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Form 497  
May 03, 2010

Supplement dated May 1, 2010  
to the Statement of Additional Information, dated May 1, 2010  
for  
Tri-Continental Corporation  
(the Corporation)

On May 1, 2010, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial), the parent company of RiverSource Investments, LLC, the Corporation's investment manager, announced the closing of its acquisition of the long-term asset management business of Columbia Management Group, LLC and certain of its affiliated companies from Bank of America (the Columbia Transaction).

In connection with the Columbia Transaction, effective May 1, 2010, the Corporation's investment manager and transfer agent will change their names to reflect the new, combined business:

| NEW COMPANY NAME  | FORMER NAME/SERVICE PROVIDER                                    | SERVICES                          |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC<br>Columbia Management Investment Services Corp. | RiverSource Investments, LLC<br>RiverSource Service Corporation | Investment Mana<br>Transfer Agent |

The chart entitled "Board Member Affiliated with RiverSource Investments," is revised as follows:

BOARD MEMBER AFFILIATED WITH COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC\*

| NAME, ADDRESS, AGE  | POSITION WITH CORPORATION AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING LAST FIVE YEARS  | OTHER DIRECT                           |
|---|---|--|--|
| William F. Truscott<br>53600 Ameriprise Financial Center<br>Minneapolis, MN 55474<br>Age 49 | Board member and Vice President since 11/7/08       | Chairman of the Board, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (formerly RiverSource Investments, LLC) since May 2010 (previously President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Investment Officer, 2001-April 2010); Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Asset Management & President, Annuities, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since May 2010 (previously President - U.S. Asset Management and Chief Investment Officer, 2005-April 2010 and Senior Vice President - Chief Investment Officer, 2001-2005); Director, | RiverSource, Seligman and Threadneedle |

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President and Chief Executive Officer, Ameriprise Certificate Company since 2006; Director, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (formerly RiverSource Fund Distributors, Inc.) since May 2010 (previously Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, 2008-April 2010; Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, RiverSource Distributors, Inc. since 2006; former Chief Investment Officer and Managing Director, Zurich Scudder Investments

\* Interested person by reason of being an officer, director, security holder and/or employee of Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC and Ameriprise Financial.

The chart entitled "Fund Officers," is revised as follows:

FUND OFFICERS

| NAME, ADDRESS, AGE   | POSITION WITH CORPORATION AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED* | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING   |
|--|--|---|
| J. Kevin Connaughton<br>One Financial Center<br>Boston, MA 02111<br>Age 46           | President since 5/1/10                               | Senior Vice President and General Products, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. since May 2010; Managing Director of Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, December 2004 - April 2010; Senior Vice President, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. 2009; Treasurer, Columbia Funds, Open End Funds, OTC, and All-Star Funds, December 2000 - December 2004; President, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. Stein Roe Funds, February 2004 - October 2004 |
| Amy K. Johnson<br>172 Ameriprise Financial Center<br>Minneapolis, MN 55474<br>Age 44 | Vice President since 11/7/08                         | Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (formerly RiverSource Investments, LLC) since May 2010 (previously Administrative Officer, 2009 - April 2010; Vice President - Asset Management and Trust Company, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC; Vice President - Operations and Compliance, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC; Director of Product Development - Ameriprise Financial, Inc., 2001-2004                        |
| Jeffrey P. Fox<br>105 Ameriprise Financial Center<br>Minneapolis, MN 55474<br>Age 54 | Treasurer since 6/11/09                              | Vice President, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (formerly RiverSource Investments, LLC) since May 2010 (previously Chief Financial Officer, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (formerly RiverSource Investments, LLC) since May 2010  |

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Scott R. Plummer  
5228 Ameriprise Financial Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55474  
Age 50

Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary  
since 11/7/08

Inc.) since 2008; Vice President -  
Ameriprise Financial, Inc. since 2  
Officer, RiverSource Distributors,

Chief Legal Officer and Assistant  
Management Investment Advisers, LL  
Investments, LLC) since June 2005;  
Chief Counsel - Asset Management,  
since May 2010 (previously Vice Pr  
Asset Management, 2005-April 2010  
Management Compliance, 2004-2005);  
Counsel and Assistant Secretary, C  
Investment Distributors, Inc. (for  
Distributors, Inc.) since 2008; Vi  
Counsel and Secretary, Ameriprise  
2005; Chief Counsel, RiverSource D  
2006; Senior Vice President and Ch  
USBancorp Asset Management, 2002-2

Mike Jones  
100 Federal Street  
Boston, MN 02110  
Age 51

Vice President since  
5/1/10

Director and President, Columbia M  
Advisers, LLC since May 2010; Pres  
Columbia Management Investment Dis  
2010; Manager, Chairman, Chief Exe  
President, Columbia Management Adv  
2010; Chief Executive Officer, Pre  
Columbia Management Distributors,  
former Co-President and Senior Man  
Investment Management

FUND OFFICERS

| NAME, ADDRESS, AGE  | POSITION WITH<br>CORPORATION AND LENGTH OF<br>TIME SERVED*                                       | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURI  |
|---|--|--|
| Colin Moore<br>One Financial Center<br>Boston, MA 02111<br>Age 52                     | Vice President since<br>5/1/10   | Director and Chief Investment Offi<br>Investment Advisers, LLC since May<br>Director and Chief Investment Offi<br>Advisers, LLC, 2007- April 2010; H<br>Management Advisers, LLC, 2002-Sep   |
| Linda Wondrack<br>One Financial Center<br>Boston, MA 02111<br>Age 46                  | Chief Compliance Officer<br>since 5/1/10   | Vice President and Chief Complianc<br>Management Investment Advisers, LL<br>(Columbia Management Group, LLC an<br>Compliance), Bank of America, June<br>Director of Corporate Compliance a<br>Investment Management (investment<br>May 2005                    |
| Neysa M. Alecu<br>2934 Ameriprise Financial Center<br>Minneapolis, MN 55474<br>Age 46 | Money Laundering<br>Prevention Officer and<br>Identity Theft Prevention<br>Officer since 11/7/08 | Vice President - Compliance, Ameri<br>2008; Anti-Money Laundering Office<br>Prevention Officer, Columbia Manag<br>Distributors, Inc. (formerly River<br>Inc.) since 2008; Anti-Money Laund<br>Financial, Inc. since 2005; Compli<br>Financial, Inc., 2004-2008 |

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- \* All officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors and serve until their successors are elected and qualify or their earlier resignation.