# KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## CT STERLING SHORT-DATED CORPORATE BOND FUND (THE "FUND")

**Class 2 Income Shares (GBP) GB00BD8GMB57, a sub-fund of Columbia Threadneedle Specialist Funds (UK) ICVC (the "Company"), regulated by the FCA.**

**This sub-fund is managed by Threadneedle Investment Services Limited (the "Management Company"), (part of the Columbia Threadneedle Investments group of companies).**

### Objectives and Investment Policy

- The Fund aims to provide income with the prospect of some investment growth over the long term (5 years, or more). It also looks to outperform the iBoxx GBP Corporates 1-5 Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges.
- The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade corporate bonds that will mature in 5 years or less.
- The Fund may also invest in other bonds (including below investment grade corporate bonds, and government bonds) when considered appropriate to achieve its investment objective.
- The bonds selected are denominated in sterling (or hedged back to sterling if a different currency) and issued by companies anywhere in the world.
- The Index is broadly representative of the bonds in which the Fund invests and provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be measured and evaluated over time.
- The Investment Manager also seeks to create a portfolio that compares favourably against the Index over rolling 12-month periods, when assessed using the Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality Rating model.
- This model (developed and owned by Columbia Threadneedle Investments) analyses company data to assess how effectively material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities are being managed.
- Provided sufficient data is available, the results are combined and expressed as a numerical ESG Materiality rating to indicate how much exposure a company has to material ESG risks and opportunities in a particular industry.
- Whilst the Fund may still invest in bonds issued by companies that have poor ESG Materiality ratings, at least 50% of the portfolio is invested in bonds issued by companies with strong ratings.
- In line with its engagement policy, the Investment Manager engages with companies with a view to influencing management teams to address material ESG risks and improve their ESG practices ranging from climate change to board independence and diversity.
- The Fund only invests in bonds issued by companies that follow good governance practices. It does not invest in bonds issued by companies which derive revenue from industries or activities above the thresholds shown: tobacco production (5%); nuclear weapons – indirect involvement (5%), and thermal coal – extraction or power generation (30%).
- The Fund also excludes companies that have a direct involvement in nuclear weapons, controversial weapons, and companies that the Investment Manager determines to have breached international standards and principles.
- The Fund is permitted to invest in other securities, as well as collective investment schemes (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies), and hold money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.
- The Fund is not permitted to invest in derivatives for investment purposes, but derivatives may be used with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.
- Any income the Fund generates will be paid to you, unless you have chosen to have it reinvested.
- You can buy or sell shares in the Fund on any day that is a business day in London. You can find more detail on the investment objective and policy of the Fund in the Prospectus. For more information on investment terms used in this document, please see the Glossary available at columbiathreadneedle.com.
- Recommendation: this fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

### Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Lower Risk, Typically lower rewards — Higher Risk, Typically higher rewards

- The Fund is rated 3 because historically it has shown a medium to low level of volatility (how much the value of the Fund goes up and down).
- The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.
- The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.
- Where investments are in assets that are denominated in multiple currencies, or currencies other than your own, changes in exchange rates may affect the value of the investments.
- The Fund invests in securities whose value would be significantly affected if the issuer refused, was unable to or was perceived to be unable to pay.
- The Fund holds assets which could prove difficult to sell. The Fund may have to lower the selling price, sell other investments or forego more appealing investment opportunities.
- Changes in interest rates are likely to affect the Fund's value. In general, as interest rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa.
- The Fund may invest in derivatives (complex instruments linked to the rise and fall of the value of other assets) with the aim of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions. Such derivative transactions may benefit or negatively affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager does not intend that such use of derivatives will affect the overall risk profile of the Fund.
- The Fund applies a range of measures as part of its consideration of ESG factors, including the exclusion of investments involved in certain industries and/or activities. This reduces the investable universe, and may impact the performance of the Fund positively or negatively relative to a benchmark or other funds without such restrictions.
- The risks currently identified as applying to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

| One-off charges taken before or after you invest | |
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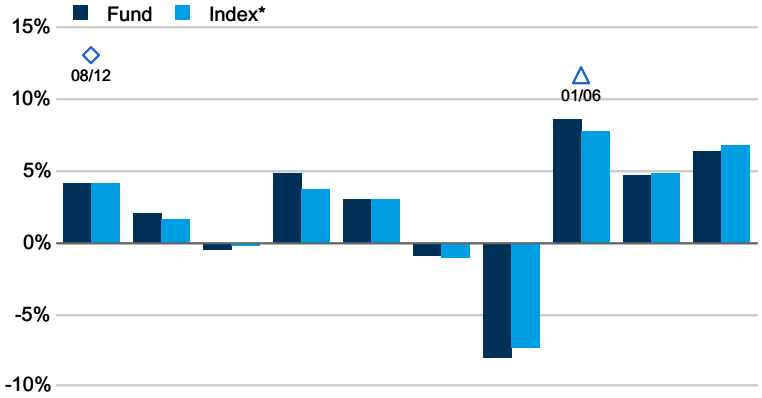
| Entry Charge: | 0.00% |
| Exit Charge: | 0.00% |
| These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this. | |
| **Charges taken from the fund over a year** | |
| Ongoing Charges: | 0.49% |
| **Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions** | |
| Performance Fee: | NONE |

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ending 30/04/25. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).

For more information about charges please see the Fund's prospectus.

## Past Performance




| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund | 4.2 | 2.1 | -0.5 | 4.9 | 3.1 | -0.8 | -8.0 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 6.4 |
| Index* | 4.2 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 3.1 | -1.0 | -7.3 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 6.9 |

Source: Morningstar

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.
Fund launch date: 09/12/2016
Share/unit class launch date: 09/12/2016
Performance is calculated in GBP.
All charges and fees, except any entry, exit and switching charge, have been included within the performance.
This chart shows how much the Fund increased or decreased in value as a percentage each year.
◇ Past performance before share class launch date includes data for another share / unit class or fund with similar characteristics.
△ Before this date the Fund had different characteristics.
Please refer to www.columbiathreadneedle.com for further details.
*iBoxx GBP Corporates 1-5
The benchmark of the Fund changed to the iBoxx GBP Corporates 1-5, on 1 June 2023.

## Practical Information

- Depositary: State Street Trustees Limited.
- You can obtain further information regarding the Fund, the Company, its Prospectus (in English only), latest annual reports and any subsequent half-yearly reports (in English only) free of charge from the Management Company. You can obtain other practical information, including current share prices, at columbiathreadneedle.com.
- Details of the remuneration policy, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the persons responsible for awarding them (including the composition of the remuneration committee), are available at columbiathreadneedle.com. A paper copy is available free of charge upon request.
- The tax legislation of the United Kingdom may have an impact on your personal tax position.
- Threadneedle Investment Services Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the UK-UCITS.
- This document describes a single fund of the Company. The Prospectus and reports are prepared for the entire Company.
- The assets of the Fund are segregated by law and cannot be used to pay the liabilities of other funds of the Company.
- You may exchange your shares for shares of other funds of the Company, if available. Details can be found in the section of the Prospectus with the heading "Switching/Converting". This share class is representing other classes of the Fund, details of which can be found in the Prospectus or at columbiathreadneedle.com.

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