

News Release

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Columbia Threadneedle Investments Congratulates Gwen Jorgensen on Winning Olympic Gold

Dare2tri paratriathlete charity to auction Jorgensen's custom bike

Boston – August 25, 2016 – Columbia Threadneedle Investments congratulates two-time triathlon world champion Gwen Jorgensen on her gold medal performance in Rio. Following her success, Columbia Threadneedle and Jorgensen will donate her custom-painted, Columbia Threadneedle branded, *Specialized* bike to the Dare2tri paratriathlete charity auction on September 30, 2016 in Chicago.

“I would like to thank Columbia Threadneedle Investments for its long term support. I am thrilled with the result and would like to recognize the role that Columbia Threadneedle and my other partners brought to my best performances,” said Gwen Jorgensen.

Columbia Threadneedle began its partnership with Jorgensen in 2014 following the company’s sponsorship of the International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Triathlon Series, an annual series of triathlon events held in cities across the globe.

“Discipline, focus and long-term planning drive performance in the triathlon and investment worlds. Gwen has achieved phenomenal success in triathlon and we congratulate her on her gold medal-winning performance,” said Ted Truscott, CEO of Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

Columbia Threadneedle has supported triathlon, one of the fastest growing Olympic sports, since 2013. The company is the current Global Financial Services Partner of the ITU World Triathlon Series and is the title sponsor of the Columbia Threadneedle Investments Boston Triathlon.

Dare2tri to auction Jorgensen's customized triathlon bike at annual gala

Columbia Threadneedle supports the Dare2tri Paratriathlon Club, which provides facilities, triathlete training and coaching for youth, adults, and injured service members who have a physical disability or a visual impairment.

Earlier this year, Columbia Threadneedle commissioned a custom-painted *Specialized Amira* for Jorgensen to use in her preparation for Rio and on which she raced to victory at the Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon Leeds in June and the ITU Mixed Relay World Championships in July. This bike will be auctioned at Dare2tri's annual gala – An Evening2Inspire – on September 30, 2016. Auction bidding begins online starting September 23, 2016.

"The custom painted *Specialized Amira* which I trained and raced on earlier this season was one of my favorite bikes. I hope it raises a lot of money for Dare2Tri when it goes on auction next month," added Jorgensen.

The gala and auction will raise funds to support programs and services that positively impact the lives of athletes by developing their skills in paratriathlon, while inspiring the community at large. For more information and to purchase tickets to the event, please visit this site: <http://www.dare2tri.org/an-evening2inspire/>.

"We are grateful to Gwen and the team at Columbia Threadneedle for their ongoing support and this generous contribution to our gala event. Paratriathlon debuts at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on September 10-11, and our gala will be a celebration of all the paratriathletes who have crossed a finish line with the help of Dare2tri," said Keri Serota, executive director of Dare2tri.

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About Dare2tri:

Launched in 2011, Dare2tri Paratriathlon Club serves youth, adults and injured service members who have a physical disability such as amputation, spinal cord injury, stroke, Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy, as well as those with visual impairments or blindness. Dare2tri serves athletes of all ability levels, from beginners to elites. The club is committed to providing adaptive equipment, training opportunities, qualified coaching and support for athletes through access to trained handlers and guides, ensuring that athletes are fully prepared to Dare2tri and inspire others to do the same. Learn more at dare2tri.org.

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