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Dear Investor

Important: Changes to the following Threadneedle funds

We recently informed you of our proposal to transfer the assets of certain share classes of the below listed UK-based OEIC¹ funds (the “Existing Funds”) into an equivalent fund within our established Luxembourg fund range (the “Lux Funds”). Following the shareholder vote at the extraordinary general meetings (EGMs), we can confirm that the proposed transfers will proceed as follows:

- **All share classes in the American Smaller Companies Fund (US) - except for Class 1 Accumulation EUR**
- **All share classes in the European Smaller Companies Fund - except for Class 1 Income EUR**
- **All share classes in the Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund**
- **All share classes in the Global Equity Income Fund**

What is changing?

Where a proposal has been approved by shareholders, we will transfer the assets of investors from the Existing Funds into equivalent share classes within the Lux Funds. The transfers will be made by a process called a scheme of arrangement. However, the funds will continue to exist for the remaining share classes, where appropriate.

Where a proposal has not been approved by shareholders, the share class will remain in the Existing Fund.

¹ OEIC stands for open-ended investment company.

What options do I have?

If you are invested in a share class that is not subject to the transfers, please note that the share class will remain in the Existing Fund.

If you are invested in a share class that is subject to the transfers, but do not want your investment transferred to the Lux Funds, you can choose between the following options:

- Switch your investment free of charge into another Threadneedle fund or share class by calling us on 0800 953 0134* or by writing to us at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, PO Box 10033, Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2AL, United Kingdom.
- Instruct us to sell your units over the telephone or in writing and receive the proceeds in cash.

There may be additional tax implications depending on your individual circumstances. We are unable to provide tax advice and we therefore suggest that you seek professional advice about any potential tax implications.

Further information

If you are unsure about the contents of this letter, the implications for your investment and the action you should take, please contact your Financial Adviser. If you do not have a Financial Adviser, you can find one in your area by visiting www.unbiased.co.uk – please note that we do not endorse this site or the advisers found on it.

If you are unclear about any of the details relating to the transfers, or have any further questions, please call us on 0800 953 0134*. Our team is available from 8.00am to 6.00pm (UK time), Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely



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