# CT (LUX) EUROPEAN CORPORATE BOND (FUND) CLASS ZE EUR (ISIN:LU1849561797)

PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS - AS AT 31 MAY 2024



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# **Key Facts**

Fund Manager:



Christopher Hult Since Sep-22

Management Co: Threadneedle Man. Lux. S.A.
Umbrella Fund: Columbia Threadneedle (Lux) I
SFDR Category: Article 8

Fund Inception Date: 21/09/18

Index: iBoxx EUR Corporate Bond Index
Peer Group: Morningstar Category EUR

Corporate Bond

Fund Currency: EUR
Fund Domicile: Luxembourg
Portfolio Size: €182.9m
No. of Securities: 256
Share Class Price: 10.0602

All information expressed in EUR

On 20 November 2023 the Fund name changed from Threadneedle (Lux) - European Corporate Bond to CT (Lux) European Corporate Bond.

## Ratings/Awards



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# **Investment Objective & Policy**

The Fund aims to provide income with the potential to grow the amount you invested over the medium term.

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade bonds (which are similar to a loan and pay a fixed or variable interest rate) priced in Euros and issued by companies in Europe, including the UK, or companies that have significant operations there. Bonds rated as investment grade, as defined by international agencies that provide such ratings, are considered safer than lower rated bonds but typically pay a lower income.

The Fund may use derivatives (complex instruments) for hedging purposes and may also invest in asset classes and instruments different from those stated above.

The Fund is actively managed in reference to the iBoxx Euro Corporate Bond Index. The index is broadly representative of the securities in which the Fund invests, and provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be measured and evaluated over time. The index is not designed to specifically consider environmental or social characteristics. The fund manager has discretion to select investments with weightings different to the index, and that are not in the index, and the Fund may display significant divergence from the index.

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by integrating a range of responsible investment measures into the investment process, and ensures that the companies it invests in follow good governance practices. The Fund aims to compare favourably against the index over rolling 12-month periods when assessed using the Columbia Threadneedle ESG (environmental, social and governance) Materiality Rating model, which indicates how much exposure a company has to material ESG risks and opportunities. At least 50% of the Fund is invested in companies that have a strong rating. The Fund also commits to investing at least 5% of its assets in sustainable investments.

The Fund excludes companies that derive certain levels of revenue from industries such as, but not limited to, coal and tobacco. It also excludes companies that have direct involvement in nuclear or controversial weapons, and companies determined to have breached international standards and principles.

The fund manager engages with companies to encourage improvement of their ESG practices. Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a signatory to the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative and has committed to an ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner for a range of assets, including the Fund. The fund manager uses its proactive engagement with companies to assist with progressing this and may disinvest from those not meeting the minimum standards.

Further information about the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund is available in the SFDR RTS Annex of the Prospectus available at www.columbiathreadneedle.com. The Fund is considered to fall within the scope of Article 8 of SEDR

#### **Key Risks**

- The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.
- Where investments are in assets that are denominated in multiple currencies, or currencies other than your own, changes in exchange rates may affect the value of the investments.
- The Fund invests in securities whose value would be significantly affected if the issuer refused, was unable to or was perceived to be unable to pay.
- The Fund holds assets which could prove difficult to sell. The Fund may have to lower the selling price, sell other investments or forego more appealing investment opportunities.
- Changes in interest rates are likely to affect the Fund's value. In general, as interest rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa.
- The Fund may invest in derivatives (complex instruments linked to the rise and fall of the value of other assets) with the aim of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions. Such derivative transactions may benefit or negatively affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager does not intend that such use of derivatives will affect the overall risk profile of the Fund.
- The Fund applies a range of measures as part of its consideration of ESG factors, including the exclusion of investments involved in certain industries and/or activities. This reduces the investable universe, and may impact the performance of the Fund positively or negatively relative to a benchmark or other funds without such restrictions.
- The fund may exhibit significant price volatility
- The risks currently identified as applying to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

# **Investment Approach**

The fund's investment approach is built around robust credit research, portfolio construction and risk management. Issuer and security selection is driven by a credit research process that surveys the global opportunity set to select those investments that offer the best risk-adjusted returns.

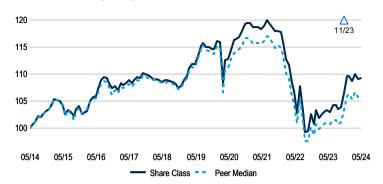
Analysis is performed by a team of experienced analysts who develop independent, fundamental views of the industries and companies they focus upon and their credit quality.

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### **Performance**

Past Performance does not predict future returns. The return of your investment may change as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation.

# 10 Years NAV (EUR)



# **Significant Events**

△ Indicates significant event. For detailed information on Fund Changes please see "Significant events – Columbia Threadneedle Luxembourg-Domiciled SICAV Funds" PDF available on https://www.columbiathreadneedle.com/en/changes

#### **Performance Extension**

The past performance information for the period prior to 21 September 2018 is from the Threadneedle European Corporate Bond (Class 1 Gross Accumulation Shares (EUR) GB00B1FQYB82) (a UK authorised UCITS fund launched on 22 October 2002), which merged into this Fund on 22 September 2018. The past performance calculated before 21 September 2018 includes UK taxes but does not include Luxembourg taxes.

## Calendar Year Performance (EUR)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Share Class (Net)	8.9	-14.5	-1.4	4.3	6.3	-1.8	1.8	5.1	-0.9	7.9
Peer Median (Net)	8.0	-14.0	-1.2	2.6	6.0	-2.0	2.3	4.2	-0.7	7.9
Peer Percentile	15%	66%	66%	10%	33%	43%	66%	20%	60%	54%
Peer Quartile	1	3	3	1	2	2	3	1	3	3
Fund (Gross)	9.4	-14.1	-0.7	4.9	7.3	-0.8	3.0	6.1	0.2	9.0
Index (Gross)	8.2	-14.2	-1.1	2.7	6.3	-1.3	2.4	4.7	-0.7	8.2

## **Annualised Performance (EUR)**

	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR
Share Class (Net)	0.2	0.6	2.7	-0.3	5.8	1.1	-2.6	-0.4	0.9
Peer Median (Net)	0.2	0.6	2.6	-0.2	5.2	0.9	-2.6	-0.8	0.6
Peer Percentile	67%	64%	40%	64%	31%	37%	55%	29%	29%
Peer Quartile	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2
Fund (Gross)	0.3	0.6	2.8	-0.1	6.1	1.6	-2.1	0.2	1.7
Index (Gross)	0.2	0.6	2.5	-0.2	5.2	1.0	-2.6	-0.7	0.9

# 12M Rolling Period (EUR)

	06/23 - 05/24	06/22 - 05/23	06/21 - 05/22	06/20 - 05/21	06/19 - 05/20	06/18 - 05/19	06/17 - 05/18	06/16 - 05/17	06/15 - 05/16	06/14 - 05/15
Share Class (Net)	5.8	-3.4	-9.8	4.9	1.0	2.9	-0.2	2.7	1.9	4.0
Peer Median (Net)	5.2	-3.3	-9.3	4.5	-0.3	2.7	0.2	2.6	1.4	4.3
Peer Percentile	31%	55%	69%	39%	15%	36%	75%	45%	29%	61%
Peer Quartile	2	3	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	3
Fund (Gross)	6.1	-2.8	-9.0	5.7	1.6	3.6	1.2	3.6	2.8	5.4
Index (Gross)	5.2	-3.0	-9.3	4.4	-0.2	3.1	0.6	2.8	1.9	4.3

Source Morningstar UK Limited © 2024 as at 31/05/24. Net Fund returns - Based on the NAV and assuming income is reinvested including ongoing charges excluding entry and exit charges. Index returns include capital gains and assume reinvestment of any income. The index does not include fees or charges and you cannot invest directly in it.

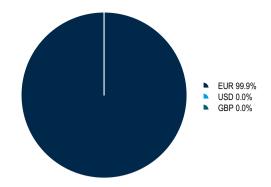
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Gross Fund returns - Source Columbia Threadneedle as at 31/05/24. Gross of fee portfolio returns are time-weighted rates of return net of commissions, transaction costs and non-reclaimable taxes on dividends, interest, and capital gains using pricing of investments which is either the last traded price or a bid basis. Cash flows are factored as of the end of the day and exclude entry and exit charges.

# Top 10 Holdings (%)

Security Name	Fund	Index	
Gov Of Germany 0.25% 15-aug-2028	3.6	0.0	AAA
Kfw 0.5% 15-sep-2027	2.5	0.0	AAA
Kfw 0.125% 30-jun-2025	2.1	0.0	AAA
Gov Of Germany 2.1% 12-apr-2029	1.8	0.0	AAA
Swisscom Finance Bv 3.5% 29-nov-2031	1.4	0.0	Α
Nbn Co Limited 4.125% 15-mar-2029	1.4	0.0	AA
Vier Gas Transport Gmbh 4.625% 26-sep-2032	1.3	0.0	BBB
Stedin Holding N.v. 0.5% 14-nov-2029	1.3	0.0	Α
La Banque Postale Societe Anonyme 4.0% 03-may-2028	1.1	0.0	Α
Elia Transmission Belgium Naamloze Vennootschap 0.875% 28-apr-2030	1.0	0.0	BBB
Total	17.5	0.1	

# **Fund Currency Exposure including Hedging**

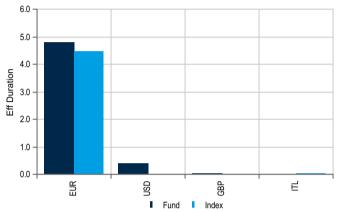


All % are as at calendar month end based at global close gross valuation point and on a look-through exposure basis to underlying assets including forward currency positions.

# **Currency Exposure of Underlying Securities**

		Weights		Contrib to Effective Duration	
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index
Euro	89.0	99.8	-10.7	4.8	4.5
U.S. Dollar	7.3		7.3	0.4	
British Pounds	1.9		1.9	0.1	
Derivatives	-3.2		-3.2	-0.5	
Cash Derivatives Offset	2.9		2.9		
Cash Equivalents	2.5		2.5		
Cash incl. FFX	-0.3	0.2	-0.6		
Total	100.0	100.0		4.8	4.5

# **Currency - Contribution to Effective Duration**



**Credit Rating** 

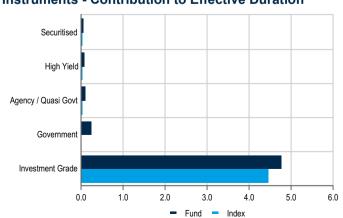
		Weights		Contrib to E Duration	
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index
AAA	13.3	0.4	12.9	0.5	0.0
AA	13.0	9.8	3.2	0.7	0.5
A	30.2	40.6	-10.4	1.8	1.9
BBB	39.0	48.6	-9.6	2.2	2.1
BB	2.3	0.1	2.2	0.1	0.0
С	0.0		0.0		
NR	0.1	0.1	-0.1		0.0
N/A	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Derivatives	-3.2		-3.2	-0.5	
Cash Derivatives Offset	2.9		2.9		
Cash Equivalents	2.5		2.5		
Cash incl. FFX	-0.3	0.2	-0.6		
Total	100.0	100.0		4.8	4.5
Avg Rating	Α	A-			

Credit ratings are in-house derived ratings following LINEAR methodology. Categories shown are sorted by Credit Rating.

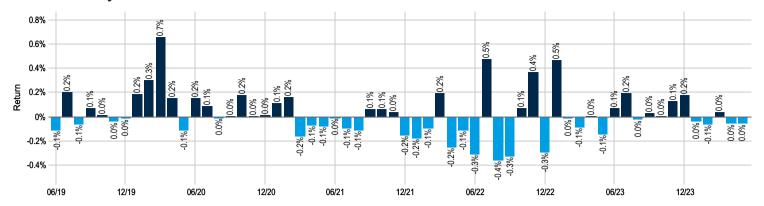
#### Instrument

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		Weights		Contrib to Effective Duration		
	Fund	Index	Diff	Fund	Index	
Investment Grade	85.5	99.1	-13.6	4.8	4.5	
Government	5.5		5.5	0.2		
Agency / Quasi Govt	3.8	0.5	3.3	0.1	0.0	
High Yield	2.1	0.1	2.1	0.1	0.0	
Securitised	1.3	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.0	
Derivatives	-3.2		-3.2	-0.5		
Cash Derivatives Offset	2.9		2.9			
Cash Equivalents	2.5		2.5			
Cash incl. FFX	-0.3	0.2	-0.6			
Total	100.0	100.0		4.8	4.5	

## **Instruments - Contribution to Effective Duration**



# **Relative Monthly Net Returns vs Peer Median**



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#### Risk Analysis

	;	3 YR		5 YR
	Fund	Index	Fund	Index
Absolute Volatility	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.4
Relative Volatility	1.1		1.0	
Tracking Error	0.7	-	0.6	-
Sharpe Ratio	-0.5	-	-0.1	-
Information Ratio	0.7	-	1.4	-
Beta	1.1	-	1.0	-
Sortino Ratio	-0.7	-	-0.1	-
Jensen Alpha	0.7	-	0.9	-
Annualised Alpha	0.7	-	0.9	-
Alpha	0.1	-	0.1	-
Max Drawdown	-16.5	-16.7	-16.5	-16.7
R²	99.3	-	99.2	-

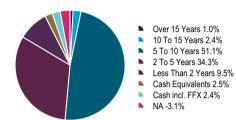
Ex post risk calculations are based on monthly gross global close returns.

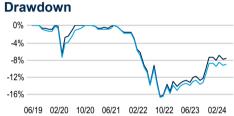
#### **Portfolio Statistics**

ı		Fund	Index
	Modified Duration	5.0	4.6
	Effective Duration	4.8	4.5
	Average Coupon	2.8	2.3
	Yield to Worst	4.0	3.8
	Credit Rating Linear	Α	A-

Analytics are based on global close valuations using Columbia Threadneedle Investments sourced market attributes. Underlying securities data may be provisional or based on estimates. Market cap weightings include cash in the % calculations.

#### **Effective Duration**

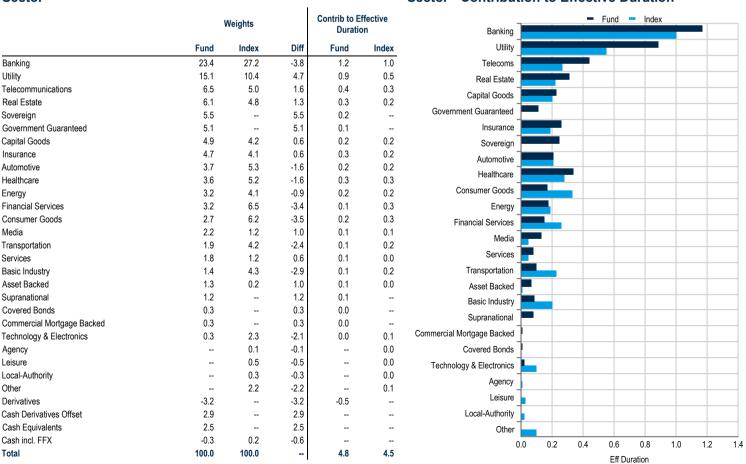




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**Sector** 

# **Sector - Contribution to Effective Duration**



The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics and is categorised as Article 8 under the EU Regulation 2019/2088 on sustainabilityrelated disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR).

### Responsible Investment Metrics

	Fund	Index*	Tilt
Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality rating Weighted average (1 is highest quality, 5 is lowest quality)	2.23	2.33	+0.10
Carbon Intensity Weighted average (tCO2e/\$1m sales)	112.07	113.06	+0.99
Controversies Exposure Exposure to controversial names¹	-		
MSCI ESG Score Weighted average (10 is highest quality, 0 is lowest quality)	7.50	7.27	+0.23



\*iBoxx EUR Corporate Bond Index.

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#### Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality (ESGM) rating

The Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality ratings provide an initial assessment of how well a company is managing its financially material ESG risks. We use the Sustainability and Accounting Standards Board (SASB) framework to identify which are the most financially material ESG risk factors for a company. These factors are industry dependent. The model processes public data for over 10,000 global issuers, and the ratings are updated daily, or as new data is published. The output is a rating from 1 to 5, where companies rated 5 are most exposed to material ESG risks, and those rated 1 are the least exposed (i.e. a lower score signals better quality). We use the ratings in our investment processes to help guide our research and identify opportunities to engage with companies.

#### **Carbon Intensity**

This measures carbon emissions relative to the size of a company, measured by revenues not market capitalisation. The measure used is tonnes of CO2 emitted (tCO2e) per \$1M of revenues. We give data for the overall Fund based on the weightings of the securities held, and a comparison with similar data for the Index. Carbon intensity provides an indication of carbon efficiency. This measure enables comparison with other funds and asset classes.

#### Controversies Exposure

We assess exposure to controversies using three international frameworks covering standards of operating practice: the UN Global Compact: the International Labour Organisation Core Labour Standards; and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. We measure the proportion of the Fund associated with breaches of the three frameworks and give a comparison with similar data for the index.

#### **MSCI ESG Score**

The MSCI ESG score uses MSCI's own methodology to assess companies' effectiveness at managing their ESG exposure. Companies with the highest ratings are those assessed as best managing their exposures to those material ESG risks and opportunities. If the portfolio score is above the benchmark, the portfolio is overweight in issuers that manage their ESG exposures better than others.

The "Tilt" figure shows the bias of the Fund relative to the Index. It is expressed as the arithmetic difference in the weighting. A positive tilt indicates a bias towards a "better" RI profile than the Index

Measures are being used to compare the ESG characteristics of the fund against the Index. This index also provides a helpful benchmark against which the financial performance can be compared. Accordingly, the index is not designed to specifically consider environmental or social characteristics.

For more information on Responsible Investment (RI) or investment terms used in this document, please see the Glossary published in the Document Centre on our website: https:// www.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk/en/retl/about-us/responsible-investment/. The decision to invest in the promoted Fund should also take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the promoted Fund as described in its prospectus/ in the information which is to be disclosed to investors in accordance with Article 23 of Directive 2011/61/EU.

The ESG materiality and carbon intensity scores are calculated on a trailing 12-month weighted average. For periods less than 12 months the rolling average will be calculated using the months available. Weighted average is computed using an equal weighting of the metric for each of the business days contained in the prior 12-month period. The carbon intensity denominator "sales" figure is a revenue measure. Coverage is the portfolio's percent of market value consisting of holdings for each applicable metric. Cash and derivatives are excluded from coverage. MSCI gives issuers a score of "Pass", "Watch List", or "Fail" depending on the degree to which they measure against principles in three documents: The UN Global Compact, the International Labor Organization Core Labour Standards, and the UN Principles on Business and Human Rights. An assignment of "Fail" for any of the three causes the holdings to reflect as controversial.

We made some changes to the ESG materiality rating methodology on 17 April 2023. This means some fund and benchmark ratings have changed, but this does not reflect a material change to the portfolio or our investment approach.

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#### **Share Classes Available**

Share	Class	Hedged	Curr	Tax	OCF	OCF Date	Max Entry Charge	Max Exit Charge	Transaction Costs	Min Inv.	Launch	ISIN	SEDOL	BBID	WKN/Valor/ CUSIP
AE	Acc	No	EUR	Gross	0.80%	29/09/23	3.00%	0.00%	0.11%	2,500	21/09/18	LU1849561524	BD2Z4L2	THECAEE LX	A2JQAA
IE	Acc	No	EUR	Gross	0.50%	29/09/23	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	100,000	21/09/18	LU1849561870	BD2Z4N4	THECIEE LX	A2JQAC
ZE	Acc	No	EUR	Gross	0.55%	29/09/23	5.00%	0.00%	0.11%	1,500,000	21/09/18	LU1849561797	BD2Z4M3	THECZEE LX	A2JQAB

Share classes in the table may not be open to all investors, please refer to the Prospectus for further information. Overall impact of costs: Costs and expected returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations, if costs are to be paid in another currency than your local currency. The ongoing charges figure (OCF), exit charges (maximum amount to be deducted shown in the table above) and transaction costs show the percentage that may be deducted from your expected returns. The OCF is usually based on the last year's expenses, includes charges such as the Fund's annual management charge and operating costs. Transaction costs displayed are based on a three year average total and are calculated based on FYE Report and Account figures. Where the fund is less than 3 years old the transaction costs are based on proxy and actual costs. All transaction costs are as at 31/03/23. Additional distributor or intermediary fees may not be included. In some cases, the OCF may be based on an estimate of future charges. For a more detailed breakdown please visit www.columbiathreadneedle.com/

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