# **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.



# THREADNEEDLE ABSOLUTE RETURN BOND FUND (THE "FUND")

Class 1 Accumulation Shares (GBP) GB00B0L4TF81, a sub-fund of Threadneedle Specialist Investment Funds ICVC (the "Company"), regulated by the FCA.

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

# **Objectives and Investment Policy**

The aim of the Fund is to make a positive return for you over a rolling 12 month period, notwithstanding changing market conditions. Positive returns are not guaranteed and no form of capital protection applies.

At least two-thirds of the Fund's assets will be in long and short positions in bonds (which are similar to a loan and pay a fixed or variable interest rate) issued by companies and governments worldwide, currencies, and, when appropriate, cash.

The Fund invests directly in these assets or by using derivatives. Derivatives are sophisticated investment instruments linked to the rise and fall of the price of other assets. Derivatives will be used to obtain, increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and may create gearing. Where gearing is created, the net asset value of the Fund may experience more fluctuation than if there were no gearing. The Fund will also use derivatives for short selling (which is designed to make a profit from falling prices).

At times, the Fund will be concentrated in one or a combination of these assets.

The Fund may also invest in asset classes and instruments different from those stated above.

The Fund makes active investment decisions.

Income from investments in the Fund will be added to the value of your shares.

You can buy and sell shares in the Fund on any day that is a business day in London. You can find more detail on the objectives and investment policy of the Fund in the section of the prospectus with the heading "Investment Objectives, Policies and Other Details of the Funds".

#### **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, Higher Risk, Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards



- ■The Fund is rated 3 based on the Fund's risk limit which indicates that it may show 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.
- ■Positive returns are not guaranteed and no form of capital protection applies.
- ■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 asset.
- ■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.
- ■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 actively invests directly in foreign currency instruments. Currency markets are complex and exchange rates are sensitive to political and market events. This aspect of the fund's investment policy may affect the value of your investments.
- 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 invest materially in derivatives. 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.
- 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.

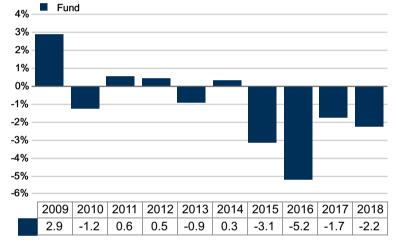
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge:	3.00%
Exit Charge:	0.00%

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:	1.07%
Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions	
Performance Fee:	NONE

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ending 30/04/18. 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).

#### **Past Performance**



Source: Morningstar

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Fund launch date: 24/10/2005

Share/unit class launch date: 24/10/2005

Performance is calculated in GBP.

All charges and fees, except any entry, exit and switching charge, have been included within the performance.

## **Practical Information**

- ■Depositary: Citibank Europe plc, UK branch.
- ■You can obtain further information regarding the Fund, the Company, its Prospectus, latest annual reports and any subsequent half-yearly reports (in English, German, French, Dutch and Spanish only) free of charge from the Management Company. The documents are available in English, French, German, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish and Dutch (no Dutch Prospectus). 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 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 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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