

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 130th annual general meeting of the Company will be held on 7 April 2020 at 11.00am at the Pewterer's Hall, Oat Lane, London EC2V 7DE for the following purposes:**

### **Ordinary resolutions**

1. To receive the report of the Directors, the strategic report and the audited accounts and the auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2019.
2. To approve amendments to the Company's remuneration policy.
3. To receive and approve the Directors' remuneration report for the year ended 31 December 2019.
4. To declare a final dividend of 19.4p per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2019.
5. To re-elect Denis Jackson as a Director.
6. To re-elect Robert Hingley as a Director.
7. To re-elect Robert Laing as a Director.
8. To re-elect Mark Bridgeman as a Director.
9. To re-elect Tim Bond as a Director.
10. To re-elect Katie Thorpe as a Director.
11. To elect Claire Finn as a Director.
12. To re-appoint BDO LLP as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid and to authorise the Audit Committee to determine their remuneration.

13. General authority to allot shares.

THAT:

- (a) the Directors be generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to and in accordance with section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') to exercise for the period ending on the date of the Company's next annual general meeting, all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount (within the meaning of sections 551(3) and (6) of the Act) of £296,084;
- (b) the Company may during such period make offers or agreements which would or might require the making of allotments of equity securities or relevant securities as the case may be after the expiry of such period.

### **Special resolutions**

**To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions which will be proposed as special resolutions:**

14. Disapplication of statutory pre-emption rights.

THAT:

- (a) in exercise of the authority given to the Directors by resolution 13 above, the Directors be empowered pursuant to section 570 of the Act to allot shares or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company for the period ending on the date of the Company's next annual general meeting wholly for cash generally up to an aggregate nominal amount of £296,084 (i.e. 5% of the issued share capital) as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to such allotment, provided always that no more than 7.5% of the issued share capital shall be issued on a non pre-emptive basis within any three year period;

- (b) the Company may during such period make offers or agreements which would or might require the making of allotments of equity securities or relevant securities as the case may be after the expiry of such period.

15. General authority to buy back shares.

THAT: the Company be and is generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with sections 693 and 701 of the Act to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Act) of any of its issued ordinary shares of 5p each in the capital of the Company, in such manner and upon such terms as the Directors of the Company may from time to time determine, PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:

- (a) the maximum number hereby authorised to be purchased shall be limited to 17,753,225 shares, or if less, that number of shares which is equal to 14.99% of the Company's issued share capital as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- (b) the minimum price which may be paid for a share shall be 5p;
- (c) the maximum price which may be paid for a share shall be an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations (as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List) for the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the share is purchased;
- (d) unless previously revoked, renewed or varied, the authority hereby conferred shall expire on the date of the Company's next annual general meeting provided that a contract of purchase may be made before such expiry which will or may be executed wholly or partly thereafter, and a purchase of shares may be made in pursuance of any such contract.

16. Authority to convene a general meeting – notice.

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

By order of the Board

**Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited**

Secretary | 26 February 2020

Registered No. 30397

Registered office:

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## Notes to the notice of annual general meeting

1. A member who holds ordinary shares on the register of members and is entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, to vote in his or her place (or in the case of a corporation, to appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member). A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Proxy rights do not apply to nominated persons although the nominated person may have a right under an agreement with the registered member to appoint a proxy. In addition to instructing a proxy to vote for or against a resolution, the form enables shareholders to instruct a 'vote withheld' if preferred. A vote withheld is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of votes. It may be used, for example, to convey a message of dissatisfaction on a particular issue, where the strength of feeling is not so great as to oppose the resolution, but supporting it is not appropriate either.
2. Shareholders who hold shares on the register of members (as opposed to holding them in a nominee) will find enclosed a form of proxy for use at the meeting. To be valid, forms of proxy must be lodged electronically by accessing [www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy](http://www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy) or by post at the office of the Company's registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY. CREST members can register votes electronically by using the service provided by Euroclear. Proxies must be received not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting. This is also the voting record date by which a person must be entered on the register in order to have a right to attend and vote at the meeting. Lodgement of a form of proxy will not prevent a member from attending and voting in person.
3. The register of Directors' interests will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours and at the annual general meeting. No Director has a service contract with the Company of more than one year's duration.
4. Subject to the dividend on the ordinary shares now recommended being approved at the annual general meeting, dividend payments will be made on 16 April 2020 to shareholders on the register on the record date on 13 March 2020.
5. **Resolution 2** is to approve amendments to the Company's remuneration policy. The revised and updated policy is being proposed for the reasons set out by the Remuneration Committee Chairman on pages 50 and 51 of the annual report.
6. **Resolution 3** is to receive and approve the Directors' remuneration report for the year ended 31 December 2019. The remuneration report, which follows the format required by the relevant regulations, is set out at pages 50 to 70 of the annual report.
7. **Resolution 5:** Denis Jackson offers himself for re-election. The Board supports his re-election. Denis continues to lead the effective implementation of strategy across the Group, and has been instrumental in increasing the profits of the IPS business, as discussed within the annual report. This increase in profits continues to enhance shareholder value. His biography is included on page 72 of the annual report.
8. **Resolution 6:** Robert Hingley offers himself for re-election. The Board supports his re-election. Robert has continued to evidence his abilities as a knowledgeable and effective Chairman. His corporate finance and market experience enables him to deliver constructive guidance and counsel that the Board and the Chief Executive Officer have found extremely helpful. His biography is included on page 72 of the annual report.
9. **Resolution 7:** Robert Laing offers himself for re-election. The Board supports his re-election. The Board continues to believe that its effectiveness is enhanced by having Robert Laing as a Non-Executive Director with a legal background and experience of one or more of the professional services sectors where Law Debenture operates. He is an effective Senior Independent Director and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee. His biography is included on page 73 of the annual report.

10. **Resolution 8:** Mark Bridgeman offers himself for re-election. The Board supports his re-election. The Board recognises the value in having at least one non-executive Director with fund management experience and Mark fulfils that need. He is an effective Director and chairs the Audit Committee skillfully. His biography is included on page 73 of the annual report.
11. **Resolution 9:** Tim Bond offers himself for re-election. The Board supports his re-election. The Board believes that it is desirable to have input from someone with a global, strategic macroeconomic background and an expert insight into the capital markets generally. Both from his current and previous experience, Tim is able to contribute in this way and does so effectively. His biography is included on page 73 of the annual report.
12. **Resolution 10:** Katie Thorpe offers herself for re-election. The Board supports her re-election. Katie has a sound understanding of both the investment trust and the IPS business and her experience in the investment trust sector in particular has been of great value to Law Debenture and how the businesses operate. She works effectively with Denis Jackson to deliver enhanced shareholder value. Her biography is included on page 72 of the annual report.
13. **Resolution 11:** Claire Finn offers herself for election. The Board supports her election. Claire joined the Board in September 2019. The Board recognises the value of having a Director with fund product competence and distribution experience which Claire is able to provide. Her biography is include on page 73 of the annual report.
14. **Resolution 12** is to re-appoint BDO LLP as the Company's auditors. BDO LLP were first appointed on 31 October 2008 and were the successful firm in the audit tender conducted in the autumn of 2017.
15. **Resolution 13** renews the authority given to Directors at the last annual general meeting to allot unissued capital not exceeding 296,084 shares, being 5% of the issued share capital. This authority would be exercised only at times when it would be advantageous to the Company's shareholders to do so. Shares would not be issued under this authority at a price lower than market price or net asset value at the time of the issue. If approved, the authority will continue to operate until the next annual general meeting. N.B. In the ordinary course of business, the power given by this resolution will only be used to allot shares to participants in the HMRC approved Save As You Earn Sharesave scheme.
16. **Special resolution 14** is proposed because the Directors consider that in order to allot shares in the circumstances described in resolution 13 it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to permit the allotment of a maximum of 296,084 shares, being 5% of the issued share capital, other than on a pre-emptive basis. The Board would not, however, issue more than 7.5% of the issued share capital on a non-pre-emptive basis within any three year period.
17. **Special resolution 15** renews the authority given to Directors at the last annual general meeting to purchase ordinary shares in the market for cancellation. Such purchases at appropriate times and prices could be a suitable method of enhancing shareholder value and would be applied within guidelines set from time to time by the Board. It should be noted that no such purchases would be undertaken if shares were trading at a premium to net asset value.
18. **Special resolution 16** seeks authority to convene a general meeting (but not the annual general meeting) by giving not less than 14 clear days' notice. While the Directors have no current intention to call a general meeting in the year ahead, circumstances might arise when such a meeting might become necessary and the Directors deem it in the best interests of shareholders that it be held as quickly as possible. Such circumstances might include, for example, a decision to make a material amendment to the investment strategy (shareholder approval for such a change being a regulatory stipulation).

## Meeting notice requirements

The Company is required under the Act to make a number of additional disclosures as follows. The Company's website – [www.lawdebenture.com/investment-trust/investor-information/corporate-governance/agm](http://www.lawdebenture.com/investment-trust/investor-information/corporate-governance/agm) – contains a copy of this notice, which includes the current total voting rights, as set

out below. Should the required number of members requisition the Company to publish any statement about the audit or related matters that the relevant members propose to raise at the AGM (in accordance with section 527 of the Act), this would be published at the Company's expense on the website and forwarded to the auditor. Similarly, any shareholder statements, resolutions and matters of business connected with the meeting received after publication of this notice will be published on the website subject to compliance by the submitting party with the Act. At the AGM, the Company will cause to be answered any question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting put by a shareholder in attendance.

### **Total voting rights and share information**

The Company has an issued share capital at 25 February 2020 of 118,433,786 ordinary shares with voting rights and no restrictions and no special rights with regard to control of the Company. There are no other classes of share capital and none of the Company's issued shares are held in treasury. Therefore the total number of voting rights in The Law Debenture Corporation p.l.c. is 118,433,786.