

Media Release

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE ANNOUNCES PLANNED GLOBAL CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER TRANSITION

Colin Moore to retire as Global CIO, William Davies, current EMEA CIO and Global Head of Equities, to assume Global CIO role in January 2022

BOSTON / LONDON, 30 JUNE 2021 – Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset manager, today announced the retirement of Colin Moore from Columbia Threadneedle as Global Chief Investment Officer after nearly 20 years at the firm. Consistent with the company’s long-standing succession planning, William Davies, currently EMEA CIO and Global Head of Equities, will become Global CIO upon Colin Moore’s retirement in January 2022.

Colin Moore has played a key role in shaping Columbia Threadneedle’s global investment capability, including its well-established and highly successful investment process based on collaboration across asset classes, research intensity and independent oversight to foster continuous improvement. Under his leadership, Columbia Threadneedle has generated consistently strong long-term investment performance for individual and institutional clients, and today has 103 four- and five-star Morningstar-rated funds globally.¹

Ted Truscott, Chief Executive Officer, said: “I would like to recognise and thank Colin for his numerous contributions, including establishing our global investment capability that has delivered an enviable track record of consistently strong investment performance for our clients. We have built an outstanding and experienced team of more than 450 investment professionals across our global footprint, and as we look forward, William is well positioned to assume the Global CIO role. He is both an exceptional investor and respected people leader with a deep understanding of our firm having joined us in 1993. I look forward to working with William and Colin to ensure a smooth transition.”

Colin Moore commented: “I am grateful for the opportunity I’ve had to establish a broad and deep investment capability for our clients. We have spent considerable time ensuring a thoughtful succession, and I am extremely pleased that William will assume the Global CIO role next year. It has been a privilege to lead our team of dedicated, experienced investors who will continue to focus on delivering consistent, competitive investment performance for our clients under William’s leadership.”

William Davies commented: “My focus is unchanged. I will continue to work with my colleagues to consistently deliver the investment performance our clients expect. I am honoured to lead our talented global investment organisation and look forward to continuing our partnership with colleagues across the business to help our individual and institutional clients achieve their investment goals.”

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Notes to editors

About William Davies:

William Davies is Chief Investment Officer, EMEA and Global Head of Equities at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. He took up this role in September 2019 and is responsible for the investment performance for all EMEA investment strategies. William joined Threadneedle Investments as a European Equities portfolio manager at the company’s inception in 1994, after joining predecessor firm Eagle Star in 1993. He became Head of European Equities in 1999 and Head of Global Equities in 2011. In June 2016, William became Head of Equities, EMEA and in 2017 he became Global Head of Equities, assuming responsibility for the company’s equity teams across all regions. In 2019, he became CIO, EMEA. Before this William worked for Hambros Bank as a European Investment Manager where he led the European equity team.

William holds a BA (Hons) in Economics from Exeter University.

Company start date: 1993

Industry start date: 1985