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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The twenty-third Annual General Meeting of abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Trust plc will be held at wallacespace Spitalfields, 15-25 Artillery Lane, London E1 7HA on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 at 12:30p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the twenty-third Annual General Meeting of abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Trust plc (the "Company") will be held at wallacespace Spitalfields, 15-25 Artillery Lane, London E1 7HA on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 at 12:30p.m. for the following purposes:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass resolutions 1 to 11 (inclusive) as ordinary resolutions:

Ordinary Business

- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023, together with the Independent Auditor's report thereon.
- To receive and approve the Directors' Remuneration Report (excluding the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 30 September 2023.
- To approve the Company's dividend policy to pay four interim dividends per annum.
- To re-elect Mr Agble as a Director of the Company.
- To re-elect Mr Devine as a Director of the Company.
- To re-elect Ms Seymour-Williams as a Director of the Company.
- To re-elect Ms Stillhart as a Director of the Company.
- To re-elect Mr Thomson as a Director of the Company.
- To re-appoint BDO LLP as Independent Auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company.
- To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Independent Auditor for the year to 30 September 2024.

- That, in substitution for any existing authority, but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby 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 shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company ("Securities") provided that such authority shall be limited to the allotment of shares and the grant of rights in respect of shares with an aggregate nominal value of up to £30,749.25 (representing 10% of the Company's total issued share capital (excluding shares held in treasury) as at the date of this notice. Such authority shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution or on the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this resolution, whichever is the earlier, unless previously revoked, varied, extended or renewed by the Company in a general meeting, save that the Company may at any time prior to the expiry of this authority make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require Securities to be allotted or granted after the expiry of such authority and the Directors shall be entitled to allot or grant Securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass resolutions 12 to 15 (inclusive) as special resolutions:

- That, subject to the passing of resolution 11 set out above, and in substitution for any existing power but without prejudice to the exercise of any such power prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby generally empowered, pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560(1) of the Act), for cash pursuant to the authority given by resolution 11 above, and to sell treasury shares for cash, as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale provided that this power:

- expires at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution or on the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this resolution, whichever is the earlier, unless previously revoked, varied, extended or renewed by the Company in a general meeting, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of this authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted or sold out of treasury after such expiry and the Directors may allot or sell out of treasury equity securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired; and
- shall be limited to the allotment, or sale out of treasury, of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal value of £30,749.25, being approximately 10% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares), as at the date of this notice.

- That, in substitution for any existing authority, but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Company be and is hereby generally and, subject as hereinafter appears, unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of Ordinary shares of 0.2 pence each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") either for retention as treasury shares for future reissue, resale or transfer, or for cancellation provided always that:

- the maximum number of Shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be 23,046,569, or, if less, the number representing approximately 14.99% of the Company's issued share capital (excluding shares held in treasury) at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- the minimum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for each Share shall be 0.2 pence;
- the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for a Share is the higher of (i) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the Shares over the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase and (ii) the higher of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the trading venue which the purchase is carried out; and

- the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution or on the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this resolution, whichever is earlier, unless previously revoked, varied, extended or renewed by the Company in a general meeting, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of this authority, enter into a contract to purchase shares under such authority which will or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Shares pursuant to any such contract.

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

Special Business

- That the Articles of Association produced to the meeting and signed by the chairman of the meeting for the purposes of identification be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association with effect from the conclusion of the meeting.

By order of the Board
abrdn Holdings Limited
Company Secretary
1 George Street,
Edinburgh
EH2 2LL
United Kingdom
30 January 2024

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Notes

1. Attending the Annual General Meeting in Person

If you wish to attend the Annual General Meeting in person, you should arrive at the venue for the Annual General Meeting in good time to allow your attendance to be registered. It is advisable to have some form of identification with you as you may be asked to provide evidence of your identity prior to being admitted to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Appointment of Proxies

Members are entitled to appoint one or more proxies to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must attend the Annual General Meeting to represent a member. To be validly appointed, a proxy must be appointed using the procedures set out in these notes and in the notes to the accompanying Form of Proxy. If a member wishes a proxy to speak on their behalf at the meeting, the member will need to appoint their own choice of proxy (not the Chair of the Annual General Meeting) and give their instructions directly to them. Such an appointment can be made using the Form of Proxy accompanying this Notice of Annual General Meeting or through CREST.

Members can only appoint more than one proxy where each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. Members cannot appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to the same share(s). If a member wishes to appoint more than one proxy, they should contact the Company's registrar Equiniti Limited (the "Registrar") at Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA.

A member may instruct their proxy to abstain from voting on a particular resolution to be considered at the meeting by marking the "Vote withheld" option in relation to that particular resolution when appointing their proxy.

It should be noted that an abstention is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes "For" or "Against" the resolution.

The appointment of a proxy will not prevent a member from attending the Annual General Meeting and voting in person if he or she wishes.

A person who is not a member of the Company but who has been nominated by a member to enjoy information rights does not have a right to appoint any proxies under the procedures set out in these notes and should read note 8 below.

3. Appointment of a Proxy Using a Form of Proxy

A Form of Proxy for use in connection with the Annual General Meeting is enclosed. To be valid any Form of Proxy or other instrument appointing a proxy, together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof, must be received by post or (during normal business hours only) by hand by the Registrar at Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA at least 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment of that meeting.

If you do not have a Form of Proxy and believe that you should have one, or you require additional Forms of Proxy, please contact the Registrar at Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA.

4. Appointment of a Proxy Through CREST

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 and by logging on to the following website: 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 UK & Ireland Limited's specifications, and must contain the information required for such instruction, as described in the CREST Manual. 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 Registrar (ID RA19) no later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment of that meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Application Host) from which the Registrar 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 members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) 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(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 system 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.

5. Appointment of Proxy by Joint Holders

In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint one or more proxies, only the purported 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).

6. Corporate Representatives

Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives. Members can only appoint more than one corporate representative where each corporate representative is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. Members cannot appoint more than one corporate representative to exercise the rights attached to the same share(s).

7. Entitlement to Attend and Vote

To be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (and for the purpose of determining the votes they may cast), members must be registered in the Company's register of members at 6:30p.m. on 25 March 2024 (or, if the Annual General Meeting is adjourned, at 6:30p.m. on the day two days (excluding non-working days) prior to the adjourned meeting). Changes to the Company's register of members after the relevant deadline will be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Nominated Persons

Any person to whom this notice is sent who is a person nominated under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to enjoy information rights (a "Nominated Person") may, under an agreement between him or her and the member by whom he or she was nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the Annual General Meeting. 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 member as to the exercise of voting rights.

9. Website Giving Information Regarding the Annual General Meeting

Information regarding the Annual General Meeting, including information required by section 311A of the Act, and a copy of this Notice of Annual General Meeting is available at: abrdnpeot.co.uk.

10. Audit Concerns

Members should note that it is possible that, pursuant to requests made by members of the Company under section 527 of the Act, the Company may be required to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (a) 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 Annual General Meeting; or (b) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which Annual Report and financial statements were laid in accordance with section 437 of the Act. The Company may not require the members 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 Annual General Meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.

11. Voting Rights

As at 30 January 2024 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice) the Company's issued share capital consisted of 153,746,294 Ordinary shares of 0.2 pence each. The Company held no shares in treasury. Only holders of Ordinary shares are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. Each Ordinary share carries one vote. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 30 January 2024 were 153,746,294 votes.

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12. Notification of Shareholdings

Any person holding 3% or more of the total voting rights of the Company who appoints a person other than the Chair of the Annual General Meeting as his proxy will need to ensure that both he, and his proxy, comply with their respective disclosure obligations under the UK Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

13. Further Questions and Communication

Under section 319A of the Act, the Company must cause to be answered any question relating to the business being dealt with at the Annual General Meeting put by a member attending the meeting unless answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information, or the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question, or it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered. Members may not use any electronic address provided in this notice or in any related documents (including the accompanying document, Form of Proxy to communicate with the Company for any purpose other than those expressly stated).

Under Sections 338 and 338A of the Companies Act 2006, members meeting the threshold requirements in those sections have the right to require the Company: (i) to give, to members of the Company entitled to receive notice of the Annual General Meeting, notice of a resolution which those members intend to move (and which may properly be moved) at the Annual General Meeting; and/or (ii) to include in the business to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting any matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may properly be included in the business at the Annual General Meeting. A resolution may properly be moved, or a matter properly included in the business unless: (a) (in the case of a resolution only) it would, if passed, be ineffective (whether by reason of any 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. A request made pursuant to this right may be in hard copy or electronic form, must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given or the matter to be included in the business, must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request, must be authenticated by the person(s) making it and must be received by the Company not later than the date that is six clear weeks before the Annual General 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.

14. Directors' Letters of Appointment

The Directors' letters of appointment will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and at the offices of wallacespace Spitalfields, 15-25 Artillery Lane, London E1 7HA, which is also the venue of the Annual General Meeting, from 15 minutes before and during the Annual General Meeting.

15. Articles of Association

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company, together with a copy showing all of the proposed changes to the existing Articles of Association, will be available for inspection on the Company's website, abrdnpeot.co.uk, and at the offices of wallacespace Spitalfields, 15-25 Artillery Lane, London, E1 7HA, which is also the venue of the Annual General Meeting, from 15 minutes before and during the Annual General Meeting.

Appendix Summary of the Principal Amendments to the Company's Articles of Association

Set out below is a summary of the amendments which are minor and/or technical in nature and which will be made to the Company's existing Articles of Association through the adoption of the new Articles of Association (the "New Articles") if resolution 15 to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting is approved by shareholders.

This summary is intended only to highlight the amendments which are likely to be of interest to shareholders. It is not intended to be comprehensive and cannot be relied upon to identify amendments or issues which may be of interest to all shareholders. This summary is not a substitute for reviewing the full terms of the New Articles which will be available for inspection on the Company's website, abrdnpeot.co.uk, and at the offices of wallacespace Spitalfields, 15-25 Artillery Lane, London E1 7HA, which is also the venue of the Annual General Meeting, from 15 minutes before and during the Annual General Meeting.

Change of Name

The New Articles reflect the change in the Company's name from "Standard Life Private Equity Trust plc" to "abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Trust plc" on 1 April 2022. The New Articles also provide the Board with the flexibility to change the Company's name by way of Board resolution.

Directors' Remuneration

The Board is proposing to amend the current Articles of Association to increase the cap on the aggregate of all fees paid to Directors from £350,000 per annum to £450,000 per annum. The Board believes this increase will provide flexibility when recruiting new Directors and will enable the Company to keep Directors' remuneration at or around market levels. Both the current Articles of Association and the New Articles allow for a higher amount to be approved from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Company.

Minor Amendments

The other proposed amendments being introduced in the New Articles primarily relate to changes in law and regulation and developments in market practice since the current Articles of Association were adopted, and principally include:

- expanding the circumstances under which the chair of a shareholder meeting may adjourn the meeting without the consent of the meeting, including where the safety or security of those entitled to attend would be put at risk by their attendance at the meeting;
- expanding the provisions which allow the Board to immediately remove a Director from office; and
- amendments to cater for the requirements of AIFMD in relation to the ability of the Board to agree a liability cap in relation to the services provided by the Company's custodian.