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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 each fund listed below (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) held on 24 August 2018, we can confirm that the transfers have been approved for all the affected funds.

- European Corporate Bond Fund
- European High Yield Bond Fund
- Pan European Fund
- Pan European Smaller Companies Fund
- Pan European Equity Dividend Fund
- Credit Opportunities Fund¹

What is changing?

We will transfer the assets of each fund listed above into an equivalent fund within our established Luxembourg fund range. The transfers will be made by a process called a cross-border merger. Following this, the Existing Funds will be wound up.

How will investors be affected by the transfers?

The Existing Funds and the Lux Funds are very similar, and will be managed in the same way by the same fund manager. There are, however, some changes resulting from the transfers. Full details of the differences between the Existing Funds and the Lux Funds can be found in Section 2 and Appendix 1 of the Shareholder Circular. A soft copy of the document is available at www.columbiathreadneedle.com/changes

What options do investors have if they do not want their investment to be transferred?

If an investor does not want to have their investment transferred to the Lux Funds, they have the following options:

- Switch their investment free of charge into another Threadneedle fund by calling us on 0800 953 0134 (calls may be recorded) or by writing to us at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, PO Box 10033, Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2AL, United Kingdom.
- Instruct us to sell their units over the telephone or in writing and receive the proceeds in cash. Please be aware that if they choose this option and their units are held in an ISA, then their investment will lose its ISA status. Further information is included in the enclosed Q&A document.

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

Further information

If you are unclear about any of the details relating to the mergers, 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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