

Our ref: 9115

## Royal London UK Smaller Companies – fund closure

The Royal London UK Smaller Companies fund that you invest in with us is due to be closed from **06 August 2026**.

We will be unable to accept new investments into the fund from 10 July 2026.

**The last day we can sell units in the fund will be 05 August 2026.**

To continue receiving the benefits of being invested in this type of fund you will need to switch into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range.

**If you don't have a financial adviser**, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting [quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser](https://quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser).

### What happens if you don't take action

If we don't hear from you by 11:00 on 05 August 2026 the Royal London UK Smaller Companies fund will close and you will receive cash based on the value of your holding at the closure date. It will stay in cash until you choose a new asset.

Closure proceeds will be made in two payments. The first should be received by us from the fund manager within 30 days of the closure date, and the second payment should be received within 60 days of the effective date.

**The fund will close in line with the fund group's timeframe, which could mean it will take some time for the proceeds to appear on your account.**

Cash may not be suitable for your long-term investment needs. If you're happy for the amount to stay in cash, you don't need to do anything. Alternatively, you can switch the cash into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range. Your financial adviser can give us your switch instruction, or you can switch by logging into our online Customer Centre at [quilter.com/login](https://quilter.com/login) or by sending us a switch form in the post.

### A note about cash in your account

We don't take any product or service charges on your cash balance (although the value is still included in the total value calculation for the charge). Instead, we pay you a rate of interest on cash in your account and we are paid by retaining a proportion of the interest we receive from our banking partners.

You can find more information, including the current interest rate payable and how much interest we retain, on our website at [quilter.com/interest-on-cash](https://quilter.com/interest-on-cash).

### Capital gains tax – Collective Investment Account only

When you sell or switch your holdings, this is a disposal for capital gains tax purposes. Please speak to your financial adviser to understand how this may affect you.

### **Life fund tax charge - Collective Investment Bond only**

You may notice a life fund tax charge appear on your statements following the sale of units linked to your bond. This is calculated based on gains arising from the units sold. For further details on this charge please refer to your financial adviser or your terms and conditions.

### **The cost of the closure**

The transaction costs of selling down the portfolio for the closure will be borne by the fund and are estimated to be approximately 0.25% of the fund value.

### **Why the fund manager is closing the fund**

The fund was highlighted in Royal London's 2025 assessment of value report because returns significantly fell short of those of its benchmark, meaning the fund had underperformed. Additionally, a large proportion of the fund is currently held by a Royal London group shareholder who is intending to sell their holding. Following this proposed redemption and given the past poor performance, Royal London consider that it is unlikely that the fund will attract new investors and so the long-term operation of the fund would no longer be viable.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Callum Earl". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Callum Earl**

*Head of Client Services*