

# Columbia Asset Management Presents: Our First Employee Newsletter!

Hello and happy fall! We at Columbia want to give you the opportunity to get to know us a little better, so we've decided to start including an employee newsletter in with your report every quarter. Enjoy!

## Edition 1: Learn about Linda



Linda Meadows, analyst and compliance officer, first came on board with Columbia Asset Management in 2005, becoming one of the first additional members to Brian's original one-man team. Linda mostly works in client services, portfolio management, and account logistics, and is cherished as our only bilingual team member, having been born and raised in Sweden (thus, she's also our go-to for all Scandinavian translation needs). She received a degree in Mechanical Engineering in Sweden before moving to Ann Arbor in 1996, where she completed a B.A. in Economics through the University of Michigan in 2003. She then went on to attend an MBA Program in Sweden in 2004 before settling down in Ann Arbor with Columbia. Outside of the office, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Randy, and adorable dog, Riley. She loves traveling, cooking, watching cooking shows when things aren't going well in the kitchen, and staying healthy and active. Ask her about Andrew Zimmern next time you're in the office!

**What's your favorite part of being a financial advisor?** I enjoy the process of getting to know each client and finding a way to make their portfolio fit all of their needs—not just financially, but emotionally as well. Ensuring all of our clients are comfortable and at ease with their portfolio is an important part of that process.

**Favorite vacation destination?** Costa Rica! My husband and I visited a few years ago, spending the first half of the trip exploring Arenal Volcano and ziplining through the rainforest canopy, and the second half swimming, snorkeling, and relaxing on the beach in Manuel Antonio.

**Favorite Columbia tradition?** Birthday celebrations in the office! We usually go for a mix of Cupcake Station treats during the day and amazing apps and drinks at Pacific Rim in the evening.

**Best advice you could give to a client?** Find a portfolio structure that gives you peace of mind—and stick with it.

**Best advice you've been given?** If you're really interested in doing something, and understand what you're getting into, don't let others talk you out of it.

**Favorite restaurant in Ann Arbor?** Mikette Bistro! It's a great new French restaurant on Plymouth Road.