

# News Release

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## Threadneedle strengthens Emerging Market Debt Team

Threadneedle, one of the leading UK asset managers, announces the appointment of Vladimir Gersamia to the position of portfolio manager effective as of today. Vladimir will join the Emerging Market Debt team and will run the Threadneedle Emerging Market Local Fund reporting to Richard House, Head of Emerging Market Debt at Threadneedle.

Vladimir is a trained economist with a significant amount of EM experience. He joins from Fortis Investment Management where he was a portfolio manager within their EM debt team. Before Fortis, Vladimir was an economist at Merrill Lynch International and an analyst at Putnam Lovell prior to that. He graduated in 2004 from Bristol University of West of England with an BA joint Honours in Economics and History.

**Campbell Fleming, Threadneedle's Head of Distribution, comments:** "We are pleased to welcome Vladimir to our fixed income team at Threadneedle. The Emerging Market Debt Team now comprises of six trained economists, between them covering external debt and local markets across 30 emerging market countries. The team has gained significant strength over the last year, managing a full spectrum of Emerging Market debt products and our Emerging Market capabilities in both fixed income and equities have a total AUM of £8bn\*"

### Threadneedle's Emerging Market Debt fund range:

#### OEICs

Emerging Market Bond Fund  
Emerging Market Local Fund

#### SICAVs

Emerging Market Debt Fund  
Emerging Market Corporate Bonds Fund  
Emerging Market Short-Term Bonds Fund  
Global High Yield and Emerging Market (Euro) Fund

#### Hedge

Emerging Currencies Crescendo Fund

**ENDS**

\*as at 31 March 2010

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