



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS STRENGTHENS UK EQUITIES TEAM WITH NEW HIRE**

**LONDON 17 June 2013:** Threadneedle Investments (Threadneedle), a leading international asset manager, has appointed Matthew Evans to the role of UK Small Cap Fund Manager<sup>1</sup>, starting early October 2013. Matthew has 12 years' experience in UK smaller companies investing. He will work closely with James Thorne, UK Small Cap Fund Manager, and will report to Simon Brazier, Head of UK Equities at Threadneedle. The Threadneedle UK small and mid-cap team manage a total AUM of €1.69bn<sup>2</sup> out of a total of €19.0bn<sup>2</sup> in UK equities.

**Simon Brazier Head of UK Equities commented:** "Our UK equities investment team is one of the strongest in the industry. Our robust product range is supported by a proven track record, active idea sharing and teamwork. Matthew's appointment further strengthens our UK small and mid-cap expertise and I am confident that with his experience and expertise in this asset class, the team will continue to deliver out-performance for our clients."

Matthew was previously a senior UK Small Cap Fund Manager and worked within a team managing €1.1bn at Legal & General Investment Management.

<sup>1</sup> Subject to FCA approval

<sup>2</sup> AUM as at end of March 2013

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## Notes to Editors

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Threadneedle's distinctive investment approach is based on creative thinking, sharing of ideas and rigorous debate. Our c.150 investment professionals invest across developed and emerging market equities, fixed income, commodities and UK property. As at 31 Mar 2013, 66% of Threadneedle funds outperformed over 1 year, 74% over 3 years and 83% over 5 years<sup>3</sup>. In 2012, Threadneedle won over 100 prestigious fund management industry awards globally<sup>4</sup>.

Threadneedle is owned by Ameriprise Financial (NYSE: AMP), a leading US diversified financial services company with US\$708bn in assets under management and administration. As its international investment platform, Threadneedle provides Ameriprise and its retail and institutional clients with world class investment solutions.

<sup>1</sup> UK IMA ranking, Feb 2013, see [www.investmentfunds.org.uk](http://www.investmentfunds.org.uk)

<sup>2</sup> Europe ranking, Morningstar Feb 2013

<sup>3</sup> All funds managed by Threadneedle, including segregated accounts/portfolios. The data does not include funds sub-advised by third parties or guest funds on a Threadneedle platform. All figures are as at 31 Mar 2013, in GBP unless stated otherwise. Total value of funds outperforming their relevant benchmark expressed as a percentage of total assets under management. This information aims to demonstrate the overall performance capabilities of Threadneedle's asset management team. It is not intended to indicate the performance of individual funds or products. Please refer to product specific documentation in relation to individual funds. The value of investments and any income is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up.

<sup>4</sup> For details see: <http://www.threadneedle.com/en/About-us/Awards/>

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