

TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

**1. Issuer Details**

**ISIN**

GB00BMCF8689

**Issuer Name**

THE EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

**UK or Non-UK Issuer**

UK

**2. Reason for Notification**

Other

**Comments**

Threshold passively crossed due to the reduction in the total number of voting rights in the issuer

**3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation**

**Name**

JANUS HENDERSON GROUP PLC

**City of registered office (if applicable)**

St Helier

**Country of registered office (if applicable)**

Jersey

**4. Details of the shareholder**

**Full name of shareholder(s) if different from the person(s) subject to the notification obligation, above**

**City of registered office (if applicable)**

**Country of registered office (if applicable)**

**5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached**

29-May-2025

**6. Date on which Issuer notified**

30-May-2025

**7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation**

|  | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8.A) | % of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) | Total number of voting rights held in issuer |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------|--|
|  |  |   |                                |  |

|   |          |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached | 6.988312 | 0.000000 | 6.988312 | 19457502 |
| Position of previous notification (if applicable)                         | 4.966161 | 0.000000 | 4.966161 |          |

## 8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

### 8A. Voting rights attached to shares

| Class/Type of shares ISIN code(if possible) | Number of direct voting rights (DTR5.1) | Number of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1) | % of direct voting rights (DTR5.1) | % of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1) |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| GB00BMCF8689                                | 19312002                                | 145500                                      | 6.936055                           | 0.052257                               |
| Sub Total 8.A                               | 19457502                                |   | 6.988312%                          |  |

### 8B1. Financial Instruments according to (DTR5.3.1R.(1) (a))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date | Exercise/conversion period | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------|
|                              |                 |                            |   |                    |
| Sub Total 8.B1               |                 |                            |   |                    |

### 8B2. Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to (DTR5.3.1R.(1) (b))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date | Exercise/conversion period | Physical or cash settlement | Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                 |                            |                             |                         |                    |
| Sub Total 8.B2               |                 |                            |                             |                         |                    |

## 9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation

2. Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entities (please add additional rows as necessary)

| Ultimate controlling person           | Name of controlled undertaking        | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Janus Henderson Group plc             | Janus Henderson UK (Holdings) Limited | 6.988312   | 0.000000   | 6.988312%   |
| Janus Henderson UK (Holdings) Limited | Janus Henderson Investors UK Limited  | 6.988312   | 0.000000   | 6.988312%   |
| Janus                                 |                                       |  |  |   |

|                                      |  |          |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------|----------|-----------|
| Henderson<br>Investors<br>UK Limited |  | 6.988312 | 0.000000 | 6.988312% |
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#### 10. In case of proxy voting

##### Name of the proxy holder

##### The number and % of voting rights held

##### The date until which the voting rights will be held

#### 11. Additional Information

#### 12. Date of Completion

#### 13. Place Of Completion

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