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ACTION REQUIRED
This letter requires a response from you by 14 January 2026

Dear Planholder

Matured Child Trust Fund ("Matured CTF")
Account number: {Foreign_Reference}

European Assets Trust PLC ("EAT") – Combination with The European Smaller Companies Trust PLC ("ESCT")

We wrote to you on 9 September to let you know about the voluntary winding up of EAT and its combination with ESCT. The combination proposals were approved by shareholders at the two General Meetings on the 3rd and 15th October.

What does this mean for you?
You now hold {Stock Received} ESCT shares which you received in exchange for the EAT shares you held as the Rollover Option under the Proposals. This was based on a conversion ratio of approximately 0.428444 ESCT shares per each EAT share you held.

ESCT is not an investment option within the CT Savings Plans therefore these shares can only be held temporarily within the above account. This means that you should now consider what you would like to do with these shares and confirm your decision to us by **14 January 2026**. In this letter, we've detailed what happens if we don't hear from you by then.

Making a change to your investment
It's important to note that it's not possible to make changes to investments held in a Matured CTF. You also have to decide what to do with all of your Matured CTF not just your ESCT shares. The options available to you are outlined below.

Make a withdrawal now
You can sell your ESCT shares and withdraw the proceeds. If you only have ESCT shares, this will close your Matured CTF. If you have any other investments in your Matured CTF, you can sell these at the same time or transfer them to a different type of account.

Stay invested with Columbia Threadneedle by transferring to another CT Savings Plan and choosing a new investment
We'd sell your ESCT shares when we receive your instruction and transfer the proceeds into the plan you choose. If you have other investments in your Matured CTF, these will need to be transferred together with the cash from the sale of your ESCT shares. Once you have transferred, you can then reinvest the proceeds of your ESCT shares into a new investment option.

The minimum investment amount for a new CT Savings Plan is £2,000. If the total value of your Matured CTF is below this amount and you wish to continue investing, please contact us to discuss your options.

You can find more information about the options available at **ctinvest.co.uk/ctf.**

How to provide your instruction to us

- **Online** -Using the Investor Portal (**ctinvest.co.uk/login)**
- **By Post** -Complete and return the "Making a Decision Form" which is available on our website (**ctinvest.co.uk/documents**) or by contacting us using the details shown on this letter

Keep your ESCT shares by transferring to another provider
You can transfer your ESCT shares to another provider. If you have other investments in your Matured CTF, you will need to provide us with an instruction for them at the same time.

If you would like to transfer your account to another provider, your chosen provider will provide you with their transfer form. It can take up to 30 days to complete a transfer so please ensure that your chosen provider is aware of the deadline of **14 January 2026**. If we have not received a valid instruction before then, your ESCT shares will be sold. You can still transfer, but it would be in cash.

Next steps
Please let us know what action you want to take regarding your Matured CTF by **14 January 2026.**

If you haven't advised us by the deadline, we will automatically sell your ESCT shares, and the cash will be added to your Matured CTF until we receive an instruction from you. If the Cash Sweep feature was already active on this account and the nominated fund was not EAT, then this cash will be used to buy shares in your nominated fund at the next cash sweep date after this is done.

Please note that no interest will be paid on this cash and the amount of cash held will go down over time because we'll deduct any charges due to us from the cash held on your account. Any other holdings that you may have within your Matured CTF will not be affected.

Appointment of Liquidators
As a shareholder at the time EAT was placed into members' voluntary liquidation, we are required to let you know that on 15th October 2025, Derek Hyslop and Richard Barker were appointed as Joint Liquidators of EAT. Information about the liquidation of EAT, including annual progress reports and draft and final accounts will be available for viewing and downloading at **europeanassets.co.uk** without further notification from the Joint Liquidators**.** The annual progress reports will be produced within two months of 15 October each year. The draft and final accounts will be available as soon as practicable at the conclusion of the liquidation. Hard copies of these documents can be requested from the Joint Liquidators using the contact details on the above website.

Help and Support
If you have any questions, there's more information on our website at **ctinvest.co.uk/eatupdate**

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.

Please note that we are happy to take your calls and answer general queries, however we are unable to provide financial or tax advice. If you are unsure about your investment or which option to pick, please contact your financial adviser or find one at www.unbiased.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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