

## Media Release

### **COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS AWARDED GLOBAL INVESTMENT GRADE CREDIT MANDATE BY ST. JAMES'S PLACE**

**LONDON, 29 September 2021:** Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management company, has been appointed by St. James's Place to manage a new £1.7 billion Global Investment Grade Credit mandate. This mandate will be managed by Alasdair Ross, Head of Investment Grade Credit, EMEA and Ryan Staszewski, Senior Portfolio Manager, Investment Grade Credit.

St. James's Place is a leading UK wealth management organisation, founded in 1991. The company advises on £129 billion of assets for clients in the UK based on their individual needs and circumstances.

**Michaela Collet-Jackson, Head of Distribution, EMEA at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, said:**

"We have a long-standing relationship with St. James's Place and we are very honoured to be able to grow this relationship further. Alasdair Ross is an award winning portfolio manager<sup>1</sup>, with a track record of delivering strong risk adjusted returns for clients through issuer and security selection and we are excited to manage the global investment grade credit allocations for St. James's Place clients. We have seen an increase in demand for our credit capabilities, as investors recognise the benefits of a research-driven, active approach in finding opportunities in fixed income.

"We are looking forward to continuing to support St. James's Place as they help their clients achieve their financial goals."

Columbia Threadneedle has managed funds for St. James's Place across a range of asset classes since 2014. This currently includes a £7.9 billion Strategic Managed mandate as well as a £760 million UK Equity mandate (as at 31 July 2021).

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<sup>1</sup> Alasdair Ross won Best Fund Manager in the category 'Bonds – Euro Corporates' at the Citywire UK Best UK Fund Manager Awards, July 2021. [Citywire UK Awards 2021: All the fund manager winners - Citywire](#)

Columbia Threadneedle has a strong credit heritage with more than \$200bn of assets under management in global fixed income, 150 fixed income investment professionals and 39 four and five-star Fixed Income Morningstar rated funds globally.

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**Notes to Editors**

**Alasdair Ross**

Alasdair Ross is Head of Investment Grade Credit, EMEA, with responsibility for our UK and European investment grade corporate credit teams based in London. Alasdair is lead portfolio manager across various global, euro and UK corporate credit portfolios including Threadneedle (Lux) Global Corporate Bond Fund, Threadneedle European Corporate Bond Fund, Threadneedle UK Corporate Bond Fund and is also deputy portfolio manager on the Threadneedle Credit Opportunities Fund.

Alasdair's investment background is as a fundamental, bottom-up, investment grade credit analyst. Between joining the company in 2003 and becoming a portfolio manager in 2007, he had responsibility for covering the TMT, utility and energy sectors, as well as the sterling whole business securitisation sector. Prior to joining the company, Alasdair worked at BP plc in a rotation of commercial roles.

Alasdair has a first class honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from the University of Oxford. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

**Company start date:** 2003

**Industry start date:** 2003

**Ryan Staszewski**

Ryan Staszewski is a senior portfolio manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments with responsibility for European and global credit portfolios within the fixed income team in London.

Prior to joining the company in 2012, Ryan held roles as a credit analyst at JP Morgan and Aviva Investors.

He received a degree in Economics and Finance from Curtin University, Western Australia, and also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

**Company start date:** 2012

**Industry start date:** 2002

**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 £430bn / €500bn / US\$593bn<sup>1</sup> 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.

Columbia Threadneedle Investments is the global asset management group of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (NYSE:AMP), a leading US-based financial services provider. As part of Ameriprise, we are supported by a large and well-capitalised diversified financial services firm.

Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments as at 30 June 2021

<sup>1</sup> Source: Ameriprise Financial Q2 2021 earnings release.

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