

Threadneedle (Lux)

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(the "SICAV")

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE SICAV

IMPORTANT

1 March 2019

Dear Shareholder,

The board of directors of the SICAV (the "**Board**") wishes to inform you of the following changes in the SICAV, which are effective as at the date of the latest prospectus:

All capitalised terms not defined herein have the same meaning as in the SICAV's prospectus (the "Prospectus")

Threadneedle (Lux) – European Corporate Bond: clarification to the investment policy

With effect from the date of the latest prospectus, the investment policy wording of the European Corporate Bond Portfolio was clarified as follows (additions and deletions highlighted):

Investment Objective and Policy

The European Corporate Bond Portfolio seeks to achieve a total return from income and capital appreciation by investing in fixed income securities that are primarily denominated in Euro.

The Portfolio will principally invest in a broad range of Investment Grade fixed income securities issued by companies domiciled in Europe or which have significant European operations. It may also invest in Investment Grade securities that are issued by sovereign and supranational borrowers. However, it is intended that the Portfolio will not invest more than 25% of its net assets in securities that are rated AAA (Standard & Poor's) or an equivalent rating from another leading rating agency. A maximum of 10% of the Portfolio's net assets can be invested in securities that are rated below Investment Grade. The Portfolio may invest in mortgage and asset-backed securities (the mortgage and asset-backed securities not exceeding 10% of the Portfolio's Net Asset Value) and CoCos (not exceeding 10% of the Portfolio's Net Asset Value).

Where securities are denominated in a currency other than Euro it is intended that they will typically be hedged back into Euro.

*The Portfolio may use financial derivative instruments for ~~hedging purposes~~ **the purpose of reducing risks or costs, i.e. where the use of a financial derivative instrument is economically appropriate.***

The Sub-Advisor considers the Markit iBoxx Euro Corporate Bond Index as providing an appropriate performance measure of EUR denominated investment grade fixed-income bonds. It provides a helpful benchmark against which the Portfolio performance can be evaluated over time.

Threadneedle (Lux) – European High Yield Bond: clarification to the investment policy

With effect from the date of the latest prospectus, the investment policy wording of the European High Yield Bond Portfolio was clarified as follows (additions and deletions highlighted):

Investment Objective and Policy

The European High Yield Bond Portfolio seeks to achieve a total return from income and capital appreciation by investing principally in Euro or Sterling denominated fixed income securities that are rated below Investment Grade.

The Portfolio will principally invest in fixed income securities issued by companies domiciled in Europe, or with significant European operations.

The Portfolio may invest in CoCos (not exceeding 10% of the Portfolio's Net Asset Value).

Where securities are denominated in a currency other than Euro it is intended that they will typically be hedged back into Euro.

*The Portfolio may use financial derivative instruments for ~~hedging purposes~~ **the purpose of reducing risks or costs, i.e. where the use of a financial derivative instrument is economically appropriate.***

*The weighted average credit rating **of the Portfolio** is expected to be **between Ba2 and B2 as rated by Moody's (or equivalent) BB** ~~as rated by S&P or Fitch or the Moody's equivalent of Ba3.~~*

The Sub-Advisor considers the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained ex Subordinated Financials (Hedged to Euro) Index as providing an appropriate performance measure of EUR and GBP below investment grade corporate debt. It provides a helpful benchmark against which the Portfolio performance can be evaluated over time.

Information for investors in Germany

The following information for investors in Germany has been added to the Global Exposure and Risk Management section of the Prospectus:

The following Portfolios are categorised in relation to the German Investment Tax Act ("InvStG") as "Mixed Funds" continuously investing at least 25% of their value in equity participations within the meaning of Sec. 2 (8) InvStG (e.g. equities):

*American Absolute Alpha
Euro Dynamic Real Return
Global Dynamic Real Return
Global Multi Asset Income
Pan European Absolute Alpha.*

The following Portfolios are categorised in relation to the German Investment Tax Act ("InvStG") as "Equity Funds" continuously investing at least 51% of its value in equity participations within the meaning of Sec. 2 (8) InvStG (e.g. equities):

*American
American Extended Alpha
American Select*



Your success. Our priority.

American Smaller Companies
Asia Contrarian Equity
Asia Equities
Asian Equity Income
Asian Focus
Developed Asia Growth and Income
European Select
European Smaller Companies
Global Emerging Market Equities
Global Equity Income
Global Extended Alpha
Global Focus
Global Select
Global Smaller Companies
Global Technology
Pan European Equities
Pan European Equity Dividend
Pan European Small Cap Opportunities
Pan European Smaller Companies
STANLIB Africa
UK Equities
UK Equity Income
US Contrarian Core Equities
US Disciplined Core Equities

What should you do next?

You don't need to do anything as a result of these changes. If you are unsure of the impact of the change, you should consult your professional advisor.

Prospectus update

The updated Prospectus reflecting the changes is available from the registered office of the SICAV in Luxembourg and on the website www.columbiathreadneedle.com.

Yours faithfully,

The Board