### CT STRATEGIC BOND FUND CLASS Z INC GBP (ISIN:GB00B882QB67)

PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS - AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024



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# Key Facts Fund Manager:



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Management Co: Umbrella Fund: Threadneedle Inv. Services Ltd. Columbia Threadneedle Investment Funds (UK) ICVC

Fund Inception Date: 05/11/01

Target Benchmark:

Comparator 1: IA £ Strategic Bond

(Peer Group) Comparator 2:

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(Index)

Fund Currency: GBP

Fund Domicile: United Kingdom EX-Dividend Date: Monthly Pay Date: Monthly Portfolio Size: £166.9m No. of Securities: 285 Share Class Price: 0.9377 Distribution Yield: 4.1% 3.5% Underlying Yield:

### Ratings/Awards

All information expressed in GBP





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### **Investment Objective & Policy**

The Fund aims to provide income with the prospect of some investment growth over the long term (5 years or more).

The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in bonds denominated in sterling (GBP) or euro (EUR). In addition to GBP or EUR denominated bonds, the Fund may invest in bonds priced in other currencies, however all non-sterling bonds are usually hedged back to sterling.

The Fund follows a strategic investment approach, allowing for changes to allocation between investment grade and below investment grade corporate bonds, as well as investment in government bonds and bonds issued by international organisations. This approach aims to position the Fund to take advantage of those areas of the bond market that are considered to offer the best return potential.

The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for investment purposes. This includes allowing the Fund to profit from the fall in the price of an asset (shorting), as well as extending market exposure beyond the value of its assets (leverage). In addition, derivatives may be used with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Derivatives are sophisticated investment instruments linked to the rise and fall of the price of other assets.

The Fund may also invest in other assets such as cash and deposits, and hold other funds (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies) when deemed appropriate.

### Key Risks

- 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 may enter into financial transactions with selected counterparties. Any financial difficulties arising at these counterparties could significantly affect the availability and the value of Fund assets.
- 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's assets may sometimes be difficult to value objectively and the actual value may not be recognised until assets are sold
- The Fund may invest materially in derivatives (complex instruments linked to the rise and fall of the value of other assets). A relatively small change in the value of the underlying investment may have a much larger positive or negative impact on the value of the derivative.
- Leverage occurs when economic exposure through derivatives is greater than the amount invested. Such exposure, and the use of short selling techniques, may lead to the Fund suffering losses in excess of the amount it initially invested.
- The fund may exhibit significant price volatility.
- The risks currently identified as applying to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

### **Investment Approach**

The Strategic Bond Fund is designed to provide a competitive level of income and return from fixed income investments. It's flexible approach allows active asset allocation across both the investment grade and high yield areas of the market, drawing on the best ideas across fixed income. Return is derived from both bottom up credit selection, as well as asset allocation and active management of the duration position to manage interest rate sensitivity, with derivatives used for both hedging and investment purposes.

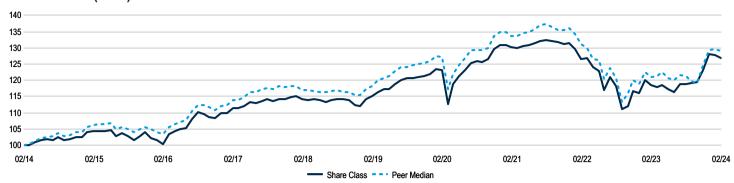
Income is paid to investors on a monthly basis, and the strategy is managed to reduce downside risk to capital.

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### **Performance**

Past Performance does not predict future returns. The return of your investment may change as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation.

### 10 Years NAV (GBP)



### Calendar Year Performance (GBP)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Share Class (Net)	10.5	-11.8	0.6	7.3	8.7	-2.3	4.5	7.5	-0.1	3.8
Peer Median (Net)	8.4	-11.3	1.0	6.3	8.9	-2.1	5.6	6.9	0.2	6.0
Peer Percentile	17%	55%	56%	39%	58%	61%	65%	42%	57%	76%
Peer Quartile	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	4
Fund (Gross)	11.4	-11.1	1.3	7.8	9.5	-1.6	5.5	9.3	1.6	5.6
Index (Gross)	10.2	-10.8	0.5	4.3	8.4	-1.2	4.8	8.3	1.4	6.3

### **Annualised Performance (GBP)**

	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR
Share Class (Net)	-0.7	2.9	6.6	-1.1	6.9	0.1	-0.9	1.9	2.4
Peer Median (Net)	-0.5	3.0	5.6	-0.5	6.4	0.1	-0.9	1.7	2.6
Peer Percentile	68%	64%	27%	69%	32%	49%	50%	41%	57%
Peer Quartile	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	3
Fund (Gross)	-0.6	3.6	7.4	-0.6	8.2	1.1	0.0	2.8	3.5
Index (Gross)	-0.1	3.1	6.4	0.1	8.0	0.9	-0.2	1.8	2.9

### 12M Rolling Period (GBP)

	03/23 - 02/24	03/22 - 02/23	03/21 - 02/22	03/20 - 02/21	03/19 - 02/20	03/18 - 02/19	03/17 - 02/18	03/16 - 02/17	03/15 - 02/16	03/14 - 02/15
Share Class (Net)	6.9	-6.3	-3.0	5.9	7.0	0.8	2.4	11.2	-4.0	4.4
Peer Median (Net)	6.4	-6.3	-2.1	4.1	8.0	0.8	2.9	10.3	-3.2	6.1
Peer Percentile	32%	51%	75%	29%	69%	47%	63%	34%	64%	76%
Peer Quartile	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	4
Fund (Gross)	8.2	-5.5	-2.1	6.3	7.9	1.5	3.2	13.0	-2.1	6.1
Index (Gross)	8.0	-5.7	-2.4	3.6	6.1	1.8	2.5	10.1	-0.6	6.3

Source Morningstar UK Limited © 2024 as at 29/02/24. Net Fund returns - based on the bid-to-bid and assuming income is reinvested including ongoing charges excluding entry and exit charges.

Index returns include capital gains and assume reinvestment of any income. The index does not include fees or charges and you cannot invest directly in it.

The Investment Association (IA) is the trade body representing the UK investment management industry.

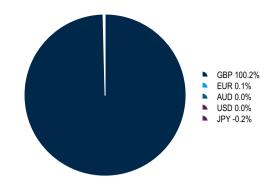
\*Comparator 2:ICE BofA GBP Non-Gilts 1-10 Years (60%), ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Excluding Subordinated Financials Constrained (Hedged to Sterling) (40%)

Gross Fund returns - Source Columbia Threadneedle as at 29/02/24. Gross of fee portfolio returns are time-weighted rates of return net of commissions, transaction costs and non-reclaimable taxes on dividends, interest, and capital gains using pricing of investments which is either the last traded price or a bid basis. Cash flows are factored as of the end of the day and exclude entry and exit charges.

## Top 10 Holdings (%)

Security Name	Fund	Index	
Kfw 0.875% 15-sep-2026	4.3	0.2	AAA
Kfw 0.75% 07-dec-2027	4.0	0.1	AAA
Gov Of UK 1.0% 22-apr-2024	2.4	0.0	AA
Gov Of UK 4.125% 29-jan-2027	2.2	0.0	AA
International Finance Corp. 5.5% 22-jul-2026	1.5	0.1	AAA
E.on International Finance Bv 6.25% 03-jun-2030	1.5	0.1	BBB
Tennet Holding B.v. 2.374% Perp	1.4	0.1	BB
Ngg Finance Plc 5.625% 18-jun-2073	1.3	0.1	BB
Kfw 1.125% 04-jul-2025	1.1	0.4	AAA
Bupa Finance Plc. 5.0% 12-oct-2030	1.0	0.0	BBB
Total	20.7	13	

## **Fund Currency Exposure including Hedging**

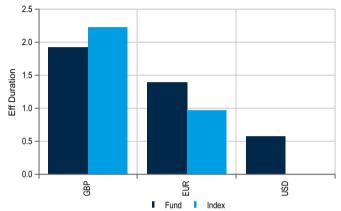


All % are as at calendar month end based at global close gross valuation point and on a look-through exposure basis to underlying assets including forward currency positions.

## **Currency Exposure of Underlying Securities**

	,	Weights				
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index	
British Pounds	49.9	64.3	-14.4	1.9	2.2	
Euro	36.8	35.8	1.1	1.4	1.0	
U.S. Dollar	8.8		8.8	0.6		
Derivatives	13.1		13.1	0.7		
Cash Derivatives Offset	-13.3		-13.3			
Cash Equivalents	3.2		3.2			
Cash incl. FFX	1.4	-0.1	1.5			
Total	100.0	100.0		4.6	3.2	

# **Currency - Contribution to Effective Duration**



**Credit Rating** 

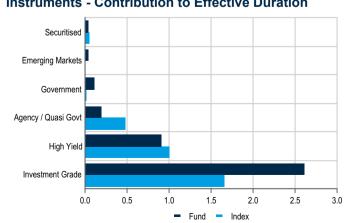
		Weights		Contrib to Effective Duration		
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index	
AAA	11.1	15.2	-4.0	0.3	0.5	
AA	8.8	7.6	1.2	0.3	0.2	
A	7.4	16.9	-9.4	0.5	0.6	
BBB	32.1	21.1	11.0	1.9	8.0	
BB	21.1	25.6	-4.5	0.6	0.7	
В	12.6	11.5	1.1	0.3	0.3	
CCC	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	
NR	0.3	0.3	0.0		0.0	
N/A	0.3	0.1	0.2		0.0	
Other	0.0	0.1	-0.1		0.0	
Derivatives	13.1		13.1	0.7		
Cash Derivatives Offset	-13.3		-13.3			
Cash Equivalents	3.2		3.2			
Cash incl. FFX	1.4	-0.1	1.5		-	
Total	100.0	100.0		4.6	3.2	
Avg Rating	BBB+					

Credit ratings are in-house derived ratings following LINEAR methodology. Categories shown are sorted by Credit Rating.

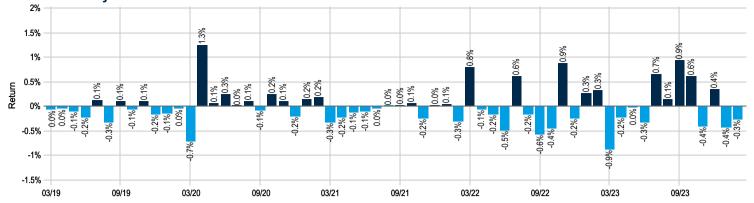
### Instrument

		Weights		Contrib to Effective Duration		
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index	
Investment Grade	48.7	44.4	4.3	2.6	1.7	
High Yield	33.0	37.1	-4.2	0.9	1.0	
Agency / Quasi Govt	6.7	16.3	-9.6	0.2	0.5	
Government	5.6	0.4	5.2	0.1	0.0	
Emerging Markets	0.8		0.8	0.0		
Securitised	0.7	1.8	-1.1	0.0	0.1	
Derivatives	13.1		13.1	0.7		
Cash Derivatives Offset	-13.3		-13.3	-		
Cash Equivalents	3.2		3.2	-		
Cash incl. FFX	1.4	-0.1	1.5			
Total	100.0	100.0		4.6	3.2	

### **Instruments - Contribution to Effective Duration**



### **Relative Monthly Net Returns vs Peer Median**



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### **Risk Analysis**

	3	YR	5	YR
	Fund	Index	Fund	Index
Absolute Volatility	7.2	6.5	7.3	6.6
Relative Volatility	1.1		1.1	
Tracking Error	2.1		1.8	
Sharpe Ratio	-0.3		0.2	
Information Ratio	0.1		0.6	
Beta	1.1		1.1	
Sortino Ratio	-0.4	-	0.2	
Jensen Alpha	0.4	-	1.0	
Annualised Alpha	0.3	-	0.9	
Alpha	0.0	-	0.1	
Max Drawdown	-15.5	-16.1	-15.5	-16.1
R²	91.9		94.6	-

Ex post risk calculations are based on monthly gross global close returns.

### Portfolio Statistics

the % calculations.

	Modified Duration	4.9	3.5
1	Effective Duration	4.6	3.2
	Average Coupon	3.9	4.0
	Yield to Worst	5.7	5.7
	Credit Rating Linear	BBB+	BBB+
	Analytics are based on global close Columbia Threadneedle Investments attributes. Underlying securities data may based on estimates. Market cap weightin	sourced be provisi	market onal or
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### **Effective Duration**

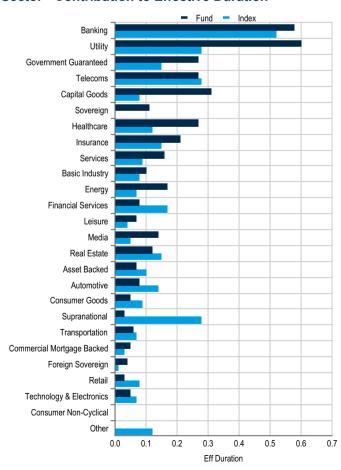


# Drawdown 0% -4% -8% -12% -16% 03/19 11/19 07/20 03/21 11/21 07/22 03/23 11/23 — Fund — Index

### **Sector**

### **Sector - Contribution to Effective Duration**

		Weights		Contrib to	
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index
Banking	13.5	16.6	-3.1	0.6	0.5
Utility	10.3	6.9	3.4	0.6	0.3
Government Guaranteed	9.5	5.1	4.4	0.3	0.2
Telecommunications	7.3	7.7	-0.4	0.3	0.3
Capital Goods	6.2	2.8	3.4	0.3	0.1
Sovereign	5.6		5.6	0.1	
Healthcare	4.6	3.6	1.0	0.3	0.1
Services	4.1	3.2	0.9	0.2	0.1
Insurance	3.7	3.6	0.1	0.2	0.1
Real Estate	3.4	4.3	-0.9	0.1	0.1
Leisure	3.2	1.9	1.4	0.1	0.0
Financial Services	3.1	5.1	-2.0	0.1	0.2
Basic Industry	2.9	3.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Energy	2.8	2.1	0.7	0.2	0.1
Media	2.8	1.4	1.3	0.1	0.0
Automotive	2.1	5.0	-2.9	0.1	0.1
Consumer Goods	2.0	2.7	-0.7	0.1	0.1
Transportation	1.7	2.3	-0.6	0.1	0.1
Asset Backed	1.6	2.5	-0.8	0.1	0.1
Supranational	1.5	8.7	-7.2	0.0	0.3
Retail	1.2	3.3	-2.1	0.0	0.1
Foreign Sovereign	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Commercial Mortgage Backed	0.8	0.9	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Technology & Electronics	0.6	1.9	-1.3	0.0	0.1
Consumer Non-Cyclical	0.1		0.1		
Other		5.0	-5.0		0.1
Derivatives	13.1		13.1	0.7	
Cash Derivatives Offset	-13.3		-13.3		
Cash Equivalents	3.2		3.2		
Cash incl. FFX	1.4	-0.1	1.5		
Total	100.0	100.0	-	4.6	3.2



This Fund does not promote a sustainable investment strategy in its objective and policy. Sustainability related risks are considered in the investment decision-making process by incorporating an issuer's responsible investment practices and risks in the research available for the Fund's portfolio management team.

### Responsible Investment Metrics

	Fund	Index*	Tilt
Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality rating Weighted average (1 is highest quality, 5 is lowest quality)	2.33	2.30	-0.03
Carbon Intensity Weighted average (tCO2e/\$1m sales)	122.37	105.54	-16.83
Controversies Exposure Exposure to controversial names¹	0.59%	0.72%	+0.13%
MSCI ESG Score Weighted average (10 is highest quality, 0 is lowest quality)	7.31	7.12	+0.19



\*ICE BofA GBP Non-Gilts 1-10 Years (60%), ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Excluding Subordinated Financials Constrained (Hedged to Sterling) (40%) Index.

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### Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality (ESGM) rating

The Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality ratings provide an initial assessment of how well a company is managing its financially material ESG risks. We use the Sustainability and Accounting Standards Board (SASB) framework to identify which are the most financially material ESG risk factors for a company. These factors are industry dependent. The model processes public data for over 10,000 global issuers, and the ratings are updated daily, or as new data is published. The output is a rating from 1 to 5, where companies rated 5 are most exposed to material ESG risks, and those rated 1 are the least exposed (i.e. a lower score signals better quality). We use the ratings in our investment processes to help guide our research and identify opportunities to engage with companies.

### Carbon Intensity

This measures carbon emissions relative to the size of a company, measured by revenues not market capitalisation. The measure used is tonnes of CO2 emitted (tCO2e) per \$1M of revenues. We give data for the overall Fund based on the weightings of the securities held, and a comparison with similar data for the Index. Carbon intensity provides an indication of carbon efficiency. This measure enables comparison with other funds and asset classes.

We assess exposure to controversies using three international frameworks covering standards of operating practice: the UN Global Compact; the International Labour Organisation Core Labour Standards; and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. We measure the proportion of the Fund associated with breaches of the three frameworks and give a comparison with similar data for the index

The MSCI ESG score uses MSCI's own methodology to assess companies' effectiveness at managing their ESG exposure. Companies with the highest ratings are those assessed as best managing their exposures to those material ESG risks and opportunities. If the portfolio score is above the benchmark, the portfolio is overweight in issuers that manage their ESG exposures

The "Tilt" figure shows the bias of the Fund relative to the Index. It is expressed as the arithmetic difference in the weighting. A positive tilt indicates a bias towards a "better" RI profile than the Index.

Measures are being used to compare the ESG characteristics of the fund against the Index. This index also provides a helpful benchmark against which the financial performance can be compared. Accordingly, the index is not designed to specifically consider environmental or social characteristics.

For more information on Responsible Investment (RI) or investment terms used in this document, please see the Glossary published in the Document Centre on our website: https:// www.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk/en/retl/about-us/responsible-investment/. The decision to invest in the promoted Fund should also take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the promoted Fund as described in its prospectus/ in the information which is to be disclosed to investors in accordance with Article 23 of Directive 2011/61/EU.

The ESG materiality and carbon intensity scores are calculated on a trailing 12-month weighted average. For periods less than 12 months the rolling average will be calculated using the months available. Weighted average is computed using an equal weighting of the metric for each of the business days contained in the prior 12-month period. The carbon intensity denominator "sales" figure is a revenue measure. Coverage is the portfolio's percent of market value consisting of holdings for each applicable metric. Cash and derivatives are excluded from coverage. MSCI gives issuers a score of "Pass", "Watch List", or "Fail" depending on the degree to which they measure against principles in three documents: The UN Global Compact, the International Labor Organization Core Labour Standards, and the UN Principles on Business and Human Rights. An assignment of "Fail" for any of the three causes the holdings to reflect as controversial.

We made some changes to the ESG materiality rating methodology on 17 April 2023. This means some fund and benchmark ratings have changed, but this does not reflect a material change to the portfolio or our investment approach.

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### **Share Classes Available**

Share	Class	Hedged	Curr	Tax	OCF	OCF Date	Max Entry Charge	Max Exit Charge	Transaction Costs	Min Inv.	Launch	ISIN	SEDOL	BBID	WKN/Valor/ CUSIP
Inst.	Inc	No	GBP		0.84%	07/09/23	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	500,000	26/11/01	GB0031022261	3102226	TDNSBF2 LN	765459
Inst.	Acc	No	GBP	Gross	0.82%	07/09/23	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	500,000	08/12/03	GB0033884577	3388457	TDSBIGA LN	A0ETE0
Inst.	Inc	No	GBP	Gross	0.82%	07/09/23	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	500,000	11/06/08	GB00B39QB620	B39QB62	TDSBIGI LN	A0Q3Y0
Retail	Inc	No	GBP		1.28%	07/09/23	3.75%	0.00%	0.11%	2,000	05/11/01	GB0031022378	3102237	TDNSBF1 LN	765458
Retail	Inc	No	GBP	Gross	1.28%	07/09/23	3.75%	0.00%	0.11%	2,000	08/12/03	GB0033884684	3388468	TDSBRGI LN	A0ETE1
Z	Inc	No	GBP	Gross	0.74%	07/09/23	3.00%	0.00%	0.11%	2,000	01/10/12	GB00B882KH00	B882KH0	THSTZGI LN	A1J0C3
Z	Inc	No	GBP		0.74%	07/09/23	3.00%	0.00%	0.11%	2,000	01/10/12	GB00B882QB67	B882QB6	THSTZNI LN	A1J0C4
Z	Acc	No	GBP	Gross	0.74%	07/09/23	3.00%	0.00%	0.11%	2,000	26/09/12	GB00B8863D91	B8863D9	THSTZGA LN	A1J0C2

Share classes in the table may not be open to all investors, please refer to the Prospectus for further information. Overall impact of costs: Costs and expected returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations, if costs are to be paid in another currency than your local currency. The ongoing charges figure (OCF), exit charges (maximum amount to be deducted shown in the table above) and transaction costs show the percentage that may be deducted from your expected returns. The OCF is usually based on the last year's expenses, includes charges such as the Fund's annual management charge and operating costs. Transaction costs displayed are based on a three year average total and are calculated based on FYE Report and Account figures. Where the fund is less than 3 years old the transaction costs are based on proxy and actual costs. All transaction costs are as at 07/03/23. Additional distributor or intermediary fees may not be included. In some cases, the OCF may be based on an estimate of future charges. For a more detailed breakdown please visit www.columbiathreadneedle.com/ fees.

### **Distribution History Of Share Class (Net)**

	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23
CT Strategic Bond Fund - Z Inc	£0.0032 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0031 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0033 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0036 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0032 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0033 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0034 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0031 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0034 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0030 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0031 <sup>A</sup>	£0.0028 <sup>A</sup>
GBP												

Distributions of income generated by a fund are periodically made in respect of the income available for allocation in each accounting period. Please refer to individual fund XD / Pay Dates (E = Estimated Distribution, A = Actual Distribution) on page 1.

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