

How to transfer your new ESCT shares from Columbia Threadneedle Savings plans to a share dealing platform

Investors holding shares in European Assets Trust PLC (EAT) through Columbia Threadneedle Savings Plans (CT Plans) will need to act if they wish to continue owning shares in The European Smaller Companies Trust (ESCT) following the combination.

Investors are required to transfer their shares from their existing CT Plan to a share dealing platform of their choice, such as Hargreaves Lansdown, AJ Bell, Interactive Investor or a similar share dealing platform. This transfer must be completed by 14 January 2026.

Please note that if shares are not transferred from the CT Plan to a share dealing platform by 14 January 2026, they will be automatically sold by the CT Plans administrator. This may trigger a capital gains tax liability for UK tax paying investors.

Included are details for several major dealing platforms, if you already have an account with a different provider or would prefer to use another platform, please contact them directly.

ESCT Share Information

Ticker:	ESCT
Name:	The European Smaller Companies Trust PLC
ISIN:	GB00BMCF8689
Sedol:	BMCF868
FCA listing category:	Closed-ended investment funds
Trading venue:	XLON



Transfer to AJ Bell

- Log into your AJ Bell account.
- Navigate to 'Transferring shares'.
- Complete the transfer form for ESCT.
- Submit the form online or via post.
- Transfers are free and take around 2-4 weeks.

Learn more:

<https://www.ajbell.co.uk/learn/transferring-shares>



Transfer to Fidelity

- Access your Fidelity account.
- Visit the 'Transfer shares and funds' page.
- Fill in the transfer form with ESCT details.
- Submit the form electronically or by mail.
- Transfers are free and may take up to 30 days.

Learn more:

<https://www.fidelity.co.uk/transfer/shares-and-funds/>



Transfer to Hargreaves Lansdown

- Log in to your HL account or create an account
- Navigate to 'Transfer existing funds and shares'.
- Fill out the transfer form with ESCT details.
- Submit the form online or by post.
- Transfers are free and may take 2-4 weeks.

Learn more:

<https://www.hl.co.uk/investment-services/fund-and-share-account/nsfer-existing-funds-and-shares>



Transfer to Interactive Investor

- Sign in to your II account.
- Go to 'Transferring to II' section.
- Complete the online transfer request.
- Include ESCT as the receiving fund.
- Transfers are free and typically take 2-3 weeks.

Learn more:

<https://www.ii.co.uk/investing-with-ii/transferring-to-ii>

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