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THE EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

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Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

The annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been sent to shareholders together with the Notice of Annual General Meeting.

Copies of the annual report and the Notice of Annual General Meeting have been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at <https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism> and on the Company's website at www.europeansmallercompaniestrust.com.

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