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# Sure Ventures Plc

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



4 September 2018

Dear Shareholder,

#### **Annual General Meeting**

I am pleased to send you details of the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Sure Ventures plc (the "Company").

The AGM will be held on 27 September 2018 at the offices of Shard Capital Partners LLP ("Shard Capital"), 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3BY and will start at 14.00 p.m. Shareholder registration will be available from 13.30 p.m. **A map showing how to get to Shard Capital is set out at the end of my letter**.

The following documentation is enclosed with this letter:

- Notice of AGM, which sets out the details of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM; and
- Form of Proxy (and prepaid envelope).

Please note that the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements in respect of the period from 21 June 2017 to 31 March 2018 (the "**Annual Report**") are available to view and to download electronically on the Company's website at <u>www.sureventuresplc.com/documents</u>.

If you have previously indicated that you would prefer to receive a printed copy of the Annual Report, then you will also find a copy of the Annual Report enclosed.

The AGM is an opportunity for shareholders to express their views directly to the Board and the Investment Manager and I hope that you will take the opportunity to do so.

#### What to do next

The business of the meeting will be conducted via a show of hands on voting matters, with a poll being called if requested.

If you cannot attend the AGM, I strongly encourage you to exercise your right to vote by appointing a proxy to vote at the AGM on your behalf. To appoint a proxy, please complete the enclosed Form of Proxy, and return it in the prepaid envelope provided (no postage is required if posted within the UK) to the Company's Registrars, Computershare Investor Services plc, at The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY, England so as to arrive as soon as possible but in any event not later than 14.00 p.m. on 25 September 2018. Alternatively, if you are a CREST member, by following the procedure explained in paragraph 13 of the Notes to the Notice of AGM. In any event, your proxy appointment must be received by Computershare by 14.00 p.m. on 25 September 2018. If you hold your shares through a nominee service, please contact the nominee service provider regarding the process for appointing a proxy. The appointment of a proxy will not prevent you attending the AGM and voting in person should you so wish. Further details relating to voting by proxy are set out in the Notes to the Notice of AGM on pages 9 to 12 of this document.

#### Shareholder Helpline

If you have any questions relating to the enclosed documents, please call the Company's Registrars, Computershare, on +44 (0) 370 707 1600. Lines are open from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The helpline cannot give any financial, legal or tax advice.

#### Documents available for inspection

The following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during usual business hours on any weekday (public holidays excepted) from the date of the Notice of AGM until conclusion of the AGM and will also be available for inspection at the AGM venue from at least 15 minutes before the AGM until the conclusion of the AGM:



- a copy of the Company's memorandum of association and articles of association;
- copies of the letters of appointment of the Directors of the Company; and
- the Annual Report.

#### **Explanatory Notes**

Explanatory notes on each of the resolutions to be considered at the AGM are set out on pages 7 to 8 of this document. Biographical details of each Director seeking election are set out in on pages 13 to 14 of this document and are also available for viewing on the Company's website at <u>http://www.sureventuresplc.com/directors/</u>.

#### Recommendation

The Directors believe that all the proposed resolutions to be considered at the AGM are in the best interests of the Company and its members as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of the resolutions.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Nicolson Chairman



### Directions to the AGM venue

The offices of Shard Capital are based in the iconic 'Walkie-Talkie' building in the heart of the City of London, close to Bank and Monument underground stations and Fenchurch Street overground.



23<sup>rd</sup> Floor 20 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 3BY

#### Arrival by Public Transport:

Fenchurch Street Overground served by National Rail services is a 5-10 minute walk from the venue.

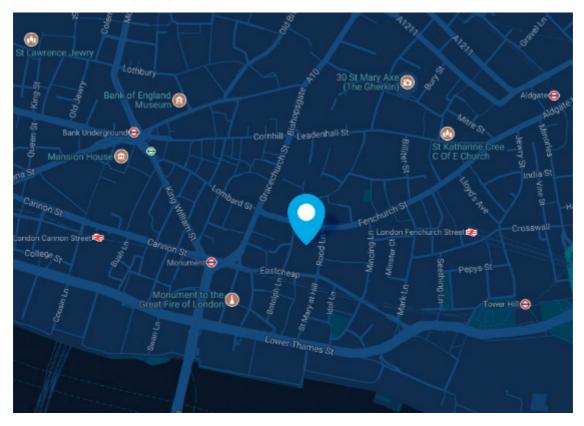
Cannon Street Overground served by National Rail services is a 10-12 minute walk from the venue.

London Bridge Overground served by National Rail services is a 10-15 minute walk from the venue.

Bank underground station, served by the Central, Northern, DLR and Waterloo & City lines, is a 5-10 minute walk from the venue.

Monument underground station, served by the District and Circle line, is 5 minute walk from the venue.

Unfortunately, there is no car parking available at the venue.



## Ventures Plc

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2018 Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of Sure Ventures plc (the "**Company**") will be held at Shard Capital, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3BY on 27 September 2018 at 14.00 p.m. You will be asked to consider and if thought fit to pass the resolutions below. Resolutions 11 to 12 will be proposed as special resolutions. All other resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions.

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution 1 To receive and adopt the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period from 21 June 2017 to 31 March 2018 (the "**Annual Report**").
- Resolution 2 To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report (excluding the Directors' Remuneration Policy) set out on pages 32 to 34 of the Annual Report.
- Resolution 3 To approve the Directors' Remuneration Policy set out on pages 32 to 33 of the Annual Report.
- Resolution 4 To approve the Company's dividend policy set out on page 4 of the Annual Report.
- Resolution 5 To elect Sean Nicolson as a Director of the Company.
- Resolution 6 To elect Chris Boody as a Director of the Company.
- Resolution 7 To elect Gareth Burchell as a Director of the Company.
- Resolution 8 To re-appoint PKF Littlejohn LLP as auditors of the Company, to hold office until conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company at which accounts are laid.
- Resolution 9 To authorise the Audit Committee to determine PKF Littlejohn LLP's remuneration as auditors of the Company.
- Resolution 10 That the Directors be generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot Ordinary Shares ("Ordinary Shares") and/or C shares ("C Shares") in the capital of the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £500,000, such authority to expire at the conclusion of next year's annual general meeting of the Company, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require the allotment of shares in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

To consider and if thought fit to pass the following as a special resolution:

Resolution 11 - That if Resolution 10 is passed, the Directors be empowered (pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Act) to allot Ordinary Shares and C Shares and to sell Ordinary Shares and C Shares from treasury for cash pursuant to the authority referred to at Resolution 10 above, as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale, such power to expire at the conclusion of next year's annual general meeting of the Company, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such power, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted or sold from treasury after the expiry of such power, and the Directors may allot or sell from treasury equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or an agreement as if such power had not expired.



Resolution 12 - That any general meeting of the Company, other than an annual general meeting, may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice, such authority to expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

By order of the Board

Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Limited

**Company Secretary** 

4 September 2018

23<sup>rd</sup> Floor

20 Fenchurch Street

London EC3M 3BY

Registered in England and Wales No. 10829500

## Sure Ventures Plc

## **Explanatory Notes on the Resolutions**

#### Resolution 1 - To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Directors are required to present the financial statements, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report to the meeting. These are contained in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period from 21 June 2017 (being the date of incorporation of the Company) to 31 March 2018 (the "**Annual Report**"). A resolution to receive and adopt the financial statements, together with the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report on those accounts is included as an ordinary resolution.

#### **Resolutions 2-3 – Remuneration**

An advisory resolution to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report is included together with a binding resolution to approve the Director's Remuneration Policy. The Directors' Remuneration Report and Remuneration Policy are each set out in the Annual Report.

#### **Resolution 4 – Dividend Policy**

A resolution to approve the Company's existing dividend policy under the Company's Articles of Association as detailed in page 4 of the Annual Report. This dividend policy remains unchanged to that disclosed in the Company's initial public offering prospectus published on 17 November 2017.

#### **Resolutions 5-7 – Election of Directors**

The Company's Articles of Association require that all Directors seek election following their appointment by the Board.

Full biographies of all the Directors are set out on pages 13-14 and are also available for viewing on the Company's website at <u>www.sureventuresplc.com/directors</u>.

#### **Resolutions 8 and 9 – Appointment and Remuneration of Auditor**

At each meeting at which the Company's financial statements are presented to its members, the Company is required to appoint an auditor to serve until the next such meeting. The Board recommends the election of PKF Littlejohn LLP and this will be proposed to the AGM as Resolution 8. Resolution 9 authorises the Audit Committee to determine the remuneration of PKF Littlejohn LLP as auditors.

#### Resolution 10 – Authority to allot ordinary shares

The Directors may only allot shares or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, shares if authorised to do so by shareholders. Resolution 10 will, if passed, authorise the Directors to allot the Company's Ordinary and/ or C Shares or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, Ordinary and/ or C Shares in the Company up to a maximum nominal amount of £500,000.00. This represents 50,000,000 Ordinary Shares and is equivalent to approximately 1,424.50 per cent. of the Company's existing issued ordinary share capital as at 31 August 2018 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of the Notice). The Company currently holds no shares in treasury.

The Directors wish to use such authority to ensure that the Company is able to take advantage of investment opportunities identified by its investment manager (in accordance with the Company's investment objective) as and when they arise. The Directors remain focussed on delivering the Company's investment objective and are also mindful of the likely benefit to all members of increasing the market liquidity in the Company's shares and of reducing the Company's administrative expenses on a per share basis by increasing the number of ordinary shares in issue.

The Directors expect to exercise their authority to allot shares during the forthcoming period of twelve months, in whole or in part, to raise additional capital primarily for the purpose of acquiring investments sourced by the Company's investment manager in line with the Company's investment policy. Under the Companies Act 2006, the Company is restricted from issuing shares on a non-pre-emptive basis unless permitted pursuant to a special resolution of the Company of the sort proposed in Resolution 11. Under Resolution 11, the Directors may only issue shares on a non-pre-emptive basis at a gross price which is at least equal to the latest published net asset value per existing ordinary share at the time of their issue. Taken together, these factors mean that the Directors must issue shares in a manner which enables investors to avoid dilution to the then prevailing net asset value attributable to their shares.



The Directors are mindful that the size of the authority sought exceeds the levels recommended by corporate governance best practice. However, the Directors are of the view that such best practice is not directly relevant to the Company due to its status as an investment fund, and have instead sought to ensure that investors are appropriately protected against dilution through the arrangements described above. The Directors therefore believe that it will promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole to have flexibility to issue new Ordinary and/ or C shares up to a maximum nominal amount of £500,000.00 equal to approximately 1,424.50 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at 31st August 2018 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of the Notice).

This authority will expire (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked) on the conclusion of the 2019 annual general meeting of the Company.

#### Resolution 11 - Authority to disapply pre-emption rights

Resolution 11 is a special resolution which is being proposed to authorise the Directors to disapply the pre-emption rights of existing Shareholders in relation to issues of Ordinary and/or C Shares under Resolution 10 (being in respect of Ordinary and/or C Shares up to an aggregate nominal value of £500,000.00, representing up to approximately 1,424.50 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at the date of the Notice). Such shares to be issued in line with the parameters disclosed in the Company's initial public offering prospectus published on 17 November 2017.

The Directors are seeking such authority to ensure that the Company is able to take advantage of investment opportunities identified by the Company's investment manager (in line with the Company's investment policy) as and when such opportunities arise. The Directors believe that it would not be practical to obtain specific authority to disapply pre-emption rights in relation to issues of ordinary shares only when the need arises, primarily due to the time it would take to prepare the relevant circular to shareholders, obtain pre-clearance for the circular from the authorities, and then print and despatch the relevant circular to shareholders convening the general meeting to seek shareholders' approval.

As detailed in the Company's prospectus, the Directors are not able to issue shares on a non-pre-emptive basis pursuant to the authority granted by Resolution 11 at a gross price which is less than the latest published net asset value per existing ordinary share at the time of their issue. As such, there should be no dilution to the then prevailing net asset value attributable to shareholders arising from such issue. The Directors therefore believe that granting the authority to disapply pre-emption rights provided pursuant to Resolution 11 will enable the Company to act on a timely basis to issue shares while protecting investors against dilution and that granting such authority will promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole.

This authority will expire (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked) on the conclusion of the 2019 annual general meeting of the Company.

#### **Resolution 12 – Notice Period for General Meetings**

Resolution 12 is a special resolution that will give the Directors the ability to convene general meetings, other than annual general meetings, on a minimum of 14 clear days' notice. The minimum notice period for annual general meetings will remain at 21 clear days. This authority would provide the Company with flexibility where action needs to be taken quickly but will only be used where the Directors consider it in the best interests of Shareholders to do so and the matter is required to be dealt with expediently. The approval will be effective until the 2019 annual general meeting of the Company, at which it is intended that renewal will be sought.



## Notes to the Notice of Annual General Meeting

- 1. Only those shareholders registered in the Company's register of shareholders at 6.00 p.m. on 25 September 2018 (or, in the event of any adjournment, on the date which is two days before the time of the adjourned meeting) shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting and a shareholder may vote in respect of the number of ordinary shares registered in that shareholder's name at that time. Changes to the entries in the register of shareholders after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the meeting.
- 2. The doors will open at 13.30 p.m. and you may wish to arrive by 14.00 p.m. to enable you to register and take your seat in good time.
- 3. Any member wishing to vote at the AGM without attending in person must appoint a proxy to do so. Shareholders are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and vote on their behalf at the AGM. A 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 but must attend the AGM to represent a member. A form of proxy which may be used to make such appointment and give proxy instructions for use at the AGM is enclosed with this Notice. Appointing a proxy will not prevent a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM should he or she so wish, although votes cast by proxy will, in that circumstance, be superseded. To appoint more than one proxy holder's name and the number of shares in relation to which he or she is authorised to act as the member's proxy (which, in aggregate, should not exceed the number of shares held by the member). The member should also indicate if the proxy instruction is one of multiple instructions being given. All forms must be signed and should be returned together in the same envelope.
- 4. If a member appoints more than one proxy and the forms of proxy appointing those proxies would give those proxies the apparent right to exercise votes on behalf of the member in a general meeting over more shares than are held by the member, then each of those forms of proxy will be invalid and none of the proxies so appointed will be entitled to attend, speak or vote at the AGM.
- 5. To be valid, a form of proxy, (together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such item), duly completed, signed or sealed (as appropriate) and dated must be returned to the Company's Registrars, Computershare, at The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY, so as to arrive no later than 14.00 p.m. on 25 September 2018.
- 6. The form of proxy must be executed by a shareholder or his or her attorney duly authorised in writing. In the case of a corporation, it must be executed under seal or signed by an officer, attorney, or other person authorised to sign it.
- 7. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.
- 8. Alternatively, if such shareholder is a CREST member, by using the procedure described in paragraph 13 below. To be valid, your proxy appointment must be received by Computershare by 14.00 p.m. on 25 September 2018.
- 9. The return of a completed proxy form, other such instrument or any CREST Proxy Instruction (as described in paragraph 13 below) will not prevent a member attending the AGM and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so.



- 10. When two or more valid but differing appointments of a proxy are received in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting or poll, the one which is last received (regardless of its date or of the date of its signature) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others as regards that share, if the company is unable to determine which was last received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.
- 11. In the case of joint registered holders, the signature of only one holder will be accepted and the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. For this purpose, seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand on the register of shareholders of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.
- 12. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If a member gives no voting indication on the form of proxy, that member's proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. A member's proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the AGM.
- 13. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the purposes of the AGM and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual, which can be viewed at www.euroclear.com. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

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's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or 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 no later than 14.00 p.m. on 25 September 2018. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp generated by the CREST system) 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.

CREST personal members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

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 may appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers, provided that they do not exercise their powers differently in relation to the same shares. Any such representative should bring to the meeting written evidence of their appointment, such as a certified copy of a board resolution of, or a letter from the corporation concerned confirming the appointment.



- 15. Any person to whom this Notice is sent who is a person nominated under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 to enjoy information rights (a "**Nominated Person**") may have a right, under an agreement between him or her and the shareholder by whom he or she was nominated, 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.
- 16. The statements of the rights of shareholders in relation to the appointment of proxies in paragraphs 3 to 5 above do not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in those paragraphs can only be exercised by shareholders of the Company.
- 17. As at 31 August 2018 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's issued share capital consists of 3,510,000 ordinary shares of 1 pence each, carrying one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 31 August 2018 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of the Notice) are 3,510,000.
- 18. Under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, shareholders meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the AGM; or (ii) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the last annual general meeting. 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 Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on a website.
- 19. Any shareholder attending the AGM 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 AGM but no such answer need be given if: (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the AGM or involve the disclosure of confidential information; (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the AGM that the question be answered.
- 20. In accordance with section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, the contents of the Notice of AGM, details of the total number of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM and, if applicable, any members' statements, members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of the Notice of AGM are available to view and to download on the Company's website at <u>www.sureventuresplc.com/documents</u>.
- 21. The results of the voting at the AGM will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service and will appear on our website at <u>www.sureventuresplc.com/documents</u> following the AGM on 27 September 2018.
- 22. Save as provided above, any communication with the Company in relation to the AGM, including in relation to proxies, should be sent to the Company's Registrars, Computershare, at The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZZ. No other means of communication will be accepted. In particular, you may not use any electronic address provided either in the Notice of AGM or in any related documents (including the Annual Report, the form of proxy or the AGM Shareholder Admission Card) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated. A member may not use any electronic address provided either in this Notice or any related documents (including the chairman's letter and form of proxy) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.



- 23. A member wishing to attend and vote at the meeting in person should arrive prior to the time fixed for its commencement. Shareholders' attention is drawn to the following security and admissions arrangements for the AGM. The Company does not permit behaviour that may interfere with the security, safety and good order of the AGM, or with the security or safety of any other attendees of the AGM. Attendees of the AGM will be asked to pass through the buildings security systems located at Ground Floor Reception and will be required to present photographic ID upon registration, before being granted access to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, all bags may be checked. No cameras or recording equipment will be permitted at the AGM. All mobile phones and other electronic communication devices should be switched off during the AGM. Guests are not entitled to attend the AGM as of right, but may be permitted entry at the absolute discretion of the Company. Shareholders' co-operation with these arrangements is greatly appreciated. Proxies and corporate representatives should bring copies of the authority or power of attorney under which they have been appointed.
- 24. Members meeting the threshold requirements in sections 338 and 338A of the Companies Act 2006 have the right to require the Company: (i) to give to members 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) to 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 (as applicable) the matter to be included in the business, must be authenticated by the person or persons making it, must be received by the Company not later than the time at which notice is given of the meeting, and (in the case of a matter to be included in the business at an annual general meeting only) must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request.
- 25. Except as provided above, members who have any special needs or require wheelchair access to the AGM venue should contact <u>Reception@shardcapital.com</u> in advance of the meeting (no other methods of communication will be accepted).



## Biographies of the Directors Seeking Election

#### **SEAN NICOLSON**

Independent Non-Executive Director

Chairman of the board and the management engagement committee and a member of the audit committee

Appointed to the Board in September 2017

#### **Skills, Experience and Former Appointments**

Sean Nicolson is a corporate financier with over 25 years' experience of corporate and investment finance. He has acted on and assisted a wide range of companies to raise finance from venture capital and private equity investors and has also advised investment funds and investment managers. In addition he has advised on flotations (including IPOs and reverse takeovers) and fundraisings on the Main Market and AIM. He has worked across a variety of sectors including technology, media, telecoms and life sciences.

Sean currently manages a family office investment fund. He is also a director of and investor in a number of unlisted companies. Sean was previously a director and chairman of EVR Holdings plc, the AIM listed owner of MelodyVR. In that role he led EVR Holdings through the acquisition of MelodyVR and its subsequent fundraisings. Sean was also an executive director of AIM listed drug discovery company e-Therapeutics plc, having advised that company on all of its venture capital fundraisings, its flotation on AIM and subsequent placings. Prior to his commercial roles, Sean was a corporate finance partner of a leading UK law firm in which role he advised companies and founders at all growth stages on venture capital and private equity investments, flotations and mergers and acquisitions. He also advised merchant banks and brokers on flotations and secondary share issues and worked with a number of universities to develop and deliver technology transfer strategies.

#### **CHRIS BOODY**

Independent Non-Executive Director

Chairman of the audit committee and member of the management engagement committee

Appointed to the Board in September 2017

#### **Skills, Experience and Former Appointments**

Chris Boody works in the Strategic Business Development team for Microsoft. Mr. Boody is focused on the Connected Vehicle market segment and Autonomous Driving technology programs. He works with major automobile makers world-wide to digitally transform their businesses. Prior to joining Microsoft, Mr. Boody was the Chief Technology Officer of SVG Partners in California, USA. He was responsible for managing SVG's Engineering Services, Innovation (LAB353) and Startup Accelerator programs (THRIVE). He worked directly with the CEO to help establish a Venture Capital fund and advise the CEO on investment options for promising startups. Mr. Boody has over 20 years' experience in Mobile and Software Services management. He started his Mobile career with McCaw Cellular communication, focused on the first Mobile Operator deployment of Wireless Data in 1995. During his career with AT&T, Mr. Boody managed Engineering and Architecture teams, partnered with Developers to enhance mobile ecosystems, and ran a multi-billion dollar Consumer Messaging business. Mr. Boody serves on management boards for technology start-ups and recently joined the Chancellor's Advisory board for the University of Washington.



He was recognized for his strong leadership and mentoring of Irish technology company CEOs by receipt of the Meitheal Award from Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowan. Mr. Boody holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno and a Master of Management from the University of Washington.

#### **GARETH BURCHELL**

Non-Executive Director

Appointed to the Board in September 2017

#### **Skills, Experience and Former Appointments**

Gareth Burchell began his career in the insurance industry and spent three years at RBS Insurance prior to beginning his career in investment advice and management. Mr. Burchell is currently Head of Shard Capital Stockbrokers and chairs an investment committee that specialises in providing funding for both listed and unlisted small companies. Mr Burchell has had a focus on the small cap arena for 15 years and he and his team have provided £90 million of funding across 221 companies. He has an in-depth knowledge of the UK listing process of various small cap exchanges.