

JANUS HENDERSON FUND MANAGEMENT UK LIMITED

THE EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

Legal Entity Identifier: 213800N1B1HCQG2W4V90

23 January 2026

THE EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC ("the Company")

Compliance with Market Abuse Regulation

The Company announces that it is satisfied that all inside information which the directors and the Company may have, in the period leading up to the announcement of the half-year results in respect of the six months ended 31 December 2025, has previously been published or notified via a Regulatory Information Service ('RIS'). Therefore, the Company is not prohibited from dealing in its own securities.

If, in the period leading up to the announcement of the half-year results, the directors of the Company come into possession of any inside information, this will be notified to an RIS before any such transactions are undertaken.

For further information, please call:

Janus Henderson Secretarial Services UK Limited

Corporate Secretary

Telephone: 020 7818 1818

This information is provided by RNS, the news service of the London Stock Exchange. RNS is approved by the Financial Conduct Authority to act as a Primary Information Provider in the United Kingdom. Terms and conditions relating to the use and distribution of this information may apply. For further information, please contact ms@seg.com or visit www.ms.com.

RNS may use your IP address to confirm compliance with the terms and conditions, to analyse how you engage with the information contained in this communication, and to share such analysis on an anonymised basis with others as part of our commercial services. For further information about how RNS and the London Stock Exchange use the personal data you provide us, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

END

DOCEALFDAAPKEFA