

# News Release

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## **Five Columbia Funds Earn Lipper Fund Awards**

*Funds in multiple categories awarded*

BOSTON – March 23, 2016 – Five Columbia funds have received 2016 Lipper Fund Awards as top-performing mutual funds in their respective Lipper classifications for the period ending December 31, 2015:

- **Columbia Select Large-Cap Value Fund (R5 shares)**  
Large-Cap Value Funds classification (290 funds<sup>1</sup>) – 10 years
  
- **Columbia Greater China Fund (Z shares)**  
China Region Funds classification (26 funds<sup>1</sup>) – 10 years
  
- **Columbia Global Equity Value Fund (I shares)**  
Global Large-Cap Value Funds classification (39 funds<sup>1</sup>) – 3 years
  
- **Columbia Contrarian Core Fund (Z shares)**  
Large-Cap Core Funds classification (499 funds<sup>1</sup>) – 10 years
  
- **Columbia AMT-Free California Intermediate Muni Bond Fund (Z shares)**  
California Intermediate Municipal Debt Funds classification (30 funds<sup>1</sup>) – 10 years

The U.S. Lipper Fund Awards recognize funds for their consistently strong risk-adjusted three-, five-, and 10-year performance, relative to their peers, based on Lipper's proprietary performance-based methodology<sup>2</sup>.

**Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

"We are pleased to have five funds recognized by Lipper for their consistent, risk adjusted performance," said Colin Moore, Global Chief Investment Officer. "Our priority is to deliver consistent investment returns for our clients through superior research and capital allocation within and across our strategies and with a deep understanding of their investment needs."

This is the fifth consecutive year that Columbia Select Large-Cap Value Fund has earned a Lipper Award in the Large-Cap Value category. The fund received the award for 10-year performance in 2015 (90 funds), 10-year performance in 2014 (84 funds), for 5-year and 10-year performance in 2013 (102 funds and 84 funds), and for 5-year performance in 2012 (402 funds).

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**Performance Chart**

Average annual total returns as of 12/31/15	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date	Total Gross Annual Operating Expenses <sup>4</sup>
Columbia Select Large-Cap Value Fund (R5 shares)	-5.53	13.24	11.23	7.44	7.86	04/25/1997 <sup>3</sup>	0.83%
Columbia Greater China Fund (Z shares)	-0.34	6.04	2.17	10.64	9.82	05/16/1997	1.31%
Columbia Global Equity Value Fund (I shares)	-5.50	10.06	7.78	5.42	6.44	3/4/2004	0.73%
Columbia Contrarian Core Fund (Z shares)	3.02	16.44	13.17	9.45	9.26	12/14/1992	.84%
Columbia AMT-Free California Intermediate Muni Bond Fund (Z shares)	2.81	3.00	5.11	4.47	4.11	08/19/2002	.70%

**Source:** Columbia Threadneedle Investments, as of 12/31/15.

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<sup>1</sup> Within the respective Lipper classification.

<sup>2</sup> Lipper rankings are based on annualized total returns and do not reflect sales charges.

<sup>3</sup> The inception date of Class R5 shares of Columbia Select Large-Cap Value Fund is 11/30/2001. The returns shown for periods prior to this date include the returns of the oldest share class of the fund, adjusted to reflect higher class-related operating expenses, as applicable. In addition, the returns shown include the returns of any predecessor to the fund. Please visit [columbiathreadneedle.com/us/investment-products/mutual-funds/appended-performance](http://columbiathreadneedle.com/us/investment-products/mutual-funds/appended-performance) for more information.

<sup>4</sup> The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus. The investment manager and certain of its affiliates have contractually (for at least twelve months after the date of the fund prospectus) agreed to waive certain fees and/or to reimburse certain expenses of the fund.

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**Columbia Select Large Cap-Value Fund:** **Market** risk may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. **Value** securities may be unprofitable if the market fails to recognize their intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. Investments in a **limited** number of companies subject the fund to greater risk of loss. The fund may invest significantly in issuers within a particular **sector**, which may be negatively affected by market, economic or other conditions, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in the sector.

**Columbia Greater China Fund:** **Market** risk may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. **International** investing involves certain risks and volatility due to potential political, economic or currency instabilities and different financial and accounting standards. Risks are enhanced for **emerging market** issuers. Concentration in the **Greater China region**, where issuers tend to be less developed than U.S. issuers, presents increased risk of loss than a fund that does not concentrate its investments. Investments in **small- and mid-cap** companies involve risks and volatility greater than investments in larger, more established companies. As a **non-diversified** fund, fewer investments could have a greater effect on performance.

**Columbia Global Equity Value Fund:** **Market** risk may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. **Value** securities may be unprofitable if the market fails to recognize their intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. **Foreign** investments subject the fund to risks, including political, economic, market, social and others within a particular country, as well as to currency instabilities and less stringent financial and accounting standards generally applicable to U.S. issuers. Investing in **derivatives** is a specialized activity that involves special risks, which may result in significant losses. The fund may invest significantly in issuers within a particular **sector**, which may be negatively affected by market, economic or other conditions, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in the sector.

**Columbia Contrarian Core Fund:** **Market** risk may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. **Foreign** investments subject the fund to risks, including political, economic, market, social and others within a particular country, as well as to currency instabilities and less stringent financial and accounting standards generally applicable to U.S. issuers. **Growth** securities, at times, may not perform as well as value securities or the stock market in general and may be out of favor with investors. **Value** securities may be unprofitable if the market fails to recognize their intrinsic worth or the portfolio manager misgauged that worth. The fund may invest significantly in issuers within a particular **sector**, which may be negatively affected by market, economic or other conditions, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in the sector.

**Columbia AMT-Free California Intermediate Muni Bond Fund:** Fixed-income securities present **issuer** default risk. The fund invests substantially in **municipal securities** and will be affected by tax, legislative, regulatory, demographic or political changes, as well as changes impacting a state's financial, economic or

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