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Dear Ostendo Customer,

We're excited to share that a major new version of Ostendo is launching in January 2026 called **Ostendo Continuum (Update 243)**. It's been in development for some time, and we believe it will be worth the wait.

You can explore the details on our new website: ostendo.info

What's New in Ostendo Continuum

The new framework preserves the existing screens, customisations and reports, while making use of the new technology, with artificial intelligence woven into the DNA of the platform. Here's what that means for you:

- **Cloud-native or on-premise — your choice.** The database runs natively on cloud servers (AWS, Azure), significantly reducing hardware costs. You can still run locally on your own server, if you prefer. Either way, your data stays in your own dedicated database — never shared.

- **Fully managed hosting available.** Daily and monthly backups run automatically. See the website for details. Visit Cassini Cloud

- **Faster performance, less server load.** The updated Firebird 5 database and new framework deliver measurably better speed and scalability.
  See our benchmark results.

- **Smarter screens that think ahead.** New features rolling out from January 2026 include more intuitive interfaces, automation for repetitive tasks, and AI-driven insights from your operational data and external sources (exchange rates, commodity prices, supply chain updates). See the Roadmap for more detail.

- **Seamless upgrade path.** The upgrade process brings across your customised reports and scripts. We estimate 1–2 hours depending on database size and hardware (not including new cloud server setup if applicable).

Looking Ahead: AI in Your Business

The pace of AI development is extraordinary. Over the coming years, we expect to see:

- Continued exponential growth in AI capability and use cases
- Significant increases in automated workflows
- Reduced manual effort for knowledge-based tasks
- Conversational AI becoming standard in software

This year, we've seen firsthand how AI has transformed our ability to develop, innovate, and deploy software. What once took months can now take days. But we've also learned that keeping up with the pace of change is a challenge in itself.

That's why we're launching the **Ostendo AI Collective** in March 2026 — to help you navigate this shift and put AI to work in your business. The Collective will:

1) Provide practical guidance on using AI in your business, with actionable plans where possible
2) Run monthly webinars — from AI basics through to hands-on implementation

Learn more at ostendo.info/AICollective.html

Our commitment: drive the cost of software down — not up — so the real investment goes where it matters most: training, upskilling and people.

Next Steps

We'd encourage you to explore the new website and talk with your Ostendo consultant about what Continuum could mean for your business. If you have questions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you.

Best regards,

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