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Stock split for BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust PLC

I am writing to you because you are invested in the BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust PLC as part of a model portfolio set up by your financial adviser.

The Investment Trust undertook a stock split on 1 July 2026.

This means that for every 1 existing share you held in this asset, you received 5 replacement shares. At the same time, the price per share decreased by a factor of 5. The split will not affect the overall value of your holding.

You'll see your new shareholding on your valuations and statements after that date.

How the stock split will affect your account

- **Rebalancing** – Any instructions using the asset will automatically continue. These will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.

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. Your financial adviser will take any action that needs to be taken and help to answer any questions you may have.

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

Why the change was made

The stock split is being carried out to make the shares cheaper and easier to trade.

Next steps

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 below and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,



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