

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of abrdn Japan Investment Trust plc will be held at Bow Bells House, 1 Bread Street, London EC4M 9HH, at 10.00am on Friday 1 July 2022 for the following purposes:

Ordinary Business

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

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, together with the independent auditor's report thereon.
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (excluding the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 31 March 2022.
3. To approve a final dividend of 9.0p per share for the year ended 31 March 2022.
4. To re-elect Karen Brade as a Director of the Company.
5. To re-elect Claire Boyle as a Director of the Company.
6. To re-elect Sam Dean as a Director of the Company.
7. To re-elect Sir David Warren as a Director of the Company.
8. To re-appoint KPMG LLP as independent auditor and to authorise the Directors to agree their remuneration.

Special Business

As special business to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions in the case of resolution 9 as an Ordinary Resolution and in the case of resolutions 10 and 11 as Special Resolutions:

9. THAT, in substitution for any existing authority under section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors of the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of Section 551 of the Act to allot Ordinary shares of 10p each in the Company ("shares") and to grant rights ("relevant rights") to subscribe for or convert any security into shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £125,591, such authorisation to expire at the earlier of the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 or 30 September 2023 unless previously renewed, revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may at any time before the expiry of this authorisation make an offer which would or might require shares to be allotted or relevant rights to be granted after the expiry of this authorisation and the Directors of the Company may allot shares or grant relevant rights in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the authorisation conferred hereby had not expired.
10. THAT, subject to the passing of the resolution numbered 9 set out in this notice of meeting ("Section 551 Resolution") and in substitution for any existing authority under sections 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of this resolution, the directors of the Company be empowered pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Act to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) either pursuant to the authorisation conferred by the Section 551 Resolution or by way of a sale of treasury shares, in each case for cash as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment or sale, provided that this power shall be limited to:-
 - a) the allotment of equity securities (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) below) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £125,591 at a price not less than the undiluted net asset value per share at allotment, as determined by the Directors of the Company; and

- b) the allotment of equity securities at a price not less than the undiluted net asset value per share at allotment, as determined by the Directors of the Company in connection with an offer to (a) all holders of such Ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be) to the respective numbers of Ordinary shares held by them and (b) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities (but subject to such exclusions, limits or restrictions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may consider necessary or appropriate to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates or legal, regulatory or practical problems in or under the laws of, or requirements of, any regulatory body of any stock exchange in any territory or otherwise howsoever); and

such power shall expire at the earlier of the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 or 30 September 2023, but so that this power shall enable the Company to make offers or agreements before such expiry which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors of the Company may allot equity securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if such expiry had not occurred.

11. THAT the Company be and is hereby generally and, subject as hereinafter appears, 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 10p each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary shares") and to cancel or hold in treasury such shares, provided that:-

- a) the maximum aggregate number of Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be an aggregate of 1,882,731 Ordinary shares or, if less, the number representing 14.99% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- b) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be 10p (exclusive of expenses);
- c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be the higher of:
 - i. 5% above the average of the market values of the Ordinary shares (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the Ordinary shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase; and
 - ii. the higher of the price of the last independent trade in Ordinary shares and the highest current independent bid for Ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange; and

unless previously varied, revoked or renewed, the authority hereby conferred shall expire at earlier of the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 or 30 September 2023, save that the Company may, at any time prior to such expiry, enter into a contract or contracts to purchase Ordinary shares under such authority which will or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Ordinary shares pursuant to any such contract or contracts.

By order of the Board
Aberdeen Asset Management PLC

Secretary

Bow Bells House
1 Bread Street
London
EC4M 9HH

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Notes

- i. A member entitled to attend, speak and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, speak and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. You may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to any one share. A reply-paid form of proxy is enclosed.
- ii. Forms of proxy and the 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 address noted on the form of proxy so as to arrive not less than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time fixed for the meeting. The return of a completed proxy form or other instrument of proxy will not prevent you attending the meeting and voting in person if you wish to do so. A member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every Ordinary share of which they are a holder. As a member, you have the right to put questions at the meeting relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting.
- iii. In accordance with Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, to have the right to attend and vote at the meeting referred to above a member must first have his or her name entered in the Company's register of members by not later than 6pm on the date two days (excluding non-working days) before the time fixed for the meeting (or in the event that the meeting be adjourned on the register of members by not later than 6pm on the date two days (excluding non-working days) before the time of the adjourned meeting). Changes to entries on that register after that time (or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, on the register of members after 6pm on the date two days (excluding non-working days) before the time of any adjourned meeting) shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the meeting referred to above.
- iv. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual which can be viewed at www.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 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 ("EUI") specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) no later than 48 hours 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 Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST.
- vi. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that EUI 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 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 service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
- vii. 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.

- viii. Any person holding 3% of the total voting rights in the Company who appoints a person other than the Chairman as his proxy will need to ensure that both he and such third party complies with their respective disclosure obligations under the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.
- ix. 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) and (ii) above do not apply to a Nominated Person. The rights described in those notes can only be exercised by registered members of the Company.
- x. 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: (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 meeting; or (ii) 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 not 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. Information regarding the Annual General Meeting, including information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, is available from the Company's website, www.abrdn.co.uk.
- xiii. Under Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must answer any question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting put by a member attending the meeting unless:
1. answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information;
 2. the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or
 3. it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered.
- xiv. The Register of Directors' Interests kept by the Company in accordance with Section 809 of the Companies Act 2006 will be open for inspection at the meeting.
- xv. Shareholders are advised that, unless otherwise stated, any telephone number, website or e-mail 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.

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- xvi. As at 27 May 2022, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document, the Company had 15,821,572 Ordinary shares in issue of which 3,261,662 were held as Treasury shares. Therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 27 May 2022 were 12,559,910.
- xvii. There are special arrangements for holders of shares through the Share Plan and Investment Trust ISA. These are explained in the 'Letter of Direction' which such holders will have received with this report.
- xviii. Except as provided above, members who have general queries about the Meeting should use the following means of communication (no other methods of communication will be accepted):

Tel: **0371 664 0300** (Lines are open 9.00 am – 5.30 pm Mon–Fri.)

Tel International: **(+ 44 208 639 3399)**

Email: **enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk**