



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

THREADNEEDLE UK ABSOLUTE ALPHA FUND CLOSURE

Q&A – Closure of Threadneedle UK Absolute Alpha Fund

INTRODUCTION

Columbia Threadneedle Investments has decided to close the Threadneedle UK Absolute Alpha Fund (the “Fund”), a sub-fund of the Threadneedle Specialist Investment Funds ICVC, following a recent review, effective on 15 January 2021 (the “Effective Date”).

1. Why are you closing the Fund?

We constantly review our range of funds and are committed to offering investors the best possible opportunities and value. Following a recent review, we have decided to close the Fund due to its significant fall in assets in recent times, with further redemptions confirmed and the expectation that the Fund is unlikely to attract new investors. Whilst we have considered alternative options, we feel that closing the Fund is the right course of action for our investors.

2. When is the Fund closing?

The Fund will close on 15 January 2021. Dealing in the Fund will be suspended at 12 noon on 12 January 2021.

3. What options do I have?

You have the following options:

- i. You can switch your shares free of charge for shares of another Threadneedle fund(s) up to 12 noon (UK time) on 12 January 2021. Details of our funds can be found on our website **columbiathreadneedle.com**.

Please return the Form of Direction. We must receive this before 12 noon (UK time) on 12 January 2021. Any instructions received after this date will not be accepted, and we will redeem your holdings on the Effective Date and send you the proceeds instead.

- ii. You can sell your shares before dealing in the Fund is suspended at 12 noon (UK time) on 12 January 2021. Please send us your redemption instruction in the normal way.

Please note, should you decide to redeem or switch your shares, it may trigger a taxable event.

- iii. You can take no action. Your shares will be redeemed on the Effective Date (15 January 2021) and proceeds will be sent to you following the closure.

4. Where can I get a Form of Direction?

The Form of Direction has been provided with the Shareholder notification. This can also be found on our website at **columbiathreadneedle.com**, or you can call us on 0800 953 0134 (calls may be recorded) for shareholders based in the UK or on 0044 1268 444 321 if you are based outside of the UK.

5. What if I hold the Fund in my ISA, what options do I have?

You have the following options:

1. You may switch your ISA investment free of charge into another Threadneedle fund(s) before 12 noon on 12 January 2021.
2. You may transfer your ISA investment to another ISA manager. You will need to complete an ISA transfer form and send it to your new ISA manager, who will then contact us to complete the transfer. Please note that ISA transfers can take around 30 days to complete, so you need to ensure you allow enough time for your ISA manager to complete the transfer.

If you choose to sell your ISA investment before 12 noon on 12 January 2021, your investment will be cashed in and the proceeds sent to you and your investment will lose its ISA status.

If you do not take any action, your investment will be cashed in when the Fund is closed on the Effective Date, and your investment will lose its ISA status. Proceeds will be sent to you four business days after closure..

6. What are the tax implications?

There may be tax implications depending on your individual circumstances. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest that you seek advice from your tax adviser about any potential tax implications before you take any action. However, you should be aware that, regardless of whether you choose to switch or sell your investment, or take no action, you may be subject to capital gains tax, depending on the value of your investment.

7. Can I still invest in the Fund?

Yes, dealing in the Fund will continue to be possible until 12 noon on 12 January 2021, however we would encourage you not to buy new shares in the Fund in the period leading up to the closure of the Fund. From 12.01pm on 12 January 2021, you will no longer be able to deal in the Fund as the Fund will be suspended.

8. Will I have to pay any of the wind-up or termination costs?

No, Columbia Threadneedle Investments will bear all the termination costs.

9. What happens once the Fund has closed?

If you remain invested in the Fund after dealing has been suspended, we will redeem your investment on the Effective Date. The proceeds of your investment will be sent to you, four business days after closure, using the information we have on our records.

The Fund will then be terminated and you will then be sent the final report and accounts of the Fund.