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Our ref: EATDeadlineActionConf

Dear {Salutation}

{Account type}

Account number: {Account number}

Account name: {Account name} {Account name2} {Account name3} {Account name4}

{Designation: {Designation}}

European Assets Trust (“EAT”) – Combination with The European Smaller Companies Trust PLC (“ESCT”)- Deadline Action Taken

Last year, we let you know that European Assets Trust (EAT) would be wound up and combined with The European Smaller Companies Trust PLC (ESCT). As part of this, your EAT shares were exchanged for ESCT shares and placed in your account temporarily.

We also explained that if we didn't hear from you about what you wanted to do with the ESCT shares by the deadline, we would take the default action on your behalf. The deadline to provide us with an instruction was **14 January 2026**.

Action Taken

As we didn't receive your instruction, we have sold the ESCT shares in line with the default option explained in previous communications.

A summary of the transaction is below. Please keep this letter for your records.

Date	Transaction	Price	Number of shares	Amount
[Date]	{Contract id}	{TBC}	{TBC}	{TBC}

What happens now?

- If you were making monthly contributions into EAT, we'll either reduce or stop your Direct Debit from **February 2026** by the portion you were previously saving into this fund. You'll receive a separate letter confirming this has been done.
- The cash proceeds from the sale of shares have been added to your account.
- If you use our Cash Sweep feature (and your nominated fund isn't EAT), the cash will be invested automatically at the next sweep date.
- If you don't use Cash Sweep, the cash will stay on your account until you let us know what you'd like to do.

You can view your cash balance online or in your valuation statements. As a reminder, cash held in your account doesn't earn interest, and fees may be taken from it (unless you've chosen to pay these by Direct Debit).

Help and Support

If you have any questions we're here to help. You can call us on **0345 600 3030** or from overseas on +44 1268 447407. The team is available to take your call from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, please email us at investor.enquiries@columbiathreadneedle.com.

You can also contact your financial adviser or find one at www.unbiased.co.uk.

Your sincerely,

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