

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust plc (the "Company") will be held at 12.30 p.m. on 28 February 2023 at the South Place Hotel, 3 South Place, London, EC2M 2AF, for the following purposes:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

1. To receive the Directors' Report, the Auditor's Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Policy for the year ended 30 September 2022.
3. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (other than the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 30 September 2022.
4. To approve the Company's dividend policy to continue to pay four quarterly interim dividends per year.
5. To re-elect Alistair Mackintosh as a Director of the Company.*
6. To re-elect Trevor Bradley as a Director of the Company.*
7. To re-elect Tom Challenor as a Director of the Company.*
8. To re-elect Anna Troup as a Director of the Company.*
9. To re-elect Davina Walter as a Director of the Company.*
10. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditor of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which financial statements and reports are laid before the Company.
11. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor.

Continuation of the Company

12. To approve the continuation of the Company as an investment trust.

Authority to Allot

13. That the Directors be generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £7,703,755 (representing 10% of the total Ordinary share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of notice, excluding treasury shares, or, if less, the number representing 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company, excluding treasury shares, as of the date of the passing of this resolution) during the period expiring on the date of the next annual general meeting of the Company or on 31 March 2024, whichever is the earlier, but so that this authority, unless previously revoked, varied or renewed, shall allow the Company to make offers or agreements before the expiry of this authority which would or might require shares to be allotted or rights to be granted after such expiry and the Directors may allot shares and grant rights in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.

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To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as special resolutions:

Disapplication of Pre-emption Rights

14. That the Directors be and they are hereby empowered, pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Act, to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority given in accordance with section 551 of the Act by resolution number 13 above as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities:
- during the period expiring on the date of the next annual general meeting of the Company or on 31 March 2024, whichever is earlier, but so that this power shall, unless previously revoked, varied or renewed, enable the Company to make offers or agreements before the expiry of this power which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after the expiry of this power and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such power had not expired;
 - up to an aggregate nominal amount of £7,703,755 representing 10% of the total Ordinary share capital of the Company in issue, excluding treasury shares, as at the date of this notice, or, if less, the number representing 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company, excluding treasury shares, as of the date of the passing of this resolution); and
 - at a price greater than the net asset value per share from time to time (as determined by the Directors and calculated excluding treasury shares).

This power applies to a sale of treasury shares which is an allotment of equity securities by virtue of section 560(3) of the Act as if in the first paragraph of this resolution the words "pursuant to the authority given in accordance with section 551 of the Act by resolution number 13 above" were omitted.

Authority to Make Market Purchases of Shares

15. That the Company be generally and, subject as hereinafter appears, unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 701 of the Act to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Act) of fully paid Ordinary shares on such terms and in such manner as the Directors from time to time determine, and to cancel or hold in treasury such shares, provided always that:
- the maximum number of shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be an aggregate of 46,191,720 Ordinary shares or, if less, the number representing 14.99% of the Ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares already held in treasury) as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
 - the minimum price which may be paid for a share shall be 25 pence;
 - the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for a share shall be the higher of (a) an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for a share taken from, and calculated by reference to, the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the share is purchased; and (b) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid at the time the purchase is carried out;
 - the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or on 31 March 2024, whichever is earlier, unless such authority is previously revoked, varied or renewed prior to such time; and
 - the Company may make a contract or contracts to purchase shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority and may make a purchase of shares pursuant to any such contract or contracts notwithstanding such expiry above.

Authority to Call General Meetings on not less than 14 Clear Days' Notice

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

*The biographies of the Directors offering themselves for re-election may be found on pages 44 and 45.

By order of the Board
abrdrn Holdings Limited
 Company Secretary
 20 December 2022

Registered Office
 1 George Street
 Edinburgh EH2 2LL

Notes

- (1) Only those Shareholders registered in the Register at close of business on 24 February 2023 shall be entitled to attend and/or vote at the Annual General Meeting in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at that time (the "specified time"). If the Annual General Meeting is adjourned to a time not more than 48 hours after the specified time applicable to the original Meeting, that time will also apply for the purpose of determining the entitlement of shareholders to attend and/or vote at the adjourned meeting. If the Annual General Meeting is adjourned for a longer period, the time by which a person must be entered on the Register in order to have the right to attend and/or vote at the adjourned meeting is close of business two days (excluding non-working days) prior to the time of the adjourned meeting. Changes to entries on the Register after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and/or vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Holders of Ordinary shares are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. If you wish to attend, there will be a members' register to sign on arrival.
- (3) As at 20 December 2022 (being the latest practicable day prior to the date of approval of this Report) the Company's issued share capital consisted of 337,751,806 Ordinary shares (29,601,568 of which were held in treasury). Each Ordinary share carries the right to one vote at general meetings. Therefore the total voting rights in the Company at 20 December 2022 were 308,150,238.
- (4) A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, speak and vote instead of him or her, provided that if two or more proxies are appointed, each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attaching to different shares. A Form of Proxy is enclosed with this Notice. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. Completion and return of the Form of Proxy will not preclude Shareholders from attending or voting at the Annual General Meeting, if they so wish. Details of how to appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting or another person as your proxy using the Form of Proxy are set out in the notes to the Form of Proxy. If you wish your proxy to speak on your behalf at the Annual General Meeting you will need to appoint your own choice of proxy (not the Chairman) and give your instructions directly to the proxy. In the event that a Form of Proxy is returned without an indication as to how the proxy shall vote on the resolutions, the proxy will exercise his or her discretion as to whether, and if so how, he or she votes.
- (5) To be valid, the Form of Proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is executed (or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority) must be deposited with the Company's Registrar, for this purpose being Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY, as soon as possible, but in any event not later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time fixed for the Annual General Meeting. If you have any queries relating to the completion of the Form of Proxy, please contact Computershare Investor Services on 0330 303 1184 (lines are open 8.30am to 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). Computershare Investor Services PLC cannot provide advice on the merits of the business to be considered nor give any financial, legal or tax advice. Alternatively, if the Shareholder holds his or her shares in uncertificated form (i.e. in CREST) they may vote using the CREST System (see note (11) below).
- (6) A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, or the transfer of the share in respect of which the proxy is given, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity, revocation or transfer as aforesaid shall have been received by the Company at its registered office or the address specified in note 5 above before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.

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- (7) Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at any Meeting, and if more than one of such persons is present at any meeting personally or by proxy, the vote of the senior holder who tenders the vote shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register.
- (8) Any person to whom this notice is sent who is a person nominated under Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 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 Annual General Meeting. 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. Nominated Persons should also remember that their main point of contact in terms of their investment in the Company remains the Shareholder who nominated the Nominated Person to enjoy information rights (or, perhaps the custodian or broker who administers the investment on their behalf). Nominated Persons should continue to contact that Shareholder, custodian or broker (and not the Company) regarding any changes or queries relating to the Nominated Person's personal details and interests in the Company (including any administrative matter). The statement of the rights of Shareholders in relation to the appointment of proxies in notes (4) to (7) does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these notes can only be exercised by Shareholders of the Company.
- (9) Any corporation which is a Shareholder may authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at the Annual General Meeting. Any person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise on behalf of the corporation which he represents the same powers (other than to appoint a proxy) as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Shareholder (provided, in the case of multiple corporate representatives of the same corporate Shareholder, they are appointed in respect of different shares owned by the corporate Shareholder or, if they are appointed in respect of the same shares, they vote the shares in the same way). To be able to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, corporate representatives will be required to produce prior to their entry to the Annual General Meeting evidence satisfactory to the Company of their appointment.
- (10) To allow effective constitution of the Annual General Meeting, if it is apparent to the Chairman that no Shareholders will be present in person or by proxy, other than by proxy in the Chairman's favour, then the Chairman may appoint a substitute to act as proxy in his stead for any Shareholder, provided that such substitute proxy shall vote on the same basis as the Chairman.
- (11) Notes on CREST Voting. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual, which is available to download from the Euroclear UK & Ireland ("Euroclear") website (euroclear.com/CREST). CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed voting service provider(s) should contact their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.
- In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST system to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST proxy instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. To appoint a proxy or to give or amend an instruction to a previously appointed proxy via the CREST system, the CREST message must be received by the issuer's agent 3RA50 by 12.30 p.m. on 24 February 2023. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message.
 - CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear 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 CREST sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) takes(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by a particular time. For further information on CREST procedures, limitations and system timings please refer to the CREST Manual.
 - The Company may treat as invalid a proxy appointment sent by CREST in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001. In any case, a proxy form must be received by the Company's Registrar no later than 12.30 p.m. on 24 February 2023.
- (12) The attendance at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and their proxies and representatives is understood by the Company to confirm their agreement to receive any communications made at the Annual General Meeting.

- (13) Shareholders are advised that unless otherwise provided, the telephone numbers and website addresses which may be set out in this Notice or the Form of Proxy/Form of Direction are not to be used for the purpose of serving information or documents on the Company including the service of information or documents relating to proceedings at the Annual General Meeting. If the Chairman, as a result of any proxy appointments, is given discretion as to how the votes the subject of those proxies are cast and the voting rights in respect of those discretionary proxies, when added to the interests in the Company's shares already held by the Chairman, result in the Chairman holding such number of voting rights that he has a notifiable obligation under the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, the Chairman will make the necessary notifications to the Company and the Financial Conduct Authority. As a result any person holding 3% or more of the voting rights in the Company who grants the Chairman a discretionary proxy in respect of some or all of those voting rights and so would otherwise have a notification obligation under the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, need not make a separate notification to the Company and the Financial Conduct Authority.
- (14) In accordance with Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, the contents of this notice of Meeting, details of the total number of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the Annual General Meeting and, if applicable, any members' statements, members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of this notice will be available on the Company's website, aberdeendiversified.co.uk.
- (15) Pursuant to Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must cause to be answered at the Annual General Meeting any question relating to the business being dealt with at the Annual General Meeting which is put by a Shareholder attending the Annual General Meeting, except in certain circumstances, including if it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the Annual General Meeting that the question be answered or if to do so would involve the disclosure of confidential information.
- (16) Shareholders should note that it is possible that, pursuant to requests made by Shareholders of the Company under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company may be required to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (a) the audit of the Company's financial statements (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid out before the Annual General Meeting; or (b) 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 Companies Act 2006, that the shareholders propose to raise at the Annual General Meeting. 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 Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on the website.
- (17) The "Vote Withheld" option on the Form of Proxy is provided to enable a member to abstain on any particular resolution. It should be noted that an abstention is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes "For" or "Against" a particular resolution.
- (18) Participants in the abrdn Share Plan, abrdn Investment Trusts ISA or abrdn Investment Plan for Children are entitled to vote by completing the enclosed Form of Direction and returning it in the accompanying envelope no later than 12.30 p.m. on 21 February 2023.
- (19) Physical attendance at the Annual General Meeting may not be possible. If the law, Government guidance or terms and conditions stipulated by the venue for the Annual General Meeting so requires at the time of the meeting, the Chairman will limit, in his or her sole discretion, the number of individuals in physical attendance at the meeting. Notwithstanding this, the Company may still impose entry restrictions on certain persons wishing to attend the meeting in order to ensure the health and safety of those attending. In such circumstances, physical attendance may be limited to two persons as the minimum number required to form a quorum.

The Company strongly encourages Shareholders to appoint the Chairman as their proxy to ensure their votes are registered. Instructions for submitting a proxy are contained in Notes (4) to (7) above.

Shareholders are also encouraged to submit any questions in advance of the Annual General Meeting by email to: diversified.income@abrdn.com