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SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14A-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(AMENDMENT NO. )

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Under Rule 14a-12

TRI-CONTINENTAL CORPORATION

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

WESTERN INVESTMENT HEDGED PARTNERS L.P.  
WESTERN INVESTMENT LLC  
WESTERN INVESTMENT ACTIVISM PARTNERS LLC  
BENCHMARK PLUS INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.L.C.  
BENCHMARK PLUS PARTNERS, L.L.C.  
BENCHMARK PLUS MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.  
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