

**Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust plc (the "Company")**

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**Dividend Declaration**

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The Board of Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust plc today announced a proposed final dividend of 32.50p per share, together with a special dividend of 12.00p per share, in respect of the year ended 31 December 2025.

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Subject to shareholder approval at the AGM to be held on 5 March 2026, the dividends will be paid on 9 March 2026 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 6 February 2026. The ex-dividend date is 5 February 2026. The Company also operates a Dividend Reinvestment Plan and elections should be received by the Company's registrars by 5.30pm on 19 February 2026.

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Aberforth Partners LLP, Secretaries

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29 January 2026

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