794
Hubbell	20,148	Accenture 'A'	23,993
Synopsys	19,963	Aptiv	18,065
Advanced Drainage Systems	17,237	AO Smith	17,502
Airbnb	10,493	NetApp	16,489
SSE	8,900	Shopify (New York listing)	15,718
Trimble	8,725	Dexcom	15,238
Dexcom	8,273	Kubota	15,179

# **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)			
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 1 - Accumulation	50/11/24	3 1/05/24	3 1/05/25
Closing net asset value (£'000)	42,818	40,735	38,332
Closing number of shares	4,436,790	4,471,860	4,897,197
Closing net asset value per share (p)	965.07	910.93	, , 782.72
Operating charges	1.57%	1.57%	1.57%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 1 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,666	1,697	4,834
Closing number of shares	178,046	191,980	635,428
Closing net asset value per share (p)	935.91	884.06	760.76
Operating charges	1.71%	1.71%	1.76%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	882,736	863,587	842,884
Closing number of shares	113,409,974	117,999,700	135,077,554
Closing net asset value per share (p)	778.36	731.86	624.00
Operating charges	0.79%	0.80%	0.79%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 2 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	227,285	229,336	250,966
Closing number of shares	113,371,790	121,661,236	155,863,048
Closing net asset value per share (p)	200.48	188.50	161.02
Operating charges	0.79%	0.80%	0.79%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 4 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,328	23,958	231,841
Closing number of shares	20,212,306	19,633,390	224,533,656
Closing net asset value per share (p)	130.26	122.03	103.25
Operating charges	0.06%	0.05%	0.04%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 4 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23,676	25,687	25,925
Closing number of shares	2,417,171	2,789,418	3,296,688
Closing net asset value per share (p)	979.50	920.86	786.40
Operating charges	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)			
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class B - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	126,239	123,299	71,141
Closing number of shares	119,674,139	124,469,003	84,439,538
Closing net asset value per share (p)	105.49	99.06	84.25
Operating charges	0.54%	0.54%	0.54%

### Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	01/06/24 to	01/06/24 to 30/11/24		o 30/11/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income				
Net capital gains		81,471		19,274
Revenue	5,720		7,764	
Expenses	(5,051)		(4,814)	
Interest payable and similar charges		_	-	
Net revenue before taxation	669		2,950	
Taxation	(536)	_	(995)	
Net revenue after taxation		133		1,955
Total return before distributions		81,604		21,229
Distributions		(339)		(1,959)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	81,265	:	19,270

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)					
	01/06/24 to 30/11/24 01/06/2		01/06/23 to	23 to 30/11/23	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,308,299		1,465,923	
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	31,526		63,113		
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(90,584)		(256,222)		
		(59,058)		(193,109)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		81,265		19,270	
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		242		1,459	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,330,748	=	1,293,543	

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)		
	30/11/24 £000	31/05/24 £000
Assets		
Investments	1,302,655	1,299,621
Current assets		
Debtors	3,994	7,191
Cash and bank balances	26,205	8,243
Total assets	1,332,854_	1,315,055
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(81)	(310)
Other creditors	(2,025)	(6,446)
Total liabilities	(2,106)	(6,756)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,330,748	1,308,299

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth, with some income, over the long term (at least 5 years).

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The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% in shares of UK companies. These are companies in any economic sector and of any market capitalisation that may be listed, quoted or traded in the UK or elsewhere but which are incorporated, domiciled or conduct a significant portion of their business in the UK.

As part of its investment process, the Investment Manager integrates environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors into its routine analysis. Through this process, the Investment Manager: (1) avoids investments that are contrary to the goals of making positive contributions to society and/or the environment, taking into account both product based exclusions and conduct based exclusions; (2) invests predominantly in companies that meet high standards in how they operate, based on an assessment of their policies and performance with respect to overall sustainability management; and (3) improves companies by selecting those that, in the Investment Manager's opinion, will benefit from active investor engagement, leading to reduced risk, improved performance, best practices and, overall, long-term investor value.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares of UK companies, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities (including, from time to time at the Investment Manager's discretion, shares of non-UK companies), collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by the ACD), money market instruments, deposits, warrants, cash and near cash.

The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 12 April 2024. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Sonal Sagar Fund size £479.8 million Launch date 1 June 1984

#### Manager's Review

In the UK, equites were supported by easing inflation and interest rate cuts. The headline CPI figure reached the Bank of England's 2% target in May, according to the Office for National Statistics. Expectations of rate cuts and the resulting weaker pound boosted the many overseas earners in the UK equity market. The prospect of an era of political stability following the Labour Party's victory at the general election also lifted sentiment. The Bank of England (BoE) cut interest rates by 25 basis points on the first day of August, as expected. However, while interest rates were cut again in November to 4.75%, the extent of extra borrowing in the Budget led to a decline in the pound and reduced expectations for the pace of UK interest-rate cuts next year. More positively, some tax increases were less steep than had been feared; notably, businesses were cheered by a freeze on corporation tax. The chancellor also announced an increase in public investment to encourage a move towards a more productive economy.

The new Labour government has pledged to boost the UK's sluggish economic growth, although, given promises on taxes, they may cut expenditure initially. Nevertheless, investors are likely to respond well to political stability and, after a tough run for the UK economy, there are grounds for cautious optimism. Inflation is coming down, boosting real incomes and keeping the door open for Bank of England rate cuts. This should result in a reappraisal of UK equities, which are still out of favour despite the surge in M&A activity this year. We expect UK companies to remain attractive targets for overseas and private-equity bids as the intrinsic value of these businesses is much higher than implied by current beaten-down share prices. Indeed, the UK market is deeply discounted relative to its own historical averages and the rest of the world.

#### Activity

Trading was elevated towards the end of the review period to reflect the preferences of the Fund's new manager. Among the additions we made to the portfolio were NatWest Group, BT, Weir and Marks & Spencer. Other top-ups included Reckitt Benckiser, RELX, Compass and Pearson. Key sales included Ascential, Associated British Foods, Severn Trent and JD Sports.

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

(continued)

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

#### **Performance Summary**

The CT Responsible UK Equity Fund returned 1.0% over the six-month period on a gross basis. By comparison, the FTSE All Share Index returned 1.9%.

The portfolio underperformed the benchmark over the six months. This was due to stock selection, which was negative over the period, notably in the consumer discretionary and financials sectors. Individual detractors included Next 15, the tech and data-driven growth consultancy, which was impacted by the non-renewal of a large contract. Shares in Computacenter slipped after the technology services provider experienced more competition in the UK and failed to make a US acquisition. We see scope for margin progression over the medium term and good opportunities for the firm to scale its US operation, organically and via acquisitions. Positive contributor included the holding of Ascential, which received a bid from Informa, after the events industry exceeded pre-Covid levels, as in-person conferences and awards shows bounced back. Baltic Classifieds, which operates across Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, made a positive contribution after growth in premium listings and listings in general, with the group capitalising with price increases. There was a positive contribution from sector allocation as the zero-weighting in energy was positive, as well as a contribution from being underweight in basic materials. This was partially offset by the underweight positions in financials, which detracted.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 13 January 2025

# Portfolio Statement

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

BASIC MATERIALS (2.48%*)	Holdings	Market Value £000 9,944	Total Net Assets % 2.08
Chemicals Treatt	726,324	2,858	0.60
Industrial Metals and Mining Antofagasta	419,430	7,086	1.48
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (13.20%*)		81,444	16.98
Consumer Services Compass	549,131	14,805	3.09
Household Goods and Home Construction Bellway	203,501	5,083	1.06
Media Informa Pearson RELX	623,404 723,733 439,740	5,311 8,927 16,244	1.11 1.86 3.39
Personal Goods Burberry	710,720	6,418	1.34
Retailers Howden Joinery JD Sports Fashion	333,658 4,508,963	2,738 4,669	0.57 0.97
Travel and Leisure Hollywood Bowl InterContinental Hotels Whitbread	1,204,494 84,129 180,508	3,891 8,248 5,110	0.81 1.72 1.06
CONSUMER STAPLES (9.26%*) Food Producers		47,786	9.96
Tate & Lyle	700,304	5,168	1.08
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores Reckitt Benckiser Tesco Unilever	226,658 2,131,573 504,022	10,982 7,821 23,815	2.29 1.63 4.96
FINANCIALS (16.85%*)		100,762	20.98
Banks HSBC Lloyds Banking NatWest Standard Chartered	1,993,268 17,140,542 3,604,428 1,271,483	14,605 9,136 14,378 12,397	3.04 1.90 3.00 2.58
Finance and Credit Services London Stock Exchange Paragon Banking	99,021 827,442	11,155 6,189	2.32 1.29
Investment Banking and Brokerage Services Intermediate Capital JTC Rathbones	532,011 408,178 217,249	11,247 4,139 3,632	2.34 0.86 0.76
Life Insurance Just	3,279,249	4,670	0.97
Legal & General	2,096,565	4,663	0.97

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Non-life Insurance	425 422	4 554	0.05
Hiscox	435,132	4,551	0.95
HEALTH CARE (15.11%*)		52,014	10.85
Medical Equipment and Services ConvaTec	2,042,405	4,845	1.01
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology			
AstraZeneca	285,894 155,735	30,288	6.31
Genus GSK	155,725 748,149	2,672 10,006	0.56 2.09
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	216,890	4,203	0.88
INDUSTRIALS (28.07%*)	,	120,968	25.20
Construction and Materials		0,000	
Breedon	1,465,331	6,792	1.41
CRH	138,380	11,134	2.32
Genuit	1,266,093	5,121	1.07
lbstock	2,974,412	5,610	1.17
Kier	5,127,675	7,579	1.58
Electronic and Electrical Equipment	255.620	4.62.4	
IMI Details	255,620	4,634	0.97
Rotork	1,289,952	4,288	0.89
General Industrials Mondi	265,878	3,164	0.66
Smurfit WestRock	212,855	9,104	1.90
Industrial Engineering	212,033	3,101	1.50
Weir	342,778	7,562	1.58
Industrial Support Services	,	,	
Experian	396,039	14,772	3.08
Ferguson Enterprises	61,361	10,327	2.15
Pagegroup	918,594	3,334	0.69
Rentokil Initial	1,954,468	7,673	1.60
RS	679,600	4,869	1.01
RWS	1,669,896	2,565	0.53
Industrial Transportation Ashtead	197,960	12,440	2.59
REAL ESTATE (2.79%*)		9,971	2.08
Real Estate Investment Trusts			
Segro	677,136	5,305	1.11
Workspace	828,815	4,666	0.97
TECHNOLOGY (5.39%*)		17,963	3.75
Software and Computer Services			
Auction Technology	820,363	4,307	0.90
Baltic Classifieds	2,371,824	8,194	1.71
Computacenter	245,588	5,462	1.14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (1.32%*)		10,107	2.11
<b>Telecommunications Service Providers</b> BT	6,348,520	10,107	2.11

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

UTILITIES (4.43%*)	Holdings	Market Value £000 23,724	Total Net Assets % 4.94
		25,724	7.57
<b>Electricity</b> SSE	508,909	9,036	1.88
Gas, Water and Multi-utilities			
National Grid	1,476,185	14,688	3.06
Portfolio of investments		474,683	98.93
Net other assets		5,113	1.07
Total net assets		479,796	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 May 2024.

# **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
HSBC	13,322	Ascential	6,728
NatWest	13,107	Tyman	6,560
BT	9,254	Lloyds Banking	6,478
Weir	7,450	Severn Trent	6,071
Burberry	6,287	Telecom Plus	6,066
Whitbread	6,116	OSB	5,990
Ibstock	5,897	Associated British Foods	5,840
Reckitt Benckiser	5,702	Legal & General	5,317
Workspace	5,358	Dalata Hotel	4,738
Just	5,073	Warehouse REIT #	4,672

<sup>#</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust.

# Comparative Tables as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)			
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 1 - Accumulation	50/11/24	31/03/24	31103/23
Closing net asset value (£'000)	50,344	53,648	54,910
Closing number of shares	2,833,517	3,028,113	3,429,443
Closing net asset value per share (p)	1,776.73	1,771.67	1,601.13
Operating charges	1.65%	1.66%	1.66%
oporating analysis			
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 1 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,534	4,642	5,472
Closing number of shares	193,478	353,398	452,948
Closing net asset value per share (p)	1,309.62	1,313.67	1,207.93
Operating charges	1.62%	1.62%	1.67%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	208,944	239,499	249,749
Closing number of shares	45,349,558	52,348,263	60,913,082
Closing net asset value per share (p)	460.74	457.51	410.01
Operating charges	0.81%	0.82%	0.80%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 2 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40,571	43,326	41,880
Closing number of shares	40,813,631	43,450,666	45,685,789
Closing net asset value per share (p)	99.41	99.71	91.67
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.84%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 3 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	179	178	159
Closing number of shares	70,637	70,637	70,637
Closing net asset value per share (p)	253.99	251.63	225.61
Operating charges	0.50%	0.86%	1.38%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 4 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	-
Closing number of shares	200	200	200
Closing net asset value per share (p)	277.05	274.06	243.72
Operating charges	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Net asset value of Share Class 4 Accumulation as at 31 May 2023 was le	ss than £500.		

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)			
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 4 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,484	19,273	19,752
Closing number of shares	1,327,387	1,458,691	1,626,405
Closing net asset value per share (p)	1,317.16	1,321.25	1,214.47
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.08%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class B - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,662	16,926	61,046
Closing number of shares	9,692,416	4,914,467	19,827,502
Closing net asset value per share (p)	347.30	344.42	307.88
Operating charges	0.56%	0.56%	0.54%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class L - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	126,077	129,219	124,250
Closing number of shares	182,060,172	187,811,871	201,305,122
Closing net asset value per share (p)	69.25	68.80	61.72
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%

### Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	01/06/24 to	01/06/24 to 30/11/24		30/11/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income				
Net capital losses		(1,998)		(18,648)
Revenue	7,058		9,604	
Expenses	(2,233)		(2,345)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)	_	(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,824		7,256	
Taxation	(7)	_	(16)	
Net revenue after taxation	_	4,817	_	7,240
Total return before distributions		2,819		(11,408)
Distributions	_	(4,817)	<u>-</u>	(7,245)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	=	(1,998)	=	(18,653)

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)				
,	01/06/24 to 30/11/24		01/06/23 to 3	30/11/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		506,712		557,218
Assets transferred from other sub-funds*		41		-
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	35,396		9,470	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(64,351)		(48,865)	
		(28,955)		(39,395)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,998)		(18,653)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,994		5,982
Unclaimed distributions		2		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		479,796		505,152

<sup>\*</sup>Relating to the transfer of assets from the CT Select UK Equity Fund.

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)		_
	30/11/24 £000	31/05/24 £000
Assets		
Investments	474,683	501,141
Current assets		
Debtors	1,289	5,229
Cash and bank balances	5,437	2,527
Total assets	481,409	508,897
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(662)	(820)
Other creditors	(951)	(1,365)
Total liabilities	(1,613)	(2,185)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	479,796	506,712

### Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

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The Fund may also invest in investment grade, Sterling denominated corporate bonds.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares of UK companies or corporate bonds, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities (including, from time to time at the Investment Manager's discretion shares of non-UK companies), collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by the ACD), money market instruments, deposits, warrants, cash and near cash.

The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 12 April 2024. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Sonal Sagar
Fund size £308.6 million
Launch date 13 October 1987

#### Manager's Review

In the UK, equites were supported by easing inflation and interest rate cuts. The headline CPI figure reached the Bank of England's 2% target in May, according to the Office for National Statistics. Expectations of rate cuts and the resulting weaker pound boosted the many overseas earners in the UK equity market. The prospect of an era of political stability following the Labour Party's victory at the general election also lifted sentiment. The Bank of England (BoE) cut interest rates by 25 basis points on the first day of August, as expected. However, while interest rates were cut again in November to 4.75%, the extent of extra borrowing in the Budget led to a decline in the pound and reduced expectations for the pace of UK interest-rate cuts next year. More positively, some tax increases were less steep than had been feared; notably, businesses were cheered by a freeze on corporation tax. The chancellor also announced an increase in public investment to encourage a move towards a more productive economy.

The new Labour government has pledged to boost the UK's sluggish economic growth, although, given promises on taxes, they may cut expenditure initially. Nevertheless, investors are likely to respond well to political stability and, after a tough run for the UK economy, there are grounds for cautious optimism. Inflation is coming down, boosting real incomes and keeping the door open for Bank of England rate cuts. This should result in a reappraisal of UK equities, which are still out of favour despite the surge in M&A activity this year. We expect UK companies to remain attractive targets for overseas and private-equity bids as the intrinsic value of these businesses is much higher than implied by current beaten-down share prices. Indeed, the UK market is deeply discounted relative to its own historical averages and the rest of the world.

#### Activity

Trading was elevated towards the end of the review period to reflect the preferences of the Fund's new manager. Among the additions we made to the portfolio were BT, Ashtead, Pearson and Weir. Other top-ups included HSBC, RELX, Compass and NatWest. Key sales included Telecom Plus, Severn Trent, Sirius Real Estate and Vodafone.

### Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

(continued)

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

#### **Performance Summary**

The CT Responsible UK Income Fund returned 1.9% over the six-month period on a gross basis. By comparison, the FTSE All Share Index returned 1.9%.

The portfolio fractionally underperformed the benchmark over the period. Stock selection was the main detractor, mainly in the technology and financials sectors, partially offset by positive stock selection in industrials and real estate. The largest single detractor was the holding of Computacenter, where the shares slipped after the technology services provider experienced more competition in the UK and failed to make a US acquisition. We see scope for margin progression over the medium term and good opportunities for the firm to scale its US operation, both organically and via acquisitions. Among the positive contributors was Keller, the geotechnical engineering contractor, which benefitted from a strong order book and recent contract wins globally. Sector allocation was a positive factor, with contributions from the zero-weight in energy and an underweight in the basic materials sector.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 13 January 2025

# Portfolio Statement

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
BASIC MATERIALS (2.54%*)		6,591	2.13
Chemicals Victrex	235,347	2,048	0.66
Industrial Metals and Mining Antofagasta	268,923	4,543	1.47
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (9.87%*)		51,870	16.83
Consumer Services Compass	316,894	8,543	2.77
Household Goods and Home Construction Bellway	163,832	4,093	1.33
<b>Media</b> Informa	423,362	3,607	1.17
Pearson RELX	419,160 268,170	5,170 9,906	1.68 3.21
Personal Goods Burberry	427,533	3,861	1.25
Retailers Dunelm Howden Joinery Pets at Home	209,616 205,365 958,492	2,398 1,685 2,251	0.78 0.55 0.73
Travel and Leisure Hollywood Bowl InterContinental Hotels Whitbread	962,212 45,261 99,277	3,108 4,437 2,811	1.01 1.44 0.91
CONSUMER STAPLES (9.96%*)		34,340	11.13
Food Producers Hilton Food Tate & Lyle	242,743 421,651	2,214 3,112	0.72 1.01
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores Reckitt Benckiser Tesco	136,714 1,415,237	6,624 5,192	2.15 1.68
Unilever	363,978	17,198	5.57
FINANCIALS (18.32%*)		65,680	21.28
Banks HSBC Lloyds Banking NatWest	1,770,293 10,662,165 2,405,563	12,971 5,683 9,596	4.20 1.84 3.11
Finance and Credit Services London Stock Exchange Paragon Banking	49,469 558,199	5,573 4,175	1.81 1.35
Investment Banking and Brokerage Services Foresight Intermediate Capital Rathbones XPS Pensions	590,563 326,884 130,755 1,033,716	2,498 6,910 2,186 3,721	0.81 2.24 0.71 1.21

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Life Insurance Legal & General Phoenix	2,988,221 1,108,722	6,646 5,721	2.15 1.85
HEALTH CARE (13.41%*)		31,488	10.20
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology			
AstraZeneca	188,202	19,938	6.46
GSK	659,812	8,825	2.86
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	140,598	2,725	0.88
INDUSTRIALS (24.64%*)		77,389	25.07
Construction and Materials CRH	69,612	5,601	1.81
Genuit	150,000	607	0.20
Ibstock	1,818,880	3,430	1.11
Keller	293,528	4,409	1.43
Kier	2,552,182	3,772	1.22
Stelrad	1,052,487	1,400	0.45
Electronic and Electrical Equipment	452.260	2 704	0.00
IMI Lucasa	153,369 455,770	2,781 585	0.90 0.19
Luceco Rotork	888,070	2,952	0.19
General Industrials	000,070	2,332	0.50
Mondi	223,794	2,663	0.86
Smurfit WestRock	147,013	6,288	2.04
Industrial Engineering Weir	206,750	4,561	1.48
Industrial Support Services			
Experian	239,089	8,918	2.89
Ferguson Enterprises	34,893	5,872	1.90
Pagegroup	576,356	2,092	0.68
PayPoint Rentokil Initial	430,624	3,565 4,082	1.16
RS	1,039,701 376,099	4,082 2,695	1.32 0.87
RWS	984,562	1,512	0.49
Speedy Hire	6,167,759	1,918	0.62
Industrial Transportation Ashtead	122,307	7,686	2.49
REAL ESTATE (3.18%*)		6,824	2.20
Real Estate Investment Trusts		-,	
PRS REIT	2,351,908	2,451	0.79
Segro	170,495	1,336	0.43
Warehouse REIT	1,030,376	865	0.28
Workspace	385,728	2,172	0.70
TECHNOLOGY (2.86%*)		6,232	2.02
Software and Computer Services			
Computacenter	154,527	3,436	1.11
MONY	1,417,701	2,796	0.91

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Holdings or Nominal Values	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (2.62%*)		6,350	2.06
Telecommunications Service Providers BT	3,988,612	6,350	2.06
UTILITIES (6.27%*)		18,267	5.92
Electricity SSE	398,562	7,076	2.29
Gas, Water and Multi-utilities National Grid	1,124,688	11,191	3.63
EURO DENOMINATED BONDS (1.14%*)		-	-
STERLING DENOMINATED BONDS (2.26%*)		83	0.03
Corporate Bonds Thames Water Utilities Finance 7.75% 30/04/2044	GBP100,000	83	0.03
US DOLLAR DENOMINATED BONDS (0.11%*)		-	-
DERIVATIVES (0.03%*)		(29)	-
Forward Currency Contracts			
Euro  Bought EUR2,700,000 for GBP2,252,007 Settlement 13/12/2024  Bought EUR2,775,257 for GBP2,314,945 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold EUR1,325,914 for GBP1,100,131 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold EUR1,353,811 for GBP1,123,454 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold EUR1,388,975 for GBP1,153,011 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold EUR1,406,557 for GBP1,167,583 Settlement 13/12/2024		(5) (6) (3) (3) (3) (3)	- - - -
US Dollar  Bought USD675,862 for GBP533,373 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold USD224,955 for GBP175,442 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold USD225,453 for GBP175,866 Settlement 13/12/2024  Sold USD225,454 for GBP175,947 Settlement 13/12/2024		(1) (1) (2) (2)	- - -
Portfolio of investments^		305,085	98.87
Net other assets		3,478	1.13
Total net assets	_	308,563	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 May 2024.

<sup>^</sup> Including derivative liabilities.

# **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	Cost	P	roceeds
Major purchases	:000 Major s	ales	£000
HSBC 12,	199 Tyman		5,732
Ashtead 7,	471 Severn	Trent	5,498
BT 5,	814 Telecon	ı Plus	5,458
London Stock Exchange 5,	390 Lloyds E	3anking	5,166
Pearson 4,	589 Keller		4,847
Weir 4,	494 Sirius R	eal Estate #	4,679
RELX 4,	383 OSB		3,893
Rentokil Initial 4,	082 Haleon		3,739
Burberry 3,	782 AstraZe	neca	3,508
Whitbread 3,	744 DCC		3,390

<sup>#</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust.

# Comparative Tables as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)			
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 1 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,260	26,522	26,584
Closing number of shares	7,643,583	8,118,183	9,273,948
Closing net asset value per share (p)	330.48	326.70	286.65
Operating charges	1.67%	1.68%	1.65%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 1 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,071	3,226	4,555
Closing number of shares	2,204,244	2,309,786	3,564,332
Closing net asset value per share (p)	139.33	139.67	127.81
Operating charges	1.64%	1.64%	1.72%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	152,598	174,211	217,341
Closing number of shares	134,521,719	156,015,755	223,785,355
Closing net asset value per share (p)	113.44	111.66	97.12
Operating charges	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
	30/11/24	31/05/24	31/05/23
Share Class 2 - Income			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	127,634	145,735	158,012
Closing number of shares	66,643,982	76,514,603	91,427,249
Closing net asset value per share (p)	191.52	190.47	172.83
Operating charges	0.82%	0.82%	0.81%

### Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)

	01/06/24 to 30	01/06/24 to 30/11/24		30/11/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		392		(7,856)
Revenue	6,762		9,605	
Expenses	(1,472)		(1,682)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(7)	_	-	
Net revenue before taxation	5,283		7,923	
Taxation	(4)	_	(10)	
Net revenue after taxation		5,279	_	7,913
Total return before distribution		5,671		57
Distribution		(4,480)	_	(6,306)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,191	=	(6,249)

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 November 2024 (unaudited)				
•	01/06/24 to 30/1	1/24	01/06/23 to 3	80/11/23
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	3	349,694		406,492
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	3,628		5,574	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(48,694)		(43,880)	
		(45,066)		(38,306)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,191		(6,249)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,740		4,079
Unclaimed distributions		4	_	1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	3	308,563	_	366,017

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# Balance Sheet

as at 30 November 2024 (unaudited)		_
	30/11/24 £000	31/05/24 £000
Assets		
Investments	305,114	339,963
Current assets		
Debtors	1,305	2,363
Cash and bank balances	3,830	12,326
Total assets	310,249	354,652
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(29)	(30)
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(10)	(35)
Distribution payable	(688)	(3,785)
Other creditors	(959)	(1,108)
Total liabilities	(1,686)	(4,958)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	308,563	349,694