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# Schroders

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**The Annual General Meeting of Schroders plc will be held on 26 April 2018 at 31 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QA, at 11.30 a.m. The Notice of Annual General Meeting is set out in this document.**

**Whether or not you propose to attend the Annual General Meeting, please complete and submit a Form of Proxy or e-proxy in accordance with the instructions printed on the enclosed Form of Proxy. The Form of Proxy or e-proxy must be received no later than 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 April 2018. Participants in the Schroders Share Incentive Plan should complete and submit a Form of Direction by 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 23 April 2018. Shareholders can register the appointment of their proxy electronically via the internet at [www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy](http://www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy) where full instructions are given. CREST members may appoint a proxy through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service.**

If you are in any doubt as to any aspect of the proposals referred to in this document or as to the action you should take, you should seek your own advice from a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant, or other professional adviser.

If you have sold or otherwise transferred some or all of your shares please pass this document, together with the accompanying documents, to the purchaser or transferee or to the person who arranged the sale or transfer so they can pass these documents to the person who now holds the shares.

## Schroders plc

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*To the ordinary shareholders, participants in the Schroders Share Incentive Plan, and for information to the holders of non-voting ordinary shares of Schroders plc.*

16 March 2018

Dear shareholder,

### Annual General Meeting ('AGM')

On behalf of the Board, I would like to invite you to the 2018 AGM of Schroders plc on 26 April 2018, the notice of meeting for which is attached at page 2. It gives me great pleasure to report that Schroders delivered record results in 2017, benefitting from our diversified business model. More information about the Group's performance during 2017 and its strategy and governance can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts.

I would like to draw your attention to the following resolutions that are to be proposed at the AGM.

### Election and re-election of Directors

Resolution 4 seeks approval for the election of Sir Damon Buffini to the Board. Sir Damon joined the Board on 1 February 2018 and brings over 25 years' business experience. All other Directors, apart from Philip Howard, are submitting themselves for re-election. Philip Howard will step down at the conclusion of the meeting. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Philip for his invaluable advice and support to the Board. We wish him well in the future.

### Appointment of Auditors

Resolution 15 seeks approval for the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP (EY) as the external auditors of the Group. Following the conclusion of an audit tender process during 2016, Schroders announced that EY would be appointed as the external auditors with effect from the 2018 financial year.

As PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ceased to be the Group's auditors on 9 March 2018, they are required to provide a statement of circumstance to the Directors of Schroders plc. Schroders is required to share the statement of circumstance with shareholders and this is attached to this notice.

Explanatory notes for each of the resolutions proposed, voting procedure and an explanation of the business to be conducted at the AGM are set out from page 3.

### Voting arrangements

Voting on the resolutions will be conducted by way of a poll as this gives as many shareholders as possible the opportunity to vote (whether they vote in person at the meeting or by proxy) and I would like to encourage all shareholders to take an active part in voting. Details on how to vote are included on the Form of Proxy and/or Form of Direction included with this notice.

Completed Forms of Proxy (including e-proxies) and, for employee participants in the Schroders Share Incentive Plan, Forms of Direction, must be submitted to the Company's Registrar, Computershare, as soon as possible but in any event to arrive no later than 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 and 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 23 April 2018 respectively. The result of the poll will be announced shortly after the AGM and will also be available on the Company's website.

### Recommendation

The Board considers that all of the resolutions as set out in the notice are in the interests of shareholders and the Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of all of these resolutions, as the Directors intend to do with respect to their own ordinary shares.

Yours faithfully,



**Michael Dobson**

Chairman

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Schroders plc (the 'Company') will be held at 31 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QA on Thursday, 26 April 2018 at 11.30 a.m. to transact the following business:

## Resolutions

To consider and, if thought fit, pass resolutions 1 to 17 as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 18 and 19 as special resolutions.

## Annual Report and Accounts

1. That the Directors' report and the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017 be received and adopted.

## Final dividend

2. That a final dividend of 79 pence per share on the ordinary shares and on the non-voting ordinary shares as recommended by the Directors be declared payable on 3 May 2018 to shareholders on the register on 23 March 2018.

## Remuneration report

3. That the remuneration report (other than the remuneration policy summary) as set out on pages 62 to 67 and 76 to 90 of the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2017, be approved.

## Election and re-election of Directors

4. That Sir Damon Buffini be elected as a Director.
5. That Michael Dobson be re-elected as a Director.
6. That Peter Harrison be re-elected as a Director.
7. That Richard Keers be re-elected as a Director.
8. That Robin Buchanan be re-elected as a Director.
9. That Rhian Davies be re-elected as a Director.
10. That Rakhi Goss-Custard be re-elected as a Director.
11. That Ian King be re-elected as a Director.
12. That Nichola Pease be re-elected as a Director.
13. That Philip Mallinckrodt be re-elected as a Director.
14. That Bruno Schroder be re-elected as a Director.

## Auditors

15. That Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors, be appointed as auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company.
16. That the Audit and Risk Committee be authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditors.

## Authority to allot shares

17. That the Directors be authorised to exercise all powers of the Company to allot equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £5,000,000, such authority to expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution (whichever is earlier) (unless previously revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting), save that the Company may before such expiry make an offer or enter into an agreement that would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

For the purposes of this authority, the expression 'equity securities' shall mean equity securities as defined in section 560 of the Companies Act 2006, but shall not in any circumstances include ordinary shares (as defined in the Company's Articles of Association), or any right to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, ordinary shares.

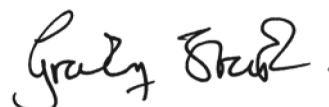
## Authority to purchase own shares

18. That the Company be authorised for the purposes of section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 to make one or more market purchases within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Companies Act 2006 of non-voting ordinary shares of £1 each, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. such authority be limited to a maximum number of 14,100,000 shares;
  - b. in the case of purchases made otherwise than by tender offer, the maximum price, exclusive of expenses, at which shares may be purchased is the higher of:
    - i. 5% above the average of the middle market quotations for the shares as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days preceding the date of purchase; and
    - ii. the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent purchase bid on the London Stock Exchange at the time the purchase is carried out;
  - c. in the case of a tender offer, the maximum price, exclusive of expenses, at which shares may be purchased is 5% above the average of the middle market quotations for the shares as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days preceding the date on which the tender offer is announced;
  - d. the minimum price at which shares may be purchased is £1 per share, exclusive of expenses; and
  - e. such authority shall, unless renewed prior to such time, expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company save that the Company may before such expiry enter into a contract to purchase shares which would or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after its expiry and may make a purchase of shares in pursuance of any such contract.

## Notice of general meetings

19. That a general meeting other than an Annual General Meeting may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice.

By Order of the Board



**Graham Staples**  
Company Secretary

16 March 2018

### **Explanatory notes to the resolutions**

Resolutions 1 to 17 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 18 and 19 as special resolutions.

#### **Resolution 1 – Annual Report and Accounts**

For each financial year the Directors are required to present the Directors' report and the accounts of the Company to shareholders.

#### **Resolution 2 – Final dividend**

The payment of the final dividend of 79 pence per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2017, which is recommended by the Board, requires the approval of shareholders in general meeting.

#### **Resolution 3 – Remuneration report**

Under section 420 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act'), the Directors must prepare a remuneration report detailing the remuneration of the Directors and containing a statement by the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee. The Act also requires that a resolution be put to shareholders each year for their approval of that report. This is an advisory resolution only.

#### **Resolutions 4 and 8 to 12 – Election and re-election of Directors**

Following changes made to the UK Listing Rules in May 2014 companies with a shareholder or shareholders who could, when acting in concert, exercise 30% or more of the voting rights of a company at a general meeting, are required to enter into a binding agreement with that shareholder or shareholders. This is intended to ensure that the parties to the agreement comply with certain independence provisions in the Listing Rules. Accordingly, on 14 November 2014, the Company entered into such an agreement (the 'Relationship Agreement') with a number of shareholders who own or control 108,323,711 ordinary shares (47.93%) of the Company's ordinary shares (and associated voting rights). In these circumstances, the UK Listing Rules require the election or re-election of any independent Director by shareholders to be approved by a majority of both:

1. the shareholders of the Company; and
2. the independent shareholders of the Company (that is the shareholders of the Company entitled to vote on the election or re-election of Directors and who are not party to the Relationship Agreement).

Resolutions 4 and 8 to 12 relate to the election of Sir Damon Buffini and the re-election of Robin Buchanan, Rhian Davies, Rakhi Goss-Custard, Ian King and Nichola Pease. None of these Directors have any historic or current relationship or agreement with the Company, its other Directors or the shareholders who are party to the Relationship Agreement and therefore the Board has determined they are independent Directors (the 'Independent Directors'). The Board considers that each of the Independent Directors proposed for election or re-election brings, or continues to bring, independent challenge, oversight and advice to the Company.

Accordingly, resolutions 4 and 8 to 12 are being proposed as ordinary resolutions on which all shareholders may vote, but in addition the Company will separately count the number of votes cast by independent shareholders in favour of each resolution (as a proportion of the total votes of the independent shareholders cast on the resolution) to determine whether the relevant majorities referred to above have been achieved. The Company will announce the results of resolutions 4 and 8 to 12 on this basis as well as announcing the results of the ordinary resolution of all shareholders.

If the ordinary resolution to approve the election or re-election of an Independent Director is passed, but separate approval by the independent shareholders is not given, the Listing Rules permit an existing Independent Director to remain in office pending a further ordinary resolution of all the shareholders to approve the election or re-election of that Director. If separate independent shareholder approval is not given for resolutions 4 and 8 to 12, the Company intends that the relevant appointment will end 120 days from the date of the original vote, unless a further ordinary resolution for election or re-election is passed. If a further ordinary resolution to approve the election or re-election is defeated, his or her appointment will cease on such date.

#### **Resolution 4**

Under Article 75 of the Company's Articles of Association, any Director appointed to hold office by the Board may only hold office until the next AGM, when shareholders have the opportunity to vote on his or her election. Accordingly, Sir Damon Buffini, who was appointed to the Board on 1 February 2018, is seeking election. Details of the process followed in appointing Sir Damon are set out on page 54 of the Annual Report and Accounts. The Board supports the election of Sir Damon, whose biography is set out below.

Sir Damon Buffini, 55, was appointed a non-executive Director and member of the Nominations Committee on 1 February 2018. He has over 25 years' experience in private equity, joining Schroder Ventures in 1988. He was Managing Partner of Permira from 1997 to 2007 before becoming Chairman. He retired in 2015 and remains a Senior Adviser. He is a governor of the Wellcome Trust, Chairman of the National Theatre, senior independent director of the PGA Tour and was Chairman of the Government's Patient Capital Review.

#### **Resolutions 5 to 14**

The Company has decided that all Directors should retire and stand for re-election by shareholders annually. Accordingly, resolutions 5 to 14 detail those Directors retiring and standing for re-election and biographies for each Director standing for re-election are set out below.

Michael Dobson, 65, was appointed Chairman in April 2016, having been Chief Executive since November 2001. He is Chairman of the Nominations Committee. He first joined the Board as a non-executive Director in April 2001. Prior to joining Schroders he was Chief Executive of Morgan Grenfell Group and a member of the Board of Managing Directors of Deutsche Bank AG. He is a member of the President's Committee of the Confederation of British Industry.

Peter Harrison, 51, was appointed Group Chief Executive in April 2016. He was an executive Director and Head of Investment from May 2014. He began his career at Schroders as a graduate in 1988 and subsequently held roles at Newton Investment Management, JP Morgan Asset Management as Head of Global Equities and Multi-asset and at Deutsche Asset Management as Global Chief Investment Officer. He was Chairman and Chief Executive of RWC Partners before re-joining Schroders as Global Head of Equities in March 2013. He is Chairman of the Investment Association and a member of the Takeover Panel.

Richard Keers, 54, was appointed a Director and Chief Financial Officer in May 2013. He is a chartered accountant and was a Senior Audit Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) until May 2013. He became a partner of PwC in 1997 and has 25 years' experience in the audits of global financial services groups. His experience includes time spent in PwC's New York, Sydney, Edinburgh and London offices. He is a non-executive member of Lloyd's Franchise Board and Chairman of its Audit Committee.

Robin Buchanan, 65, independent non-executive Director and member of the Audit and Risk, Remuneration and Nominations Committees. Appointed a non-executive Director in March 2010. He was the Senior Partner of Bain & Company Inc. in the UK for 12 years and remains a Senior Adviser. He was Dean and President of London Business School. He is a chartered accountant and holds an MBA (Harvard Business School). He served as Chairman of PageGroup plc until December 2015. He is a non-executive Director of LyondellBasell Industries N.V. He is Chairman of the Advisory Board of Access Industries and a Director of CICAP Limited.

Rhian Davies, 53, independent non-executive Director, Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee and member of the Nominations Committee. Appointed a non-executive Director in July 2015. She is a chartered accountant and was a partner at Electra Partners, an independent private equity fund manager until June 2015 and then a Senior Adviser until March 2017. She previously worked in PwC's audit and insolvency practice until joining Electra in 1992.

Rakhi Goss-Custard, 43, independent non-executive Director and member of the Nominations Committee. Appointed a non-executive Director in January 2017. She is an experienced executive in digital retailing having spent 11 years at Amazon. Prior to joining Amazon, she held roles at TomTom and in management consultancy in the US. She is a non-executive Director of Kingfisher plc, Rightmove plc, Intu Properties plc and Be Heard plc.

Ian King, 61, independent non-executive Director and member of the Remuneration and Nominations Committees. Appointed in January 2017. He was Chief Executive of BAE Systems plc from 2008 to 2017, having been originally appointed to the BAE board as Chief Operating Officer, UK and Rest of the World in 2007. Prior to this, he was Chief Executive of Alenia Marconi Systems. He also served as a non-executive Director and Senior Independent Director of Rotork plc until June 2014. He is Senior Adviser to the Board of Gleacher Shacklock LLP, and Chairman-designate of Senior plc and lead non-executive Director for the Department of Transport. He will succeed Lord Howard as Senior Independent Director at the conclusion of the AGM.

Nichola Pease, 56, independent non-executive Director, member of the Audit and Risk, Remuneration and Nominations Committees. Appointed a non-executive Director in September 2012. She has over 30 years' experience in the asset management and stock broking industries. She was the Chief Executive and then Deputy Chairman of J O Hambro Capital Management Ltd from 1998 until 2008, following which she held a number of roles in the charity and public sectors. She is the founder and Chairman of Investment 2020 and a Member of the Eton College Investment Committee. She will succeed Lord Howard as Chairman of the Remuneration Committee at the conclusion of the AGM.

Philip Mallinckrodt, 55, non-executive Director and member of the Nominations Committee. Appointed an executive Director in January 2009 and became a non-executive Director on 1 March 2017. As a former executive Director and a member of the principal shareholder group he is not considered independent. He started his career with Credit Suisse First Boston in 1985. He joined Schroders in 1994, and then worked for Citigroup from 2000 to 2002. He rejoined Schroders in 2002 as Head of Corporate Development, was Group Head of Wealth Management from 2006 to 2016 and then Group Head of Private Assets and Wealth Management until 1 March 2017. He is a non-executive Director of The Economist and Chairman of its Audit Committee, and a member of the International Advisory Council of the Brookings Institution.

Bruno Schroder, 85, non-executive Director and a member of the Nominations Committee. Appointed a Director in January 1963. He is not considered independent as he has served as a Director for more than nine years and is a member of the principal shareholder group. He is the great-great-grandson of John Henry Schroder, co-founder of the Schroders businesses in 1804. He joined the Schroder Group in London where he worked in the Commercial Banking and Corporate Finance divisions of J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd, London. He is a Director of a number of private limited companies.

Prior to recommending to the Board that the non-executive Directors be elected or re-elected, the Nominations Committee considered their independence, time commitment and effectiveness and is satisfied that all non-executive Directors continue to fulfil their fiduciary and statutory duties. As Robin Buchanan, Philip Mallinckrodt and Bruno Schroder have each served more than six years with the Company, the proposal for their re-election was given particular consideration. The Committee agreed that these non-executive Directors continued to make a valuable contribution to the Board's deliberations and therefore recommended their re-election to the Board. In addition, the Board reviewed actual and potential conflicts of interest for each Director and following the completion of the Board evaluation process for 2017, the Chairman confirms on behalf of the Board that each of the Directors standing for election or re-election continues to be effective and demonstrates commitment to their respective roles.

Accordingly, the election and re-election of each of the Directors under resolutions 4 to 14 is recommended.

### **Resolutions 15 and 16 – Auditors**

At each AGM when accounts are presented the Company is required by the Act to appoint auditors. 2017 is the last financial year for which PwC will hold office as Schroders' external auditors. Schroders conducted a tender of its external audit during 2016 and announced in November 2016 that EY would be appointed as Schroders' external auditor with effect from the 2018 financial year. PwC resigned as auditors on 9 March 2018 and EY were appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy on the same day. The Board, on the unanimous recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee, as described in full in the 2016 Annual Report and Accounts, proposes the appointment of EY as auditors. Pursuant to Section 519 of the Act, PwC has provided a statutory statement of circumstances upon ceasing to hold office, which is attached to this Notice.

Resolution 16 authorises the Audit and Risk Committee to determine the remuneration of EY for their services as auditors.

### **Resolution 17 – Authority to allot shares**

Under the Act, the Directors may not issue shares in the Company without the authority of shareholders in general meeting, except for the issue of shares under the Company's employee share plans. If approved by shareholders, this resolution would renew the authority given by shareholders at the 2017 AGM and permit the Directors to issue non-voting ordinary shares or rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, non-voting ordinary shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £5,000,000. The authority would not permit the Directors to issue ordinary shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, ordinary shares. The maximum amount of the authority is equal to approximately 1.76% of the Company's total issued share capital and approximately 8.84% of its issued non-voting ordinary share capital, in each case as at 9 March 2018, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document.

The authority sought by this resolution will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company. The authority sought by this resolution will provide flexibility for the Directors to issue non-voting ordinary shares where they believe it is in the interests of shareholders to do so. As at 9 March 2018, the Company did not hold any ordinary or non-voting ordinary shares in treasury.

### **Resolution 18 – Authority to purchase own shares**

If passed, resolution 18 would renew the Company's general authority to make purchases of its non-voting ordinary shares. This authority relates to 14,100,000 shares, representing approximately 5% of the Company's total issued share capital and 24.95% of its issued non-voting ordinary share capital as calculated at 9 March 2018 being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document. The authority sets limits on the price which may be paid for any shares and is limited to market purchases on the London Stock Exchange or (so far as required under the UK Listing Rules) market purchases by tender offer to all shareholders.

In recent years, this authority has been used with a view to maintaining the ratio of ordinary shares to non-voting ordinary shares over the medium term, taking into account the issue of non-voting ordinary shares under the Company's share plans or pursuant to the authority to allot shares conferred on the Directors. In addition, purchases may also be undertaken at the Directors' discretion where they consider them to be otherwise appropriate. Purchases under this authority would only be made where the Directors believed that they were in the best interests of the Company, taking into account other available investment opportunities and the overall financial position of the Group, and where earnings per share would be increased (except possibly in respect of purchases made in relation to the issue of non-voting ordinary shares under the Company's share plans).

If the Company were to purchase any non-voting ordinary shares pursuant to this authority, the Directors would consider whether to cancel those shares or (subject to the limits allowed by company law) hold them as treasury shares.

Since the previous authority was renewed at the last AGM on 27 April 2017 until 9 March 2018, being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this document, no non-voting ordinary shares have been purchased and cancelled. As at 9 March 2018, there were no options outstanding over ordinary or non-voting ordinary shares and there were no ordinary or non-voting ordinary shares held in treasury.

The authority given by this resolution would, unless renewed prior to such time, expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company save that the Company may before such expiry enter into a contract to purchase shares which would or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after its expiry and may make a purchase of shares in pursuance of any such contract.

### **Resolution 19 – Notice of general meetings**

Under the Act, the Company may call a general meeting, other than an AGM, by giving 14 days' clear notice to shareholders. Under the Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009 this period is 21 clear days unless the Company has obtained shareholder approval for a shorter period. This resolution would maintain the current position as agreed by shareholders at the 2017 AGM. AGMs will still require at least 21 clear days' notice. The shorter notice period would not be used as a matter of routine but only where the flexibility was merited by the business of the meeting and was thought to be in the interests of shareholders as a whole.

**Notes:**

1. Ordinary shareholders entitled to attend and to speak and vote at the meeting are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote on their behalf at the meeting. An ordinary shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the AGM provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by that shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. A Form of Proxy for ordinary shareholders which may be used to make such appointment and give proxy instructions accompanies this notice. Non-voting ordinary shareholders have no right to attend or speak or vote at the AGM.
2. All resolutions will be voted on a poll at the AGM. Votes will be counted immediately following the meeting and the results will be published via the Regulatory News Service as soon as possible after the meeting and will also be available on our website.
3. To be valid, any Form of Proxy or other instrument appointing a proxy must be received by post or (during normal business hours only) by hand at the Company's registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
4. Ordinary shareholders who prefer to register the appointment of their proxy electronically via the internet can do so at [www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy](http://www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy) where full instructions are given. The Control Number, PIN and shareholder reference number printed on the Form of Proxy will be required. A proxy appointment made electronically will not be valid if not sent to [www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy](http://www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy) or if received after 11.30 a.m. on 24 April 2018. Any communication found to contain a computer virus will not be accepted.
5. The return of a completed Form of Proxy, e-proxy, other proxy instrument or any CREST Proxy Instruction (as described in paragraph 11 below) will not prevent a shareholder from attending the AGM and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so.
6. Any person to whom this Notice is sent who is a person nominated under section 146 of the Act 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 AGM. 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.
7. The statement of the rights of ordinary shareholders in relation to the appointment of proxies in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these paragraphs can only be exercised by ordinary shareholders of the Company.
8. Pursuant to regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the Register of Members of the Company at close of business on the day which is two days before the day of the meeting or adjourned meeting. Changes to entries on the Register of Members after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the meeting.
9. As at 9 March 2018 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice) the Company's issued share capital consisted of 226,022,400 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each, and 56,505,600 non-voting ordinary shares. No ordinary shares or non-voting ordinary shares were held in treasury. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 9 March 2018 were 226,022,400.
10. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST Personal Members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed (a) 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.
11. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST Proxy Instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications, and must contain the information required for such instruction, as described in the CREST Manual (available via [euroclear.com/CREST](http://euroclear.com/CREST)). The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID 3RA50) by 11.30 a.m. on 24 April 2018. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the time stamp applied to the message by the CREST Application Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.
12. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors, or voting service providers, should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member, or sponsored member, or has appointed a voting service provider, to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting system providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
13. 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.
14. Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise, on its behalf, all of its powers as a member provided that not more than one corporate representative exercises powers over the same share.
15. The Directors' service contracts or letters of appointment are available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours on weekdays and will be available for inspection at least 15 minutes prior to and during the meeting.



16. Under section 338 and section 338A of the Act, members meeting the threshold requirements in those sections have the right to require the Company to:

- i. give, to members of the Company entitled to receive notice of the meeting, notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the meeting; and/or
- ii. include in the business to be dealt with at the meeting 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 of any person, or (c) it is frivolous or vexatious.

Such a request may be in hard copy form or in electronic form, 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 the date which is six clear weeks before the meeting, 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.

Pursuant to requests made by shareholders of the Company meeting the threshold requirements set out in section 527 of the Act, the Company may be required to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to:

- iii. 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 AGM; or
- iv. any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with section 437 of the Act.

The Company may not require the shareholders requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with sections 527 or 528 of the Act. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Act, 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 AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.

Any member attending the meeting has the right to ask questions. The Company must cause to be answered any such question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting but no such answer need to be given if:

- v. to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information;
  - vi. the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or
  - vii. it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered.
17. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first-named being the most senior)
18. A copy of this Notice of AGM, and any other information required by section 311 of the Act, can be found at [www.schroders.com](http://www.schroders.com).



The Directors,  
Schroders plc  
31 Gresham Street  
London  
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9 March 2018

Dear Sirs,

**Statement of Reasons connected with ceasing to hold office as Auditors**

In accordance with Section 519 of the Companies Act 2006 (the “Act”), we set out below the reasons connected with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, registered auditor number CO01004062, ceasing to hold office as auditors of Schroders plc, registered no: 3909886 (the “Company”) effective from 9 March 2018.

The reason we are ceasing to hold office is that the Company undertook a competitive tender process for the position of statutory auditor and we mutually agreed with the Audit and Risk Committee not to participate due to the time of our tenure.

There are no reasons for and no other matters connected with our ceasing to hold office as auditors of the Company that we consider need to be brought to the attention of the Company’s members or creditors.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP' in a cursive, flowing script.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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