

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of abrdn Smaller Companies Income Trust plc (the "Company") will be held at the offices of abrdn, Bow Bells House, 1 Bread Street, London, EC4M 9HH on 5 May 2022 at 12.00 pm to transact the following business:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, of which resolutions 1 to 9 inclusive will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 10 to 11 will be proposed as special resolutions:

Ordinary Business

As ordinary business to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

1. To receive the reports of the Directors and auditor and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (except the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 31 December 2021.
3. To re-elect David Fletcher as a Director of the Company.
4. To re-elect Dagmar Kent Kershaw as a Director of the Company.
5. To elect Christopher Metcalfe as a Director of the Company.
6. To elect Rosalyn Breedy as a Director of the Company.
7. To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company.
8. To authorise the Directors to determine the remuneration of the auditor for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Special Business

9. That, in substitution for any pre-existing power to allot or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company, but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of this resolution, the Directors be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company ("relevant securities") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £3,684,960, being equal to approximately one third of the Ordinary shares in issue, such authority to expire on 30 June 2023 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held after the passing of this resolution, unless previously revoked, varied or extended by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after the expiry of such authority, and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.
10. That, subject to the passing of resolution 9 in the notice convening the meeting at which this resolution is to be proposed (the "notice of meeting") and in substitution for all existing powers, the Directors be and are hereby generally empowered pursuant to Section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560 (1) of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority under Section 551 of the Act conferred by resolution 9 in the notice of meeting as if Section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power: -
 - i. expires on 30 June 2023 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, but the Company may make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after expiry of this power and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of that offer or agreement as if that power had not expired; and;
 - ii. shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities for cash up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,105,488 being equal to 10% of the Ordinary shares in issue.

This power applies in relation to the sale of shares which is an allotment of equity securities that immediately before the allotment are held by the Company as treasury shares as if in the opening paragraph of this resolution the words "subject to the passing of resolution 9 in the notice convening the meeting at which this resolution is to be proposed ("the notice of meeting")" and "pursuant to the authority under Section 551 of the Act conferred by resolution 9 in the notice of meeting" were omitted.

11. That, in substitution for any existing authority but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date hereof, the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised, in accordance with Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of fully paid Ordinary shares of 50p each in the capital of the Company ("shares") provided that:
 - i. the maximum aggregate nominal value of the Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be limited to £1,657,126 being equal to approximately 14.99% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
 - ii. the minimum price which may be paid for a share shall be 50p (exclusive of expenses);
 - iii. the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for a share shall be an amount being not more than the higher of (i) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase and (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid relating to a share on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out; and
 - iv. unless previously varied, revoked or renewed, the authority hereby conferred shall expire on 30 June 2023 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may, at any time prior to such expiry, enter into a contract or contracts to purchase shares under such authority which would or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of shares pursuant to any such contract or contracts as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

By order of the Board
Aberdeen Asset Management PLC

Secretary
14 March 2022

Registered Office
1 George Street
Edinburgh EH2 2LL

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Notes

- i. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to exercise all or any of his/her rights to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf at the meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. A member may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to any one share.
- ii. A form of proxy is enclosed. To be valid, any proxy form or other instrument of proxy and any power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which they are signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority should be sent to the Company's Registrars, Freepost RTHJ-CLLL-KBKU, Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing BN99 8LU so as to arrive not less than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time fixed for the meeting.
- iii. The return of a completed proxy form or other such instrument of proxy will not prevent a member attending the Annual General Meeting and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so.
- iv. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual and by logging on to the website euroclear.com. 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.
- v. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service 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 instruction, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's Registrar (ID RA19) no later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the meeting or any adjournment. 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 Application Host) from which the Company's Registrar 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.
- vi. 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 message. 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 CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such 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 system providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
- vii. As an alternative to appointing a proxy using the form of proxy or CREST, members can appoint a proxy online at www.sharevote.co.uk. In order to appoint a proxy using this website, members will need their Voting ID, Task ID and Shareholder Reference Number, printed on the face of the accompanying form of proxy. Full details of the procedures are given on the website. Alternatively, shareholders who have already registered with Equiniti's online portfolio service, Shareview, can appoint their proxy electronically by logging on to their portfolio at www.shareview.co.uk using their user ID and password. Once logged in click "View" on the "My Investments" page, click on the link to vote and then follow the on screen instructions.
- viii. 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.

- ix. The right to vote at a meeting is determined by reference to the Company's register of members at 6.30pm two business days prior to the date of the adjourned meeting (excluding non-working days). Changes to entries on that register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the meeting.
- x. As at close of business on 14 March 2022 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this notice), the Company's issued share capital comprised 22,109,765 Ordinary shares of 50p each. The total number of voting rights in the Company as at 14 March 2022 is 22,109,765.
- xi. A 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 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. The statements of the rights of members in relation to the appointment of proxies in notes (i) to (iii) above do not apply to a Nominated Person. The rights described in those notes can only be exercised by registered members of the Company.
- xii. Members who have general queries about the Annual General Meeting should contact the Company Secretary in writing. Members are advised that any telephone number, website or email address which may be set out in this notice of Annual General Meeting or in any related documents (including the proxy form) is not to be used for the purposes of serving information or documents on, or otherwise communicating with, the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
- xiii. It is possible that, pursuant to requests made by members 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 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 meeting or any circumstances 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. The Company may not require the members 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 no later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on a website.
- xiv. No Director has a service contract with the Company. Copies of the Directors' letters of appointment are available for inspection on any day (except Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays) from the date of this notice until the date of the meeting during usual business hours at the Company's registered office and for 15 minutes prior to, and at, the meeting.
- xv. Information regarding the Annual General Meeting is available from the Company's website;
abrdnsmallercompaniesincome.co.uk
- xvi. As a member, shareholders have the right to put questions at the meeting relating to business being dealt with at the meeting.
- xvii. Under section 338 of the Companies Act 2006, members may require the Company to give, to members of the Company entitled to receive this notice of meeting, notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the meeting. Under section 338A of that Act, members may request the Company to include in the business to be dealt with at the meeting any matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may properly be included in the business.

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- xviii. Given the evolving nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, should circumstances change significantly before the time of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will notify shareholders of any changes to the arrangements by updating the Company's website and through an RIS announcement, where appropriate, as early as is possible before the date of the meeting. Shareholders should note that if law or Government guidance so requires at the time of the meeting, the Chairman of the meeting will limit, in his or her sole discretion, the number of individuals in attendance at the meeting and may be required to impose entry restrictions on certain persons wishing to attend the meeting in order to ensure the safety of those attending.