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## Fund merger for Artemis European Select

**Account number:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Your financial adviser:** \*\*\*\*\*

I am writing to you because you are invested in the Artemis European Select fund, provided by Artemis Fund Managers Limited.

Artemis has informed us that the Artemis European Select fund will merge into the Artemis SmartGARP European Equity fund on **10 January 2025**. You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

The merger is subject to shareholder approval. If it isn't approved, we will write to let you know.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the merger. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about this change.

**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).

The last date we can sell from the fund before the merger will be 11:00 am on 03 January 2025.

## How the merger will affect your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – The merger will not affect the value of your fund holding.
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit:
  - 1) payments up to and including 03 January 2025 will be allocated to the Artemis European Select fund.
  - 2) any payments which are due to be collected whilst the merger is taking place will buy units proportionally across the other assets in your Direct Debit instruction. If the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction, those payments will be allocated to cash. They will stay in cash unless you choose to switch them to another asset in future.

3) payments after the merger will be allocated to the Artemis SmartGARP European Equity fund.

- **Phasing and Rebalancing** – Any **phased investment** or **rebalancing** instructions using the fund will automatically continue after the merger. Unless you give us an alternative choice, future transactions will be reapportioned across the other assets in your instruction, or cash if the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction.
- **Treasured assets** – if you have treasured the fund to be excluded when deducting units to meet certain scheduled payments from your account (for example charges and ongoing adviser fees), this arrangement will stop. You can arrange to treasure different assets by providing us with a new treasured asset request form.

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).

- The merger **may change the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at (URL). Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.
- **Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) / Total Expense Ratio (TER)** – The OCF/TER will change with the merger.

Fund managers apply an Annual Management Charge (AMC) for the investment management they provide. This is reflected within the daily price of the fund and not taken directly from your holdings.

The OCF/TER represents the ongoing charges for the fund, expressed as a percentage. It is the sum of the AMC and all other running costs of the fund. OCF is increasingly replacing the TER.

We receive a rebate from the fund manager in respect of this fund. This is effectively a discount on the fund manager's AMC, that we negotiate for you. We reinvest the whole rebate as a 'reimbursed rebate' into your account. You can see more details of this in the 'Customer Account Credit' section of your quarterly statements.

The table below shows the current and new AMC, OCF/TER and reimbursed rebate of the fund. The Effective OCF/TER is the OCF/TER less the reimbursed rebate.

	AMC %	OCF/TER %	Reimbursed rebate %	Effective OCF/TER %
Current	0.75	0.87	0.08	0.79
New	0.75	0.86	0.08	0.78

**Please note that none of the changes detailed in this letter affect any charges made by Quilter.**

### Why the funds are merging

Artemis has stated that following a period of disappointing performance, and whilst they have undertaken a number of actions to improve the fund's prospects, it has continued to experience outflows and its lead manager has decided to leave Artemis at the end of 2024.

As a result of the relatively low level of assets in the fund, the trend of redemptions, and the expected departure of its

lead manager, Artemis has concluded that a merger with the Artemis SmartGARP European Equity fund is in the best interests of investors.

You can find more information about the old and new funds below.

**The next steps and avoiding the merger**

You do not need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. You can switch your holding in the Artemis European Select fund at any time up until **11:00 am on 03 January 2025**. If you decide to switch into a new asset(s), please note that you will also need to update your asset choice for Direct Debit payments, if applicable.

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



**Callum Earl**  
*Head of Client Services*

**Fund objectives**

Current fund Artemis European Select	New fund Artemis SmartGARP European Equity
<b>Fund objective:</b> To grow capital over a five year period by investing at least 80% in European (excluding UK) company shares. The fund may use derivatives for investment purposes to produce additional income or growth; and for efficient portfolio management purposes to reduce risk and manage the fund efficiently.	<b>Fund objective:</b> To grow capital over a five year period by investing at least 80% in European (excluding UK) company shares. The fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes to reduce risk and manage the fund efficiently.