

Media Release

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE EXPANDS UK AND EUROPEAN EQUITIES TEAMS WITH TWO NEW ANALYSTS

LONDON, 15 JUNE 2021: Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, has expanded its UK and European Equities investment teams with the appointments of Kunal Kothari as UK Equity Analyst and Jamie Lewis as European Equity Analyst.

Kunal Kothari brings over 14 years' experience as an equity research analyst. In his new role he will join the 15-person UK equities team as a generalist and support investment decisions across the desk. Kunal joins from Merian Global Investors where he spent eight years researching UK companies across various sectors. Kunal will report to Chris Kinder, portfolio manager of higher alpha UK equities strategies.

Jamie Lewis joins from Fidelity International and brings seven years' experience as an equity research analyst, most recently covering European smaller companies as a generalist. At Columbia Threadneedle Jamie will be one of the dedicated analysts for the award-winning European Smaller Companies strategies and will work closely with portfolio managers Philip Dicken and Mine Tezgul.

'Research Intensity' is a key pillar of Columbia Threadneedle's investment approach and the company has 160 investment analysts* and research associates globally working collaboratively across all major asset classes to produce original, independent research and generate investment ideas for portfolio managers.

William Davies, CIO EMEA and Global Head of Equities, commented: "As an active asset manager, research intensity underpins our investment approach. We manage £39bn/EUR45.9bn* for our clients in UK and European equities and Kunal and Jamie bring with them experience and deep knowledge of investing in these markets.

Our culture of collaboration across the investment team, combined with our focus on research intensity, allows us to uncover new opportunities and generate consistent performance for clients over the long term.”

*As at 31/03/2021

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About Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a leading global asset manager that provides a broad range of actively managed investment strategies and solutions for individual, institutional and corporate clients around the world.

With more than 2000 people including over 450 investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia, we manage £409bn / €480bn / US\$564bn of assets across developed and emerging market equities, fixed income, asset allocation solutions and alternatives.

Our priority is the investment success of our clients. We know investors want strong and repeatable risk-adjusted returns and we aim to deliver this through an active and consistent investment approach that is team-based, risk-aware and performance-driven. Our investment teams around the world work together to uncover investment insights. By sharing knowledge across asset classes and geographies we generate richer perspectives on global, regional and local investment landscapes. The ability to exchange and debate investment ideas in a collaborative environment enriches our teams' investment processes to ensure the best insights are applied to portfolios. More importantly it results in better informed decisions for our clients.

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¹ Source: Ameriprise Financial Q1 2021 earnings release.

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