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Dear Member.

# Business at the annual general meeting ("AGM")

The business at the forthcoming AGM includes approval of the society's annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, election of directors and re-appointment of the society's auditor, Crowe LLP Information is provided below about all the resolutions proposed, including biographies for the directors standing for election and re-election. Further information about the nominations process is also available in the report of the nominating committee which is available to view on the <u>society's AGM information webpage</u>. The resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions which require only a simple majority of votes cast to be approved.

Following the relaxation of the COVID-19 social distancing rules, which were in place for the last two AGM's, the board welcomes the opportunity to engage with members in person at the AGM. I am pleased to confirm that the Winter reception has returned and will be held immediately after the AGM and look forward to seeing as many of you at the AGM as possible. If you wish to attend the AGM please register <a href="here">here</a> and to register for the Winter reception please do so <a href="here">here</a>.

The board is committed to member dialogue and welcomes questions to be submitted prior to the meeting via email to agm@cfauk.org. We will respond to questions received in advance of the meeting and there will also be an opportunity to submit questions during the meeting. We would be delighted to hear from you on the resolutions below or in respect of any other issues that you wish to raise about the society's activities.

All members are encouraged to submit their proxy votes on the resolutions set out in the meeting notice to be received no later than 6.15pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 via the online voting service, a link to which has been emailed to you with your unique access code. Further information about how to submit your proxy votes is set out in the notes to the meeting notice.

## **Ordinary resolutions**

#### Resolution 1 – Approval of the annual report and financial statements

The CFA Society of the UK annual report and financial statements for the year to 30th June 2022 are available for review on the <u>society's AGM information webpage</u>.

### Resolution 2 - to reappoint to the board Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA

Katerina is a partner at J Stern & Co, an independent private investment office. Her role encompasses wide ranging responsibilities that include managing client assets and leading the firm's ESG strategy. Prior to joining J Stern & Co she was a Senior Global Equities Fund Manager at Allianz Global Investors. Katerina has two decades of professional experience within the industry, with an international career that has spanned the UK, Germany as well as the US. Katerina has volunteered for the society since 2012 and is a founding member of the CFA UK's Diversity & Inclusion Network. She is a CFA Charterholder and holds an MSc in International Securities, Investment and Banking from the ICMA Centre at the University of Reading and a BSc in Business Administration from the University of Bath.



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#### Resolution 3 – to appoint to the board Alistair Byrne, CFA

Alistair is Head of Retirement Strategy and UK Institutional Distribution at State Street Global Advisors. He leads the firm's UK Institutional Distribution Team and is also responsible for thought leadership and the investment proposition for major pensions markets in Europe. Prior to joining State Street in 2014, Alistair was a Senior DC Investment Consultant at Towers Watson, where he advised a number of large DC plans and led a team of consultants and analysts. He has over 25 years' investment experience, including as a consultant advising financial services firms, a business school academic (teaching on a CFA partner MSc program) and in a number of senior investment management roles at AEGON UK. Alistair is a long-standing volunteer with CFA UK and the CFA Institute. He is a member of the Professionalism Steering Committee and the Pensions Expert Panel, and was previously a member of the Exams and Education Committee. He has co-authored a number of CFA Curriculum Readings and published academic research in the Financial Analysts Journal and other CFA publications. Alistair is a CFA charterholder and has a PhD in finance from the University of Strathclyde.

### Resolution 4 – to appoint to the board Elena Koycheva, CFA

Elena is the Head of ESG Client Experience at BlueBay Asset Management, focusing on effectively articulating the firm's ESG proposition with investors and working with investment teams to communicate their ESG integration and engagement efforts. Elena is a co-chair of RBC BlueBay's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Forum and a member of the Corporate Responsibility Committee and the Charity Forum. She joined BlueBay in 2016 and has previously held roles at Goldman Sachs Asset Management and Candriam Investors Group. Elena's academic qualifications include Masters degrees in Portfolio Management, Corporate Finance and Banking, Finance and Risk Management. Elena is a CFA charterholder, a CAIA charterholder, a CIPM designation holder and has obtained the IMC Certificate and the CFA Certificate in ESG Investing.

#### Resolution 5 – to reappoint Crowe LLP as auditors

The board proposes, through this resolution, that Crowe be reappointed as auditors to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting to the conclusion of the next meeting at which the accounts are laid before the society. Crowe was first appointed as the society's auditors in 2015.

#### Resolution 6 – to determine the auditors' remuneration

The board proposes, through this resolution, to be granted the authority to determine the auditors' remuneration.

#### **Next steps**

I would be grateful if you could give the resolutions your close attention and vote via our online system (whereby you will be appointing your proxy to vote on your behalf, as you direct, at the AGM). The AGM will be held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at Chartered Accountants Hall, One Moorgate Place, London EC2R 6EA. Please pre-register via the society's events page to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Matthews, CFA Chair CFA Society of the UK