

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you should immediately consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. If you have sold or otherwise transferred all your shares in Compass Group PLC, please send this Notice and the accompanying documents to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

**Notice is hereby given that the sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Compass Group PLC (the Company) will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 2 February 2017 at the Live Room, Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7BA 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.

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Annual Report and Accounts and the Auditor's Report thereon for the financial year ended 30 September 2016.
  2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 September 2016.
  3. To declare a final dividend of 21.1 pence per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2016.
  4. To elect Stefan Bomhard as a director of the Company.
  5. To re-elect Dominic Blakemore as a director of the Company.
  6. To re-elect Richard Cousins as a director of the Company.
  7. To re-elect Gary Green as a director of the Company.
  8. To re-elect Johnny Thomson as a director of the Company.
  9. To re-elect Carol Arrowsmith as a director of the Company.
  10. To re-elect John Bason as a director of the Company.
  11. To re-elect Don Robert 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.
  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.
  17. That the authority conferred by Article 138 of the Company's Articles of Association be and is hereby increased from £1,500,000 to £2,250,000.
  18. 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:
    - 18.1 make donations to political parties or independent election candidates;
    - 18.2 make donations to political organisations other than political parties; and
    - 18.3 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 which are defined in Part 14 of the Companies Act 2006 shall bear the same meaning for the purposes of this Resolution 18.
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, 1 May 2018; and for that period the section 551 amount shall be £58,236,688.
  - 19.2 In addition, the section 551 amount shall be increased by £58,236,688, 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 Board otherwise considers 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

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, such authority to apply until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the date on which this Resolution is passed or, if earlier, 1 May 2018 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 £8,735,344 being not more than 5% of the issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at 1 December 2016, 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 1 May 2018, 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 Board 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 £8,735,344 being not more than 5% of the issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at 1 December 2016, 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 Board of the Company determines 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, on 1 May 2018, 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 Board may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) under any such offer or agreement as if the authority had not expired.

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 10<sup>5</sup>/100 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 164,430,000;
- 22.2 the minimum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for each ordinary share is 10<sup>5</sup>/100 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 1 August 2018, 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).

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



**Mark White**

General Counsel and Company Secretary

21 December 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION 1 – ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The directors are required to present to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) (the Meeting) the audited Accounts and the Directors' and Auditor's Reports for the financial year ended 30 September 2016.

### 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 58 to 79 of the 2016 Annual Report and Accounts. The vote is advisory.

In accordance with section 439A of the CA 2006, a separate resolution on the Remuneration Policy (the Policy) part of the Directors' Remuneration Report must be put to the vote and approved by shareholders at least every three years, unless during that time it is to be changed. The Policy was approved by shareholders at the 2015 AGM. The directors do not propose any changes to the Policy this year and as such, it is not necessary for the directors to submit a resolution on the Policy to shareholders for approval at the 2017 AGM. A copy of the Remuneration Policy in force is set out on pages 62 to 68 of the 2016 Annual Report. To the extent that changes have been made to the Policy since last year, these are merely to ensure that the content of the Policy remains relevant to the financial year under review; in all other respects, the Policy remains unchanged.

### RESOLUTION 3 – FINAL DIVIDEND

The final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2016 will be paid on 20 February 2017 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 20 January 2017, subject to shareholder approval.

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

Biographical details of all the directors standing for election or re-election appear on pages 38 to 40 of the 2016 Annual Report.

In line with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association, Stefan Bomhard, who was appointed by the Board since the date of the last AGM, will submit himself for election by shareholders. Details of his appointment are given on page 55.

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 (the Code), all the directors will submit themselves for annual re-election by shareholders.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS 15 AND 16 – AUDITOR

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 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. KPMG LLP were first appointed by shareholders as the Company's auditor at the 2015 AGM.

#### RESOLUTION 17 – ARTICLE 138 AUTHORITY

The Company's Articles of Association provide that the ordinary remuneration of non-executive directors (including the Chairman) shall not exceed in aggregate £1,500,000 per annum or such higher amount as the Company may from time to time determine by ordinary resolution. To ensure that the directors do not inadvertently breach the existing £1,500,000 aggregate (which was first set in 2008) and to ensure that the Company is able to continue to recruit and retain suitable candidates, it is proposed that the authority granted to the directors by Article 138 be increased to £2,250,000.

#### RESOLUTION 18 – DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES

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 2018 (2018 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 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 £58,236,688. This represents 548,110,000 ordinary shares of 10% 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 1 December 2016 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice). The Company currently holds 9,856,681 shares in treasury. The authority would, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied by shareholders, remain in force up to the conclusion of the 2018 AGM of the Company or 1 May 2018, 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 £58,236,688 (representing 548,110,000 ordinary shares of 10% pence each). Such additional authority will be valid until the conclusion of the 2018 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 1 December 2016, 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.

In 2015, 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). 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 2016 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 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 £8,735,344.

The Pre-Emption Group further provides that the Company may, as a 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, Resolution 21 seeks to replace the authority conferred on the directors at the 2016 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 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 £8,735,344.

These together represent 164,430,000 ordinary shares of 10% 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 1 December 2016 (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 2018 or on 1 May 2018, if earlier.

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 Board confirms its 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 164,430,000 shares (just under 10% of the issued ordinary share capital as at 1 December 2016, 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 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.

From 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016, the Company repurchased 6,560,656 ordinary shares of 10% pence for a consideration of £72.7 million (including expenses). These shares were subsequently transferred to be held in treasury for the purpose of satisfying the Company's obligations under employee equity incentive schemes. From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016 and from 1 October 2016 up to the date of this Notice, 2,110,923 and 376,622 ordinary 10% pence shares were repurchased for a consideration of £27.5 million and £5.2 million (including expenses) respectively, and subsequently cancelled. Shares held in treasury are not eligible to participate in dividends and do not carry any voting rights.

As at 1 December 2016 (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 9,500,000 shares which represent 0.57% 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 0.64% 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 the Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009 (the Regulations), 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 Regulations. 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:

- Completing and returning the Form of Proxy enclosed with this Notice to PXS1, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4ZF
- Going to [www.capitashareportal.com](http://www.capitashareportal.com) and following the instructions for electronic submission provided there; or
- 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

Return 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, 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 the Notice of this 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 12 noon on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

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 12 noon on Tuesday 31 January 2017. 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 31 January 2017 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 31 January 2017 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.

#### **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, requires a minimum of 100 shareholders holding an average of 941 ordinary shares each or shareholders holding at least 5% of the Company's issued share capital, 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 21 December 2016, being the date six clear 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 941 ordinary shares each or shareholders holding at least 5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital 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 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 Meeting for a period of 15 minutes prior to and during the continuance of the Meeting.

#### TOTAL VOTING RIGHTS

As at 1 December 2016 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's issued share capital comprised 1,644,334,486 ordinary shares (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 1 December 2016 were 1,644,334,486 (excluding treasury shares).

#### INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

The following information is available on the Company's website at [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; and
- (iv) shareholders' statements, resolutions and matters of business received by the Company after 21 December 2016.

#### THE AGM

The doors of the Live Room at Twickenham RFU Stadium will open at 10.30am and the AGM will start promptly at 12 noon. Please see the map on the next page for the location of Twickenham RFU Stadium. Car parking is available for shareholders as indicated on the map. For more information of how to get to the venue, go to [www.twickenhamexperience.com](http://www.twickenhamexperience.com).

#### ATTENDING THE AGM

If you are coming to the AGM, please bring your attendance card 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 2016 so that you can refer to them at the Meeting. All joint shareholders may attend and speak at the AGM. However, only the first shareholder listed on the Register of Members is entitled to vote. 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

After each Resolution is put to the Meeting, you will be asked to cast your vote. 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 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 announced at the Meeting and published on the Company's website 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. Please note that electronic devices such as recording equipment may not be brought into the AGM. A cloakroom will be available to deposit coats and bulky items.

A sign language interpreter will attend the AGM and 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 25 January 2017.

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 is switched off throughout the AGM.

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

## SHAREHOLDER ENQUIRIES

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

## AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPT ENQUIRIES

BNY Mellon 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, Shareowner Services, Computershare, P.O. Box 30170, College Station TX 77842-3170, USA.

## 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 2016 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 2016 Annual Report and this Notice are available at [www.compass-group.com](http://www.compass-group.com).

For more information of how to get to the AGM venue go to [www.twickenhamexperience.com](http://www.twickenhamexperience.com).

