

Media Release

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN JAPAN

Yoshihisa Kojima named as Representative Director and CEO, Head of Japan

TOKYO, 1 OCTOBER 2021: Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, announces that it has successfully completed registration for an Investment Advisory and Agency Business license in Japan and will commence business on 1 October 2021.

Columbia Threadneedle's Tokyo office will serve existing institutional clients and partners in Japan and will allow Columbia Threadneedle to develop new relationships. The decision reflects Columbia Threadneedle's commitment to continue its international development and is in response to demand for its capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region. Yoshihisa Kojima, who has been with Columbia Threadneedle for 10 years servicing clients in the region, will be Representative Director and CEO, Head of Japan.

Yoshihisa Kojima, Representative Director and CEO, Head of Japan at Columbia Threadneedle Investments said: "We see Japan as a key growth market and opening a Tokyo office signals a long-term commitment to our clients in Japan. It is one of the largest and most important markets in Asia Pacific¹. Columbia Threadneedle Investments has a long history of managing institutional client assets in Japan and this is an important step in helping us to better serve our partners and clients. We are grateful to the Tokyo Metropolitan Office and The Financial Market Entry Office for helping us understand the local market requirements. This made the application and set-up process a smooth experience, despite COVID-19 related disruptions. We are confident that our investment management capabilities are well-positioned to meet the demanding requirements of the Japanese market."

Jon Allen, Head of Asia Pacific at Columbia Threadneedle Investments said: "We are very pleased to be opening an office in Tokyo and establishing a more permanent presence in Japan. As a

¹ Cerulli Associates Report, "Asset Management in Asia", August 2021

leading global asset manager with a strong presence in the Asia-Pacific region, we are committed to serving the needs of our existing and new Japanese clients. This is an important step for the firm.”

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Notes to Editors

Yoshihisa Kojima has over 20 years' experience in the asset management industry in Japan. He joined Columbia Threadneedle Investments in 2011 and is responsible for business development and client services in the Japan region. In addition, he is the Representative Director and has management responsibilities for the Japan office, which includes institutional and wholesale distributions, as well as client services for the region. Previously, he was vice president, fund marketing, at Goldman Sachs Asset Management in Tokyo, Japan. In this role Mr. Kojima managed the distribution of fixed-income and quantitative products in the Japanese retail market. In addition to building this business, he supervised the company's fund marketing team.

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 US\$593bn² 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

² Source: Ameriprise Financial Q2 2021 earnings release.

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