

Media Release

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS STRENGTHENS EUROPEAN EQUITIES TEAM

LONDON, 20 MAY 2015: Columbia Threadneedle Investments, a leading global asset management group, has appointed Mark Nichols to Portfolio Manager in its European Equities team.

Led by Philip Dicken, the team comprises 11 investment professionals who together manage €24.5 billion on behalf of retail and institutional investors.

Mark will be based in London and joins from F&C Investments where he was Director and Fund Manager in the European Equities team. He has 14 years of market experience and previously held European Equities roles at Lehman Brothers and Invesco.

Philip Dicken, Head of European Equities at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, said: "We are pleased to welcome Mark to the European Equities team and to expand our capabilities in this area. His strong track record and experience will further enhance our client proposition and help build on our success to date.

"The European economy is on a strong path to recovery. This has translated into positive momentum in the stock market - yesterday's bears have become today's bulls. We are expecting 10% corporate earnings growth in Europe this year and investors have a real opportunity to enjoy healthy returns."

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With more than 2000 people including over 450 investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia, we manage €471 billion¹ of assets across developed and emerging market equities, fixed income, asset allocation solutions and alternatives.

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All figures as at 31 March 2015

¹ Source: Ameriprise Financial Q1 2015 earnings release.

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