

# HARGREAVES LANSDOWN PLC NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take you should immediately consult your accountant, solicitor, bank manager, stockbroker or other independent adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or, if you are not in the United Kingdom, another appropriately authorised independent adviser. If you have sold or transferred all of your ordinary shares in Hargreaves Lansdown plc, please send this document and the accompanying enclosures to the purchaser or transferee or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Shareholder,

The Board of Hargreaves Lansdown plc is pleased to serve notice of the Annual General Meeting of Hargreaves Lansdown plc, which will take place at The Bristol Hotel, Prince Street, Bristol, BS1 4QF on Friday 6 December 2024 at 11.00 am.

The formal notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 4 to 6 of this document and contains the proposed resolutions on which you are invited to vote. Explanatory notes to the resolutions are set out on pages 7 to 12 of this document.

We ask any shareholders who wish to attend in person to notify us by completing and returning the enclosed attendance card to the Company's registrars, Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, BN99 6DA by 11.00 am on Wednesday 4 December 2024 so as to be received not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE**

Directions to The Bristol Hotel can be found here: www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-bristol-hotel/ contact-us/directions

#### SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND QUESTIONS

If you would like to ask a question of the Board relating to the business of the Annual General Meeting we invite you to send it to our company secretarial team by email at **CoSec@hl.co.uk**. We will endeavour to respond to all questions asked via email.

Answers to questions commonly asked will also be published on the Company's website. For further information about the process for asking questions please see 'Raising Questions' on page 10.

#### VOTING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Shareholders wishing to vote by proxy are able to do so in accordance with the instructions set out on pages 10 to 12 of this document. A form of proxy is enclosed with this document. All votes at the meeting will be on a poll, based on the proxy instructions received.

You may alternatively submit your votes electronically at **www.Shareview.co.uk** details of which can be found in the form of proxy.

#### **BOARD CHANGES**

The Board welcomed two new Directors during the period under review (including myself). Michael Morley joined in August 2023 and stood for election at last year's AGM. I was delighted to join as Non-Executive Chair in February 2024 and will be standing for election for the first time this year. You can find more information about all Directors, their appointment and the skills and experience they bring on pages 12 to 16.

As recently announced, Moni Mannings stepped down from the Board with effect from 31 October 2024. On behalf of the Directors, I would like to thank Moni for her four years on the Board and her contributions during that time.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Your Directors consider that the resolutions set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of shareholders as a whole and, accordingly, unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the resolutions, as they intend to do in respect of their own shareholdings.

Alison Platt Non-Executive Chair

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of Hargreaves Lansdown plc (the "Company") will be held at The Bristol Hotel, Prince Street, Bristol BS1 4QF on Friday 6 December 2024 at 11.00 am. You will be asked to consider and vote on the resolutions below. Resolutions 1 to 13 and 15 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 14, 16 and 17 will be proposed as special resolutions.

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION ONE**

#### **Receive the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts**

To receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024, together with the directors' reports and auditors' report on those financial statements.

#### **RESOLUTION TWO**

#### **Approve Directors' Remuneration Report**

To approve the directors' remuneration report as set out on pages 93 to 111 of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION THREE**

#### **Re-appointment of Auditors**

To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors to the Company to hold office from this AGM until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which financial statements are laid before the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION FOUR**

#### Auditors' remuneration

To authorise the directors to determine the remuneration of the auditors.

#### **RESOLUTION FIVE**

#### Election of Alison Platt - Non-Executive Chair

To elect Alison Platt as a director, who having been appointed since the last AGM offers herself for election as Non-Executive Chair of the Company in accordance with Article 81 of the Company's Articles of Association.

#### **RESOLUTION SIX**

#### **Re-election of Dan Olley – Executive Director**

To re-elect Dan Olley as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election as Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION SEVEN**

#### **Re-election of Amy Stirling – Executive Director**

To re-elect Amy Stirling as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers herself for reelection as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION EIGHT**

#### Re-election of John Troiano - Non-Executive Director

To re-elect John Troiano as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for reelection as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION NINE**

#### **Re-election of Andrea Blance - Non-Executive Director**

To re-elect Andrea Blance as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers herself for reelection as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION TEN**

#### Re-election of Adrian Collins – Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

To re-elect Adrian Collins as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, and who, being eligible, offers himself for reelection as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION ELEVEN**

**Re-election of Penny James – Non-Executive Director** To re-elect Penny James as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, and who, being eligible, offers herself for reelection as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION TWELVE**

Re-election of Darren Pope - Non-Executive Director

To re-elect Darren Pope as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for reelection as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

#### **RESOLUTION THIRTEEN**

**Re-election of Michael Morley – Non-Executive Director** To re-elect Michael Morley as a director, who retires in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for reelection as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.



### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION FOURTEEN**

#### Authority to Purchase Own Shares

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution, as a **special resolution**:

THAT the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Act**") to make one or more market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of fully paid ordinary shares of 0.4 pence each in the capital of the Company provided that:

- a. the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 47,431,862.
- b. the minimum price which may be paid for any such ordinary share is 0.4 pence per share (exclusive of expenses);
- c. the maximum price which may be paid for an ordinary share shall be an amount equal to the higher of (1) 105 % of the average of the market values for an ordinary share as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the date on which the ordinary share is contracted to be purchased; and (2) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid for an ordinary share on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out; and
- d. unless previously renewed, varied or revoked, the authority hereby conferred shall expire on the earlier of the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of

this resolution and the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company, but the Company may enter into a contract or contracts to purchase ordinary shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority and may make a purchase of ordinary shares in pursuance of any such contract or contracts.

#### **RESOLUTION FIFTEEN**

#### Authority to Allot Shares

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution, as an **ordinary resolution**:

THAT, in substitution for all existing authorities, to the extent unused, the directors be and are generally and unconditionally hereby authorised pursuant to Section 551 of the Act to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares in the Company (such shares, and rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company being "relevant securities") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £632,424.83, provided that this authority, unless previously renewed, revoked, varied or extended, shall expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company save that the Company may make an offer or agreement at any time before such expiry which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after this authority has expired and the directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

#### **RESOLUTION SIXTEEN**

Authority to Dis-apply Statutory Pre-emption Rights To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution, as a **special resolution**:

THAT, subject to the passing of resolution 15, the directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Section 570 of the Act to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560 of the Act) of the Company wholly for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 15 above, and/or by way of a sale of treasury shares (in accordance with Section 573 of the Act), in each case as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to the allotment provided that this power shall be limited to:

- a. the allotment of equity securities in connection with or pursuant to an offer of, or invitation to apply for, equity securities in favour of holders of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company in proportion (as nearly as practicable) to the respective number of ordinary shares held by them at the record date for such allotment but, subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient to deal with fractional entitlements, legal, regulatory or practical problems arising under the laws or requirements of any overseas territory or by virtue of shares being represented by depository receipts or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange or any other matter whatsoever; and
- b. the allotment, otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph
  a. of this resolution, of equity securities up to an aggregate
  nominal amount of £94,863.72,

provided that, unless previously renewed, revoked, varied or extended, this power shall expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may make an offer or agreement before this authority has expired which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after this authority has expired and the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired.

#### **RESOLUTION SEVENTEEN**

**To approve short notice for general meetings** To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution, as a **special resolution**:

THAT a general meeting other than an annual general meeting may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice.

By order of the Board

Clarre Chapman

Claire Chapman

Company Secretary Hargreaves Lansdown plc,

One College Square South, Anchor Road, Bristol, BS1 5HL

3 November 2024 Registered in England and Wales No. 2122142

### **NOTES TO RESOLUTIONS**

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION ONE

#### **Report and Accounts**

The directors are required by law to present copies of the Company's annual report and accounts to shareholders at a general meeting of the Company, together with the directors' reports and auditors' report on the accounts.

The annual report is available on the Company's website at www.hl.co.uk/investor-relations/results-and-

**presentations**. Printed copies have been sent to shareholders who have previously registered a preference for paper communications. Printed copies can also be obtained from the Company's registrar.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION TWO

#### **Directors' Report on Remuneration**

It is mandatory for all quoted companies to produce for each financial year a directors' remuneration report which sets out the Remuneration Committee's policy in relation to directors' remuneration, together with details of the remuneration and benefits paid to directors during the year. The Company is also required to put the directors' remuneration report to an advisory shareholder vote at the meeting at which the Company's report and accounts for that year are laid (excluding the section of the report comprising the directors' remuneration policy). This vote is advisory and does not affect the actual remuneration paid to any individual director. The Remuneration Committee Chair's annual statement is set out on pages 81 to 83 and the report on directors' remuneration is set out in full on pages 93 to 111 of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION THREE

#### **Re-appointment of Auditors**

This resolution concerns the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who have expressed their willingness to accept re-appointment as auditors to the Company, until the next general meeting at which accounts are laid, that is the next AGM.

The Audit Committee considered the performance, effectiveness, independence and objectivity of the external auditors and recommends the re-appointment of the Company's Auditors.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION FOUR

#### Auditors' remuneration

This resolution authorises the directors to determine the auditors' remuneration.

### NOTE TO RESOLUTIONS FIVE TO THIRTEEN

### **Election and Re-Election of Directors**

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") and the Company's Articles of Association, all directors are subject to election or re-election at each AGM. Resolutions 5 to 13 deal with each of these elections and re-elections. Based on its assessment of each director's performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board in light of the knowledge, skill and experience they possess, the Board has confirmed that all directors standing for election or re-election continue to be effective in their roles and demonstrate their commitment to the Board. Each is therefore recommended for election or re-election as appropriate. Biographies of the directors offering themselves for election or re-election are set out on pages 12 to 16 of this document, as well as on pages 62 to 64 of the Annual Report. The structure, size and composition of the Board is regularly reviewed to ensure that the balance between executive and non-executive directors allows it to exercise objectively and that no individual or small group of individuals dominates decision making. Each of the non-executive directors is considered to be of sufficient calibre and experience to bring significant influence to decision making.

The size, structure and composition of the Board and its Committees is also regularly reviewed to ensure an appropriate and diverse mix of skills, experience, knowledge, backgrounds and personal strengths. The non-executive directors have strong and relevant experience across all aspects of financial services and the Board as a whole is considered to have an appropriate balance of skills and experience for the requirements of the Group's business.

On her appointment as Chair, Alison Platt satisfied the independence criteria as set out in the Code.

The Board considers that, of the directors seeking election or re-election, each of John Troiano, Andrea Blance, Penny James, Darren Pope, and Michael Morley are independent, in each case when assessed against the criteria set out in the Code. Adrian Collins has been appointed to the Board as a shareholder representative and as such is not deemed as independent.

The Board therefore continues to satisfy the Code requirement that at least half the Board, excluding the Chair, comprises non-executive directors determined to be independent.

Non-executive directors are currently expected to commit a minimum of 30 days per annum to their roles. This expectation is calculated based on attendance at and preparing for Board meetings, meeting with senior management and the Company's shareholders, and attending strategy days, Board dinners and training. Additional time commitments may apply where a non- executive director takes on an additional role such as chairing a Committee.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION FOURTEEN

#### **Authority to Purchase Own Shares**

This resolution gives the directors authority to make market purchases of up to 47,431,862 ordinary shares, representing approximately 10 % of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at 3 November 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice of AGM. The maximum price to be paid on any exercise of the authority would not exceed the higher of: (1) 105 % of the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date on which the Company agrees to purchase the shares concerned; or (2) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid for an ordinary share on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out. The authority sought will expire at the earlier of the end of the next AGM and the date falling 15 months from the date of the 2024 AGM.

The directors are seeking this authority, permitting the Company to purchase its own shares, to provide a certain amount of flexibility. The directors have no present intention to use the authority.

Any purchase of shares would only be made if the directors were satisfied that such a purchase would be in the best interests of the Company and shareholders generally (having taken into account all relevant factors, including the effect on future earnings per share, other investment opportunities, the level of borrowing and the Company's overall financial position). Any ordinary shares so purchased would either be held as treasury shares or cancelled.

Were such shares to be cancelled, there may be a corresponding reduction in the issued share capital of the Company.

As at 3 November 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice of AGM, the total number of ordinary shares that may be acquired pursuant to the issue of outstanding options is 2,443,179 which represents approximately 0.52% of the Company's issued share capital as at that date. If the Company was to purchase shares up to the maximum permitted by this resolution and cancel those shares, the proportion of ordinary shares subject to outstanding options which would represent approximately 0.57% of the Company's issued share capital as at 3 November 2024.

It is currently intended that all outstanding options will, on exercise, be satisfied by the transfer to the option holder of shares which are already in issue from an employee benefit trust, in which case no new ordinary shares would be issued in connection with the exercise of such options.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION FIFTEEN

#### **Authority to Allot Shares**

This resolution renews the directors' general authority to allot shares in the capital of the Company and other relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal value of £632,424.83, representing 158,106,208 ordinary shares. This amount represents approximately 33.3 % of the Company's total share capital in issue as at 3 November 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice of AGM. The authority being sought is in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Investment Association. The directors do not have any present intention of exercising such authority and the authority, unless revoked, varied or extended, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM.

#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION SIXTEEN

#### Authority to Dis-apply Statutory Pre-emption Rights

This resolution renews the directors' general authority to issue new shares for cash other than in accordance with statutory pre-emption rights (which require a company to offer all allotments for cash first to existing shareholders in proportion to their holdings) so long as: (i) the issue is a rights issue, open offer or other pre-emptive offer, or pursuant to a scrip dividend alternative; or (ii) the aggregate nominal amount of such issue does not exceed £94,863.72 (which represents approximately 5 % of the issued share capital of the Company as at 3 November 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice of AGM). The directors do not have any present intention of exercising such authority and this authority will, unless revoked, varied or extended, expire at the end of the next AGM. The Company intends to have regard to the Pre-Emption Group Principles in relation to any exercise of this authority.

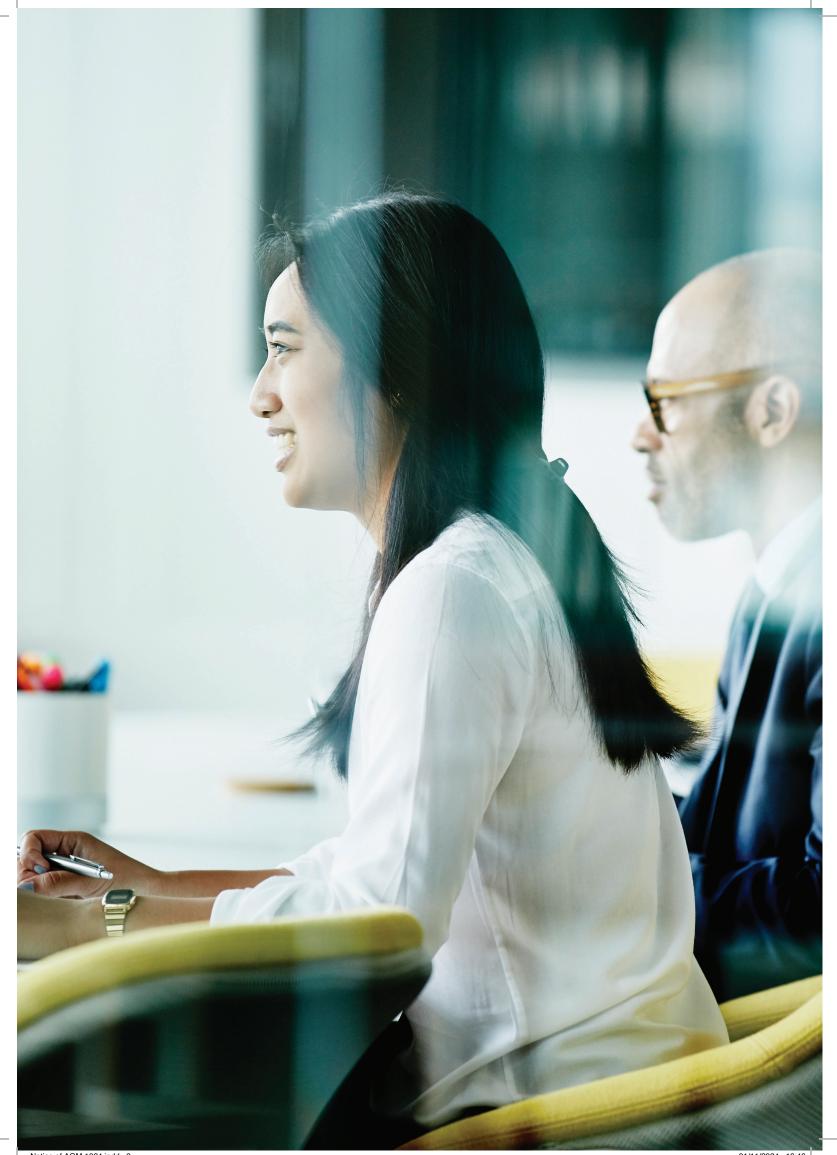
#### NOTE TO RESOLUTION SEVENTEEN

#### To approve short notice for general meetings

Under the Act, the notice period for general meetings (other than an AGM) is 21 clear days' notice unless the Company:

- has passed a special resolution in a general meeting approving the holding of a general meeting on 14 clear days' notice; and
- ii. offers the facility for all shareholders to vote by electronic means.

The directors are seeking authority to call general meetings (other than AGMs) on 14 clear days' notice. The shorter notice period would not be used as a matter of routine, but only where the flexibility is merited by the business of the meeting and is thought to be in the interests of shareholders as a whole. The approval will be effective until the end of next year's AGM.



## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

#### NOTES

The following notes explain your rights as a shareholder and your right to attend and vote at the AGM or to appoint someone else to vote on your behalf. Each resolution will be decided on a poll determined in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company. Save for resolutions 14, 16 and 17, which are proposed as special resolutions and which will be decided by a majority of at least three-quarters of the votes cast, each proposal will be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast.

#### **RAISING QUESTIONS**

Any member attending the AGM has the right to ask questions. Alternatively, members may submit questions in advance by email to **CoSec@hl.co.uk** addressed to the Company Secretary. The Company must cause to be answered any such question relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM but no such answer need be given if: (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the AGM or involve the disclosure of confidential information; (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the AGM that the question be answered.

#### **RIGHT TO ATTEND AND VOTE**

Pursuant to Part 13 of the Act and to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (as amended), the Company has decided that only shareholders registered in the Company's shareholder register at 6:30pm on Wednesday 4 December 2024 (or if the AGM is adjourned, at 6:30pm on the date which is two working days prior to the adjourned meeting) shall be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, and only in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at that time. Changes to the shareholder register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the AGM.

We ask any shareholders who wish to attend in person to notify us by completing and returning the enclosed attendance card to the Company's registrars, Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, BN99 6DA by 11.00am on Wednesday 4 December 2024 so as to be received not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.

#### **DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

The documents listed below will be available for inspection at an agreed time at the registered office of the Company, One College Square South, Anchor Road, Bristol, BS1 5HL. Please e-mail **CoSec@hl.co.uk** during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding public holidays) to book an appointment to view the following documents:

- Copies of the service contracts of the executive directors of the Company and the letters of appointment of the non- executive directors of the Company
- A copy of this Notice of AGM, and other information required by section 311(A) of the Act, can be found at the Company's website at www.hl.co.uk/investor-relations.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES**

Any shareholder entitled to listen, ask questions and vote at the AGM may appoint one or more proxies to exercise any or all of his/ her rights instead of him/her. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company but must attend the AGM in order to represent a shareholder. A shareholder may appoint more than one proxy, provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares held by the shareholder (so a shareholder must hold more than one share to be able to appoint more than one proxy). We recommend however that shareholders appoint the Chair for the reasons specified above.

To be effective, a Form of Proxy, and the original or duly certified copy of the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or authenticated, must be deposited at the office of the Company's registrars, Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, BN99 6DA by 11.00am on Wednesday 4 December 2024 so as to be received not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.

Shareholders who would prefer to register the appointment of their proxy electronically can do so through the Shareview website, **www.Shareview.co.uk**, by creating an online portfolio using their Shareholder Reference Number on the Form of Proxy). Alternatively, shareholders who have already registered with Equiniti Registrars' online portfolio service, Shareview, can appoint their proxy electronically by logging on to their portfolio at **www.Shareview.co.uk** by using their usual user ID and password.

Once logged in, simply click 'view' on the 'My Investments' page, click on the link to vote and then follow the on-screen instructions. Full details and instructions on these electronic proxy facilities are given on the respective websites.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES (VIA CREST)**

EUROCLEAR MEMBERS: CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the AGM (and any adjournment thereof) by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST Personal Members or other CREST Sponsored Members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

For a proxy appointment or instruction made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST Proxy Instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual (available at **www.euroclear.com**). The message (regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or an amendment to an instruction given to a previously appointed proxy) must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's agent, Equiniti (ID RA19) by the latest time for receipt of proxy appointments, specified in this Notice of AGM. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by CREST Applications Host) from which Equiniti is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST proxy instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST Personal Member or Sponsored Member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his/ her CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such an action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST systems and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5) (a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

If you are an institutional investor, you may be able to appoint a proxy electronically via the Proxymity platform, a process which has been agreed by the Company and approved by the Registrar. For further information regarding Proxymity, please go to **www.proxymity.io**. Your proxy must be lodged by 11.00 am on Wednesday 4 December 2024 in order to be considered valid. Before you can appoint a proxy via this process you will need to have agreed to Proxymity's associated terms and conditions. It is important that you read these carefully as you will be bound by them and they will govern the electronic appointment of your proxy.

CORPORATE SHAREHOLDERS: Pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association, a shareholder which is a corporation or other organisation not having a physical presence and which wishes to be represented at the AGM by a person with authority to speak and vote (a "corporate representative") must appoint one or more corporate representatives by resolution of its directors, who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member provided they do not do so in relation to the same shares.

A corporate representative has the same powers on behalf of the corporation he/she represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company. Shareholders considering the appointment of a corporate representative should check their own legal position, the Company's Articles of Association and the relevant provision of the Act.

#### JOINT SHAREHOLDERS

In the case of joint shareholders the vote of the senior shareholder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members.

#### **NOMINATED PERSONS**

Any person to whom this Notice is sent who is a person nominated under Section 146 of the Act to enjoy information rights (a "Nominated Person") may, under an agreement between him/her and the shareholder by whom he/she was nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the AGM. If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, he/she may, under any such agreement, have a right to give instructions to the shareholder as to the exercise of voting rights. The statement of the rights of shareholders in relation to the appointment of proxies in the paragraph headed "Appointment of Proxies", above, does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in that paragraph can only be exercised by shareholders of the Company.

#### **VOTING RIGHTS**

As at 5:00pm on 3 November 2024 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice of AGM), the Company's issued share capital comprised 474,318,625 ordinary shares of 0.4p each carrying one vote each. No ordinary shares were held in treasury. Therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 3 November 2024 is 474,318,625.

#### WEBSITE PUBLICATION OF AUDIT CONCERNS

Shareholders should note that it is possible that under Section 527 of the Act, pursuant to requests made by members of the Company meeting the threshold requirements under that Section, the Company may be required to publish on its website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the AGM; or (ii) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with Section 437 of the Act. The Company may not require the shareholders requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with Sections 527 or 528 of the Act. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under Section 527 of the Act, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditors not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required under Section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.



#### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Any website or electronic address (within the meaning of Section 333(4) of the Act) provided either in this Notice of AGM or in the related documents (including the Chair's letter and the Form of Proxy) may not be used to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

In accordance with Section 311A of the Act, the contents of this Notice of AGM, details of the total number and class of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM and, if applicable, any members' statements, members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of this Notice of AGM will be available on the Company's website **www.hl.co.uk/investor-relations**.

#### **CIRCULATION OF RESOLUTION**

In accordance with Section 338 of the Act, a member or members of the Company may (provided that the criteria set out in Section 338(3) of the Act are met) require the Company to give to members notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the AGM, provided that: (a) the resolution must not be, if passed, ineffective (whether by reason of inconsistency with any enactment or the Company's constitution or otherwise); and (b) the resolution must not be defamatory of any person, frivolous or vexatious.

#### **BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH**

In accordance with Section 338A of the Act, a member or members of the Company may (provided that the criteria set out in Section 338A(3) of the Act are met) require the Company to include in the business to be dealt with at the AGM a matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may properly be included in the business of the AGM, provided that the matter is not defamatory of any person, frivolous or vexatious. A request may be made in hard copy or electronic form, must identify the matter to be included in the business, must be authenticated by the person or persons making it and must be received by the Company not later than 6 weeks before the AGM, or, if later, the time at which notice is given of the AGM. In the foregoing sentence, the terms "hard copy form", "electronic form" and "authenticated" bear the respective meanings set out in the Act in relation to a communication, or a document or information sent or supplied, to a company.

### **DIRECTORS' BIOGRAPHIES**



ALISON PLATT Chair and Non-Executive Director

**Appointed to the Board** February 2024

#### **Skills and experience**

Alison has extensive leadership experience across both private and listed companies in the healthcare, financial services, retail and property, and regulated sectors. Alison was CEO of Countrywide from 2014-2018 and prior to that she held several senior roles at BUPA, including as Managing Director of its International Development Markets business. She was previously a Non-Executive Director of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chair of Dechra Pharmaceuticals plc, a member of Hampton-Alexander review steering group advising on diversity and inclusion and Chair of Opportunity Now.

#### **Committee Membership**

Chair of the Nomination and Governance Committee

#### Other current appointments

Non-Executive Director and Chair of Remuneration Committee at Tesco plc Non-Executive Director of Spectrum Wellness Holdings Limited Chair of Ageas (UK) Limited



DAN OLLEY Chief Executive Officer

#### Appointed to the Board

June 2019 (Independent Non-Executive Director from June 2019 to July 2023 and Chief Executive Officer since August 2023).

#### **Skills and experience**

Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Dan was CEO of dunnhumby Limited from January 2022. Dan joined HL as a seasoned and experienced senior technology leader and has a track record of driving digital transformations in established businesses, including financial services, insurance, business information solutions, research and healthcare. Dan brings a problem solving and analytical skillset, along with experience of successfully implementing advanced technologies to drive both revenue growth and operational process efficiency and optimisation. During his tenure as an Independent Non-Executive Director of HL, Dan was a Member of the Risk and Remuneration Committees.

#### **Committee membership**

None

Other current appointments None



JOHN TROIANO Independent Non-Executive Director

**Appointed to the Board** January 2020

#### **Skills and experience**

John has significant investment and asset management experience. John has spent 38 years at Schroders in a wide range of roles including investment research and analysis, fund management, and has worked across both the retail and institutional channels. Most recently, as Head of Distribution, he was responsible for the design and implementation of business strategy globally and the oversight of sales and client service activities.

#### **Committee membership**

Member of the Audit Committee Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee Member of the Remuneration Committee Member of the Risk Committee

#### Other current appointments

Independent Non-Executive Director of Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Ltd



AMY STIRLING Chief Financial Officer

#### **Appointed to the Board** February 2022

#### Skills and experience

Amy has significant financial and strategic leadership experience in client facing businesses across the telecommunications and financial services sectors. She has considerable transformation and M&A experience at both executive and non-executive level and is a qualified chartered accountant. Amy was previously Chief Financial Officer of the Virgin Group and other previous appointments include Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee at RIT Capital Partners plc, Non-Executive Director at Virgin Money UK plc, Chief Financial Officer of The Princes Trust and Chief Financial Officer at TalkTalk Telecom Group plc.

#### **Committee membership**

None

#### Other current appointments

Trustee of HL Foundation Non-Executive Director of Next plc



ANDREA BLANCE Independent Non-Executive Director

Appointed to the Board September 2020

#### **Skills and experience**

Andrea is a qualified accountant and brings extensive Board and financial services experience having spent her executive career at Legal & General Group plc where she was a member of the Group Executive Committee and held a diverse range of senior leadership roles including finance, risk and regulation, marketing, and strategy. Andrea's past non-executive roles include Risk Committee Chair at Scottish Widows plc and Lloyds Banking Group Insurance Division, Senior Independent Director and Audit Committee Chair at ReAssure Group plc, Senior Independent Director of Vanquis Banking Group plc and a member of William & Glyn's pre-IPO Board.

#### **Committee membership**

Chair of the Risk Committee Member of the Audit Committee Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee

#### Other current appointments

Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Board Risk Committee at Aviva plc



ADRIAN COLLINS Non Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Appointed to the Board November 2020

#### **Skills and experience**

Adrian has worked in the fund management business for over 50 years, most recently at Liontrust Asset Management where he served as Executive Chairman from 2009 to 2019. During this period, Adrian oversaw a transformation in the business, broadening its investment and distribution capabilities and undertaking numerous acquisitions. Adrian has extensive experience across fund management and adjacent sectors having held senior roles at Gartmore, where he was Managing Director, Trustnet (which he co-founded), Jupiter, Bestinvest and Lazard Investors. He is an experienced non-executive director. Adrian has been appointed to the Board as a shareholder representative and as such is not deemed to be independent.

#### **Committee membership**

None

#### Other current appointments

Chairman of Logistics Development Group plc (formerly Eddie Stobart Logistics plc) Non-Executive Chairman of LSL Property Services plc



#### PENNY JAMES

Independent Non-Executive Director and Senior Independent Director

Appointed to the Board September 2021

#### **Skills and experience**

Penny brings extensive financial services experience with strong leadership skills, financial and risk expertise, strategic thinking and cultural alignment. Penny was previously Chief Financial Officer then Chief Executive Officer of Direct Line Insurance Group plc. Prior to this she held a number of roles including Group Chief Risk Officer and Director of Group Finance at Prudential plc, Group CFO at Omega Insurance Holdings Limited and CFO of UK General Insurance at Zurich Financial Services. She was previously a Non-Executive Director of Admiral Group plc from 2015 to 2017.

#### **Committee membership**

Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee Member of the Risk Committee

#### Other current appointments

Co-Chair of FTSE Women Leaders Review Non-Executive Director of QBE Insurance Group Limited Non-Executive Director of Mitie Group plc Non-Executive Director of Vitality Life Ltd Non-Executive Director of Vitality Health Ltd





DARREN POPE Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Appointed to the Board** September 2022

#### **Skills and experience**

Darren has considerable and extensive experience within the retail banking and financial services sectors where he held senior and Board level positions. Previously he has served as SID and Chair of Audit Committee with Equiniti plc and Network International plc. He has also previously been Non-Executive Director and Remuneration Committee Chair of Virgin Money plc the Non-Executive Chairman of HSBC Innovation Banking. Throughout his career, Darren held several executive banking and finance roles at Lloyds Banking Group and was the CFO of TSB Bank plc.

#### **Committee membership**

Chair of the Audit Committee Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee Member of the Risk Committee

#### Other current appointments

Non-Executive Director of Starling Bank Limited



#### MICHAEL MORLEY

Independent Non-Executive Director

Appointed to the Board August 2023

#### **Skills and experience**

Michael has over 30 years of executive and board experience in international financial services with in-depth knowledge of private banking and wealth management markets around the world. He was previously CEO of Coutts and of Deutsche Bank's UK wealth management arm, and Chair of RBS International.

#### **Committee membership**

Interim Chair of the Remuneration Committee Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee Member of the Risk Committee

#### Other current appointments

Non-Executive Director of Deutsche Bank SAEU (Spain) Non-Executive Director of Deutsche Bank SA (Switzerland) Senior Independent Director of Personal Investment Management and Financial Advice Association (PIMFA) Deputy Chair of Centre for Mental Health



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