

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## THREADNEEDLE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES BOND FUND CLOSURE

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## INTERNAL BRIEFING

The following document contains key information on the closure of the Threadneedle Global Opportunities Bond Fund, a sub-fund of the Threadneedle Specialist Investment Funds ICVC.

The closure will take place on 9 January 2019.

## KANA STATEMENT:

The FCA has authorised the closure of the Threadneedle Global Opportunities Bond Fund. The Fund has fallen to a value that means it is no longer viable to manage. As a result, we believe the closure of the Fund is in the best interests of investors. The Fund will close on 9 January 2019.

More information can be found in the Q&A.

Further information is available on the Columbia Threadneedle Investments website at [www.columbiathreadneedle.com/changes](http://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/changes)

## INTRODUCTION

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Columbia Threadneedle Investments has received authorisation from the FCA to close the Threadneedle Global Opportunities Bond Fund and assets will be returned to investors on 9 January 2019, unless they choose otherwise.

### 1. Why are you closing the Fund?

Following a redemption by a large client, the Fund has fallen in value to a size that the Fund is no longer economically viable to manage. As a result, we believe the closure of the Fund is in the best interests of investors.

While we considered alternative options, we felt that closing the Fund was in the best interests of investors.

### 2. When is the Fund closing?

The Fund will close on 9 January 2019.

### 3. What options do I have?

You have the following options:

- i. You can switch your investment free of charge into another Threadneedle fund(s) up until 12 noon on 8 January 2019. Details of our funds can be found on our website [www.columbiathreadneedle.com](http://www.columbiathreadneedle.com). Before you switch funds, it is important that you read the Key Investor Information Documents (KIID) for the fund(s) you wish to switch to. **To switch to another Threadneedle fund(s), please complete and return the Form of Direction by 12 noon on 8 January 2019.**
- ii. You can sell your investment before the Fund is suspended. **To sell your shares, please complete and return the Form of Direction in the enclosed pre-paid envelope by 12 noon on 8 January 2019.**
- iii. You can take no action. The fund will close on 9 January 2019 and your shares will be redeemed and the proceeds will be sent to you on 15 January 2019.

### 4. What are the tax implications?

There may be tax implications depending on 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.

### 5. Can I still invest in the Fund?

Yes, dealing in the Fund continues to be possible until 12noon on 8 January 2019, however we would encourage you not to buy new shares in the Fund in the period leading up to the closure of the Fund.

**6. Will the fund be suspended?**

The Fund will be suspended from 12:01 on 8 January 2019.

**7. When will the redemption proceeds be returned to me?**

If you redeem your holdings up to 8 January, you will receive the proceeds four days after trade date. If you remain in the fund up to the closure date, you will receive the redemption proceeds on 15 January 2019.

**8. Can I switch into the Threadneedle (Lux) - Global Opportunities Bond?**

The Threadneedle (Lux) Global Opportunities Bond Fund is a sub-fund of Threadneedle (Lux), a Société Anonyme qualifying as a Société d'investissement à capital variable (SICAV) established in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

It is not registered for sale in the UK and there are no equivalent share classes available for investment.

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

No, Columbia Threadneedle Investments will bear all the wind-up and termination costs. Furthermore, no fees or charges have been applied to the Fund since 16 October 2018.