

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

## **THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

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**Notice is hereby given that the nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Compass Group PLC (the Company) will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 6 February 2020 in the Live Room at Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7BA (the Meeting) (the AGM) in order to transact the following business:**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following Resolutions, of which Resolutions 20 to 23 will be proposed as special resolutions and all other Resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions.

## **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

### **Annual Report and Accounts**

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Annual Report and Accounts and the Auditor's Report thereon for the financial year ended 30 September 2019.

### **Directors' Remuneration Report**

2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 September 2019.

### **Final dividend**

3. To declare a final dividend of 26.9 pence per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2019.

### **Election and re-election of directors**

4. To elect Karen Witts as a director of the Company.
5. To re-elect Dominic Blakemore as a director of the Company.
6. To re-elect Gary Green as a director of the Company.
7. To re-elect Carol Arrowsmith as a director of the Company.
8. To re-elect John Bason as a director of the Company.
9. To re-elect Stefan Bomhard as a director of the Company.
10. To re-elect John Bryant as a director of the Company.
11. To re-elect Anne-Francoise Nesmes as a director of the Company.
12. To re-elect Nelson Silva as a director of the Company.
13. To re-elect Ireena Vittal as a director of the Company.
14. To re-elect Paul Walsh as a director of the Company.

### **External auditor's reappointment and remuneration**

15. To reappoint KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.
16. To authorise the Audit Committee to agree the auditor's remuneration.

### **Political donations**

17. To authorise the Company and any company which is, or becomes, a subsidiary of the Company during the period to which this Resolution relates, to:
  - 17.1 make donations to political parties or independent election candidates;
  - 17.2 make donations to political organisations other than political parties; and
  - 17.3 incur political expenditure, during the period commencing on the date of this Resolution and ending on the date of the Company's next Annual General Meeting, provided that any such donations and expenditure made by the Company, or by any such subsidiary, shall not exceed £100,000 per company and, together with those made by any such subsidiary and the Company, shall not exceed in aggregate £100,000.

Any terms used in this Resolution 17 which are defined in Part 14 of the Companies Act 2006 shall bear the same meaning for the purposes of this Resolution.

### **Payment of fees to non-executive directors**

18. To approve, in accordance with section 226B(1)(b) of the Companies Act 2006, an amendment to the operation of the Company's Remuneration Policy approved at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 8 February 2018 to replace the annual cap of £125,000 on the total fees payable to each non-executive director of the Company with the aggregate cap on directors' fees specified in the Company's articles of association as approved by shareholders from time to time.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### Directors' authority to allot shares

- 19.19.1 To renew the power conferred on the directors by article 12 of the Company's articles of association for a period expiring at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the date on which this Resolution is passed or, if earlier, at close of business on 5 May 2021; and for that period the section 551 amount shall be £58,432,400.
- 19.2 In addition, the section 551 amount shall be increased by £58,432,400 for a period expiring at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the date on which this Resolution is passed, provided that the directors' power in respect of such latter amount shall only be used in connection with a rights issue:
- 19.2.1 to holders of ordinary shares in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their existing holdings; and
- 19.2.2 to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the directors otherwise consider necessary, and that the directors may impose any limits or restrictions and make any arrangements which they consider necessary to deal with fractional entitlements, legal or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of, any relevant regulatory body or stock exchange, any territory, or any matter whatsoever.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

#### Disapplication of pre-emption rights

20. To authorise the directors, subject to the passing of Resolution 19, and in accordance with the power conferred on the directors by article 13 of the Company's articles of association, to allot equity securities (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) for cash under the authority given by that Resolution and/or to sell ordinary shares held by the Company as treasury shares for cash as if section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply to any such allotment or sale, such authority to be limited:
- 20.1 to allotments for rights issues and other pre-emptive issues; and
- 20.2 to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares (otherwise than under paragraph 20.1 above) up to a nominal amount of £8,764,971 being not more than 5% of the issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at 25 November 2019, being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice,

such authority to expire at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or, if earlier, at the close of business on 5 May 2021, but in each case, prior to the expiry the Company may make offers, and enter into agreements, which would, or might, require equity securities to be allotted (and treasury shares to be sold) after the authority expires and the directors may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) under any such offer or agreement as if the authority had not expired.

21. To authorise the directors subject to the passing of Resolution 19 and in accordance with the power conferred on the directors by article 13 of the Company's articles of association and in addition to any authority granted under Resolution 20 to allot equity securities (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) for cash under the authority given by that Resolution and/or to sell ordinary shares held by the Company as treasury shares for cash as if section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply to any such allotment or sale, such authority to be:
- 21.1 limited to the allotment of equity shares or sale of treasury shares up to a nominal amount of £8,764,971 being not more than 5% of the issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at 25 November 2019, being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice;
- 21.2 used only for the purposes of financing (or refinancing, if the authority is to be used within six months after the original transaction) a transaction which the directors determine to be an acquisition or other capital investment of a kind contemplated by the Statement of Principles on Disapplying Pre-emption Rights most recently published by the Pre-emption Group prior to the date of this Notice,

such authority to expire at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or, if earlier, at close of business on 5 May 2021, but in each case, prior to its expiry the Company may make offers, and enter into agreements, which would, or might require equity securities to be allotted (and treasury shares to be sold) after the authority expires and the directors may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) under any such offer or agreement as if the authority had not expired.

#### Purchase of own shares

22. To generally and unconditionally authorise the Company, pursuant to and in accordance with section 701 of the Companies Act 2006, to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of that Act) of ordinary shares of 11 $\frac{1}{20}$  pence each in the capital of the Company subject to the following conditions:
- 22.1 the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 158,642,000;
- 22.2 the minimum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for each ordinary share is 11 $\frac{1}{20}$  pence;
- 22.3 the maximum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for each ordinary share in respect of a share contracted to be purchased on any day, does not exceed the higher of (1) an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an ordinary share as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the purchase is made and (2) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid for an ordinary share as derived from the London Stock Exchange Trading System; and

22.4 this authority shall expire, unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or close of business on 5 August 2021, whichever is the earlier (except in relation to the purchase of ordinary shares, the contract for which was concluded prior to the expiry of this authority and which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of this authority).

#### Notice of meetings other than Annual General Meetings

23. To authorise the directors to call a general meeting of the Company, other than an Annual General Meeting, on not less than 14 clear working days' notice, provided that this authority shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the date of the passing of this Resolution.

Voting on all Resolutions will be by way of a poll.

By Order of the Board



**Alison Yapp**

Group General Counsel and Company Secretary

16 December 2019

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE RESOLUTIONS

##### RESOLUTION 1 – ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The directors are required to present to the AGM the audited Accounts and the Directors' and Auditor's Reports for the financial year ended 30 September 2019.

##### RESOLUTION 2 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT

In accordance with section 439 of the Companies Act 2006 (CA 2006), shareholders are requested to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report. The Directors' Remuneration Report is set out on pages 98–121 of the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts. The vote is advisory.

##### RESOLUTION 3 – FINAL DIVIDEND

The final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2019 will be paid on 24 February 2020 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 17 January 2020, subject to shareholder approval.

##### RESOLUTIONS 4 TO 14 – ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Biographical details of all the directors standing for election and re-election appear on pages 70 and 71 of the 2019 Annual Report.

The Company's articles of association require one third of the directors to retire by rotation each year and no director may serve for more than three years without being re-elected by shareholders. However, in accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code 2016 (the Code), all the directors will submit themselves for annual re-election by shareholders.

Having conducted an evaluation during the year, it is the view of the Chairman that the performance of each of the directors continues to be effective and each director demonstrates commitment to the role and has sufficient time to meet his or her commitment to the Company.

##### RESOLUTIONS 15 AND 16 – EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REAPPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION

The auditor is appointed at every general meeting at which accounts are presented to shareholders. The current appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor will end at the conclusion of the AGM and it has advised of its willingness to stand for reappointment. In accordance with provisions of the Code, it is best recommended practice for the Audit Committee to be authorised to agree how much the auditor should be paid and Resolution 16 grants this authority to the Audit Committee.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### **RESOLUTION 17 – POLITICAL DONATIONS**

It is not Group policy to make donations to political parties. However, it is possible that certain routine activities undertaken by the Company and its subsidiaries might unintentionally fall within the wide definition of matters constituting political donations and expenditure in the CA 2006. Any expenditure that is regulated under the CA 2006 must first be approved by shareholders and will be disclosed in next year's Annual Report. This Resolution, if passed, will renew the directors' authority until the AGM to be held in 2021 (2021 AGM) (when the directors intend to renew this authority) to make donations and incur expenditure which might otherwise be caught by the terms of the CA 2006, up to an aggregate amount of £100,000 for the Company and for subsidiary companies.

### **RESOLUTION 18 – PAYMENT OF FEES TO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

At our 2019 AGM, we received shareholder approval to pay the full fee to each non-executive director in respect of each non-executive role they perform for the Company without regard to the annual cap of £125,000 as set out in the Company's Remuneration Policy. The Company has reviewed this element of how we operate our Remuneration Policy following changes to the remuneration policy and reporting requirements which came into force on 10 June 2019. As a result of that review, the Company concluded that it would be more appropriate to set the cap on directors' fees by reference to the aggregate cap in the Company's articles of association which was approved by shareholders in 2017 of £2,250,000.

This allows the Company to allocate appropriately compensated duties to individual directors as required whilst retaining current limits on the total non-executive director fees payable.

### **RESOLUTION 19 – DIRECTORS' AUTHORITY TO ALLOT SHARES**

The purpose of Resolution 19 is to renew the directors' power to allot shares. Resolution 19.1 seeks to grant the directors authority to allot, pursuant to article 12 of the Company's articles of association and section 551 of the CA 2006, relevant securities with a maximum nominal amount of £58,432,400. This represents 528,800,000 ordinary shares of 11½ pence each in the capital of the Company, which is approximately one third of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 25 November 2019 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice). The Company currently holds 3,301,961 shares in treasury. The authority would, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied by shareholders, remain in force up to the conclusion of the 2021 AGM of the Company or close of business on 5 May 2021, whichever is earlier.

In accordance with the Investment Association Share Capital Management Guidelines (the Guidelines), Resolution 19.2 seeks to grant the directors authority to allot approximately a further one third of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) in connection with a rights issue in favour of ordinary shareholders with a nominal value of up to £58,432,400 (representing 528,800,000 ordinary shares of 11½ pence each). Such additional authority will be valid until the conclusion of the 2021 AGM.

If the Company uses any of the additional one third authority permitted by the Guidelines, the Company will ensure that all directors stand for re-election. The Company's current practice is that all directors submit themselves for re-election each year in accordance with the Code, notwithstanding the provisions set out in the Guidelines.

The total authorisation sought by Resolution 19 is equal to approximately two thirds of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares) as at 25 November 2019, being the last practicable date prior to publication of this Notice.

*Resolutions 1 to 19 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and require that more than half of the votes cast must be in favour of a resolution for it to be passed.*

## **RESOLUTIONS 20 AND 21 – DISAPPLICATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS**

If the Company issues new shares, or sells treasury shares, for cash (other than in connection with an employee share scheme), it must first offer them to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing holdings. In accordance with investor guidelines, approval is sought by the directors to issue a limited number of ordinary shares for cash without offering them to existing shareholders.

The Pre-Emption Group (which represents the Investment Association and the Pension and Lifetime Savings Association) published a revised statement of principles for the disapplication of pre-emption rights (the Principles) in 2015. The Principles provide that a general authority for the disapplication of pre-emption rights over approximately 5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital should be treated as routine. This general authority, which the directors have sought and received in previous years, is dealt with under Resolution 20.

Subject to the passing of Resolution 19, Resolution 20 seeks to replace the authority conferred on the directors at the 7 February 2019 Annual General Meeting (2019 AGM) to allot ordinary shares, or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, ordinary shares or sell treasury shares for cash (other than pursuant to an employee equity incentive share scheme) up to an aggregate nominal value of approximately 5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) without application of pre-emption rights pursuant to article 13 of the Company's articles of association and section 561 of the CA 2006. Other than in connection with a rights, scrip dividend, or other similar issue, the authority contained in this Resolution 20 would be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £8,764,971.

The Pre-Emption Group further provides that the Company may, as routine, seek to disapply pre-emption rights over the equivalent of approximately an additional 5% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company, so long as certain criteria are met.

Subject to the passing of Resolution 19 and in addition to the authority granted by Resolution 20, Resolution 21 seeks to replace the authority conferred on the directors at the 2019 AGM to allot ordinary shares, or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, ordinary shares or sell treasury shares for cash (other than pursuant to an employee equity incentive share scheme) up to an aggregate nominal value of approximately 5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) without application of pre-emption rights pursuant to article 13 of the Company's articles of association and section 561 of the CA 2006, provided that this authority will only be used for the purpose of:

- (i) an acquisition; or
- (ii) a specified capital investment in respect of which sufficient information regarding the effect of the investment on the Company, the assets that are the subject of the investment and (where appropriate) the profits attributable to those assets is made available to shareholders to enable them to reach an assessment of the potential return on the investment

which is announced contemporaneously with the issue or which has taken place in the preceding six month period and is disclosed in the announcement of the issue.

Other than in connection with a rights, scrip dividend, or other similar issue, the authority contained in this Resolution 21 would be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £8,764,971.

Together, Resolutions 20 and 21 represent 158,642,000 ordinary shares of 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>20</sub> pence each in the capital of the Company, which is approximately 10% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 25 November 2019 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice). The authority would, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied by shareholders, expire at the conclusion of the AGM of the Company to be held in 2021 or close of business on 5 May 2021, if earlier.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

Save for issues of shares in respect of various employee share schemes and any share dividend alternatives, the directors have no current plans to utilise the authorities sought by Resolutions 19, 20 and 21, although they consider their renewal appropriate in order to retain maximum flexibility to take advantage of business opportunities as they arise. In addition, and in line with best practice, the Company has not issued more than 7.5% of its issued share capital on a non-pro rata basis over the last three years. The limit also applies to shares issued from treasury. A renewal of this authority will be proposed at each subsequent AGM and the directors confirm their intention to follow best practice set out in the Principles which provides that usage of this authority in excess of 7.5% of the Company's issued share capital in a rolling three year period would not take place without prior consultation with shareholders.

### **RESOLUTION 22 – PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES**

This Resolution authorises the directors to make limited on market purchases of the Company's ordinary shares. The power is limited to a maximum of 158,642,000 shares (just under 10% of the issued ordinary share capital as at 25 November 2019, being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice) and details the minimum and maximum prices that can be paid, exclusive of expenses. The authority conferred by this Resolution will expire at the conclusion of the Company's next AGM or 18 months from the passing of this Resolution, whichever is the earlier.

The CA 2006 permits the Company to hold shares repurchased as treasury shares. Treasury shares may be cancelled, sold for cash or used for the purpose of satisfying the Company's obligations in connection with employee equity incentive schemes. The authority to be sought by this Resolution is intended to apply equally to shares to be held by the Company as treasury shares. No dividends will be paid on shares which are held as treasury shares and no voting rights will be attached to them. Shares held as treasury shares will normally be used to satisfy the Company's obligations under the Company's employee equity incentive schemes.

No share repurchases were made during the financial year ended 30 September 2019 or to the date of this Notice. However, the directors consider it desirable for such general authority to be available in order to maintain an efficient capital structure whilst at the same time retaining the flexibility to fund any bolt-on acquisitions.

As at 25 November 2019 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice), there were 1,589,736,625  $11\frac{1}{20}$  pence ordinary shares in issue and 3,301,961  $11\frac{1}{20}$  pence ordinary shares held in treasury for the purpose of satisfying the Company's obligations under employee equity incentive schemes. These treasury shares represent 0.20% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital. Shares held in treasury are not eligible to participate in dividends and do not carry any voting rights.

As at 25 November 2019 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice), there were options to subscribe for ordinary shares issued by the Company outstanding over approximately 6,877,673 shares, which represent 0.43% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) at that date. If the authority to purchase the Company's ordinary shares was exercised in full, these options would represent 0.48% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares).

### **RESOLUTION 23 – NOTICE OF MEETINGS OTHER THAN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Company's articles of association allow the directors to call general meetings, other than AGMs, on 14 clear working days' notice. However, under Section 307A of the CA 2006, all general meetings must be held on 21 days' notice, unless shareholders agree to a shorter notice period, and the Company has met the requirements for electronic voting under the CA 2006. This Resolution seeks to renew the authority granted by shareholders at last year's AGM which preserved the Company's ability to call general meetings, other than AGMs, on 14 clear working days' notice, such authority to be effective until the Company's next AGM, when a similar resolution will be proposed. The directors confirm that the shorter notice period would not be used as a matter of routine, but only where flexibility is merited by the business of the meeting and it is thought to be to the advantage of shareholders as a whole. An electronic voting facility will be made available to all shareholders for any meeting held on such notice.

*Resolutions 20 to 23 will be proposed as special resolutions and require that at least three quarters of the votes cast must be in favour of a resolution for it to be passed.*

## RECOMMENDATION

The directors consider that each of the Resolutions is in the best interests of the Company and the shareholders as a whole and, accordingly, recommend that all shareholders vote in favour of all Resolutions, as the directors intend to do in respect of their own holdings.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION PROXIES

- (i) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint a proxy or proxies (who need not be a shareholder of the Company) to exercise all or any of his or her rights to attend, speak and vote at the AGM. Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy must be appointed for different shares.

Proxies may only be appointed by:

- going to [www.signalshares.com](http://www.signalshares.com) and following the instructions for electronic submission provided
- requesting a paper Form of Proxy from the registrar, Link Asset Services, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU; email: [enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk); telephone within the UK: Freephone 0800 029 4520 and from overseas: +44 333 300 1568
- having an appropriate CREST message transmitted, if you are a user of the CREST system (including CREST personal members). Please refer to the CREST manual on the Euroclear website ([www.euroclear.com/CREST](http://www.euroclear.com/CREST)) for further information

Submission of the Form of Proxy will not prevent a shareholder from attending the Meeting and voting in person. However, if you do attend the Meeting and vote, any proxy appointment will be treated as revoked.

The electronic addresses provided in this Notice are provided solely for the purpose of enabling shareholders to register the appointment of a proxy or proxies for the Meeting or to submit their voting directions electronically. You may not use any electronic address provided in this Notice of Meeting to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

- (ii) To be effective, the Form of Proxy must be completed in accordance with the instructions and received by the Company's registrar by 10.30am on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

To appoint a proxy or to give an instruction to a previously appointed proxy via the CREST system, the CREST message must be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) by **10.30am on Tuesday 4 February 2020**.

Please note, however, that proxy messages cannot be sent through CREST on weekends, public holidays or after 8.00pm on any other day. For the purpose of this deadline, 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 personal members or other CREST sponsored members and those CREST members that have appointed voting service provider(s) should contact their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) for assistance with appointing proxies via CREST.

For further information on CREST procedures, limitations and system timings, please refer to the CREST manual. We 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, as amended.

- (iii) Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 and section 360B(2) of the CA 2006, the Company specifies that only those shareholders registered in the Register of Members of the Company as at close of business on Tuesday 4 February 2020 or, in the event that the Meeting is adjourned, in the Register of Members at the close of business two days before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to attend or vote at the Meeting in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at the relevant time. Changes to entries on the Register of Members after close of business on Tuesday 4 February 2020 or, in the event that the Meeting is adjourned, at close of business two days before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the Meeting.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### **NOMINATED PERSONS**

Any person to whom a copy of this Notice is sent who is a person nominated under section 146 of the CA 2006 to enjoy information rights (Nominated Person) may, under an agreement between him or her and the shareholder by whom he or 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 or 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 note (i) above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in that note can only be exercised by shareholders of the Company.

### **SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND AGM BUSINESS**

Under sections 338 and section 338A of the CA 2006, shareholders meeting the threshold requirements which, broadly, require a minimum of 100 shareholders holding an average of 905 ordinary shares each or shareholders holding at least 5% of the Company's issued share capital (excluding treasury shares), have the right to require the Company: (i) to give to shareholders of the Company entitled to receive notice of the AGM, notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved, at the AGM; and/or (ii) to include in the business to be dealt with at the AGM, any matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may be properly included in the business. A resolution may properly be moved or a matter may properly be included in the business unless: (a) (in the case of a resolution only) it would, if passed, be ineffective (whether by reason of inconsistency with any enactment or the Company's constitution or otherwise); (b) it is defamatory; or (c) it is frivolous or vexatious. Such a request may be in hard copy or electronic form and must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given or the matter to be included in the business, must be authorised by the person or persons making it, must be received by the Company not later than Wednesday 25 December 2019, being the date six weeks before the AGM, and (in the case of a matter to be included in the business only) must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request.

### **RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS**

Under section 319A of the CA 2006, shareholders have the right to ask questions at the AGM relating to the business of the Meeting and for these to be answered, unless such answer would interfere unduly with the business of the Meeting, involve the disclosure of confidential information, if the answer has already been published on the Company's website, or if it is not in the interests of the Company or the good order of the Meeting that the question be answered.

### **WEBSITE PUBLICATION OF AUDIT CONCERNS**

Under section 527 of the CA 2006, shareholders have a right to request publication of any concerns that they propose to raise at the AGM relating to the audit of the Company's Accounts (including the Auditor's Report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be submitted to the Meeting or any circumstances connected to the Company's auditor who ceased to hold office since the last AGM. The Company will publish the statement if sufficient requests have been received in accordance with section 527(2) of the CA 2006 which, broadly, requires a minimum of 100 shareholders holding an average of 905 ordinary shares each or shareholders holding at least 5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) to make the request. The Company may not require the members requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with such request. Where a statement is published, the Company will 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 AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the CA 2006 to publish on its website.



## DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the service agreements of the executive directors, the letters of appointment of the non-executive directors, the directors' deeds of indemnity, the Register of Directors' Interests, and the Company's articles of association and this Notice will be available for inspection during normal business hours from the date of dispatch of this Notice until the date of the AGM (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) at the registered office of the Company, Compass House, Guildford Street, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9BQ and will also be made available at the AGM for a period of 15 minutes prior to and during the continuance of the AGM.

## TOTAL VOTING RIGHTS

As at 25 November 2019 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's issued share capital comprised 1,586,434,664 ordinary shares of 11 $\frac{1}{20}$  pence each (excluding treasury shares). The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company. On a vote by show of hands, every ordinary shareholder who is present has one vote and every proxy present who has been duly appointed by a shareholder entitled to vote has one vote. On a vote by poll, every ordinary shareholder who is present in person or by proxy has one vote for every ordinary share held. It is proposed that all votes on the Resolutions at the AGM will be taken by way of a poll.

The total voting rights in the Company as at 25 November 2019 were 1,586,434,664 (excluding treasury shares).

## INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

The following information is available on the Company's website [www.compass-group.com](http://www.compass-group.com):

- (i) the matters set out in this Notice of Meeting
- (ii) the total voting rights and number of shares of each class in respect of which shareholders are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM
- (iii) shareholders' rights to include business to be dealt with at the AGM
- (iv) shareholders' statements, resolutions and matters of business received by the Company after 16 December 2019

## ATTENDING THE AGM

If you are coming to the AGM, please bring the Notification Letter dated 16 December 2019 with you. It authenticates your right to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and will speed your admission. You may also find it useful to bring this Notice of AGM and the Annual Report 2019 so that you can refer to them at the Meeting. All joint shareholders may attend and speak at the AGM. However, only one shareholder is entitled to vote. In the case of joint holders of a share, the vote of the senior who tenders the vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. For this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register.

At the discretion of the Company, and subject to sufficient seating capacity, a shareholder may enter with one guest, provided that the shareholder and their guest register to enter the AGM at the same time.

## THE AGM

**The doors of the Live Room at Twickenham RFU Stadium will open at 9.00am and the AGM will start promptly at 10.30am.**

Please see the map on page 245 for the location of Twickenham RFU Stadium. Car parking is available for shareholders as indicated on the map. For more information on how to get to the venue, go to <http://www.englandrugby.com/twickenham/visiting-the-stadium/getting-here>.

## QUESTIONS

All shareholders or their proxies will have the opportunity to ask questions at the AGM. When invited by the Chairman, if you wish to ask a question, please wait for a Company representative to bring you a microphone. It would be helpful if you could state your name before you ask your question. A question may not be answered at the Meeting if it is not considered to be in the interests of the Company or the good order of the Meeting or if it would involve the disclosure of sensitive information. The Chairman may also nominate a representative to answer a specific question after the Meeting or refer the questioner to the Company's website.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

### VOTING AT THE AGM

The Company confirms that all Resolutions to be proposed at the AGM will be put to the vote on a poll. This will result in a more accurate reflection of the views of all of the Company's shareholders by ensuring that every vote is recognised, including the votes of shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting but who have appointed a proxy for the Meeting. On a poll, each shareholder has one vote for each share held.

All of the votes of the shareholders present will be counted, and added to those received by proxy, and the provisional final votes will be displayed at the Meeting.

The indicative voting results, which will include all votes cast for and against each Resolution at the Meeting, and all proxies lodged prior to the Meeting, will be displayed at the Meeting and the final results published on the Company's website, the London Stock Exchange and on the document storage system, Morningstar, as soon as practicable after the Meeting. The Company will also disclose the number of votes withheld.

If you have already voted by proxy, you will still be able to vote at the Meeting and your vote on the day will replace your previously lodged proxy vote.

Whomever you appoint as a proxy can vote or abstain from voting as he or she decides on any other business which may validly come before the AGM. This includes proxies appointed using the CREST service. Details of how to complete the appointment of a proxy either electronically or on paper are given in the notes to this Notice.

### VENUE ARRANGEMENTS

For your personal safety and security, all hand baggage may be subject to examination. A cloakroom will be available to deposit coats and bulky items.

A sound amplification/hearing loop will be available in the meeting room.

There is wheelchair access. Anyone accompanying a shareholder in need of assistance will be admitted to the AGM. If any shareholder with a disability has any questions regarding attendance at the AGM, please contact the Group Company Secretariat at Compass Group PLC, Compass House, Guildford Street, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9BQ by 27 January 2020.

Security staff will be on duty to assist shareholders. The Company will not permit behaviour that may interfere with another person's security, safety or the good order of the AGM.

Please ensure that all electronic equipment (including mobile phones) is switched off throughout the AGM.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served before the Meeting.

## SHAREHOLDER ENQUIRIES

Link Asset Services maintain the Company's share register. If you have any enquiries about the AGM or about your shareholding, you should contact Link Asset Services, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU.

## AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPT ENQUIRIES

Compass Group PLC operates an American Depositary Receipts programme (ADR) which are traded on the over-the-counter market under the symbol CMPGY. One ADR represents one ordinary Compass share. BNY Mellon (BNY) maintains the Company's American Depositary Receipt register. If you have any enquiries about your holding of Compass American Depositary Shares, you should contact BNY Mellon by regular mail: BNY Mellon, PO Box 505000, Louisville, KY 40233-5000, USA or by overnight or certified registered mail: BNY Mellon, 462 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1600, Louisville, KY 40202, USA. Alternatively you can email Computershare at [shrrelations@cpushareownerservices.com](mailto:shrrelations@cpushareownerservices.com). Further information can be found on BNY's website at [www.mybnymdr.com](http://www.mybnymdr.com) using the symbol CMPGY and at [www.compass-group.com](http://www.compass-group.com).

## DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

Your personal data includes all data provided by you, or on your behalf, which relates to you as a shareholder, including your name and contact details, the votes you cast and your reference number (attributed to you by the Company). The Company determines the purposes for which and the manner in which your personal data is to be processed. The Company and any third party to which it discloses the data (including the Company's registrar) may process your personal data for the purposes of compiling and updating the Company's records, fulfilling its legal obligations and processing the shareholder rights you exercise.

## PUBLISHED INFORMATION

If you would like to receive this Notice and/or a copy of the Annual Report 2019 in an appropriate alternative format, such as large print, Braille or an audio version on CD, please contact the Group Company Secretariat at Compass Group PLC, Compass House, Guildford Street, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9BQ.

Our 2019 Annual Report and this Notice are available on the Company's website [www.compass-group.com](http://www.compass-group.com).

