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AO World Plc (incorporated and registered in England and Wales under number 05525751) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of AO World Plc to be held at II am on Thursday 21 July 2016 at AO Park, 5A The Parklands, Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4SD is set out at the end of this document.

A Form of Proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed.

To be valid, the Form of Proxy should be completed and returned in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible but in any event so as to arrive not later than 11 am on Tuesday 19 July 2016.

Please note that the Form of Proxy can be delivered in hard copy form by post, by courier or by hand to the Capita Asset Services at the address printed on the back of the Form of Proxy or, if preferred, in an envelope to FREEPOST CAPITA PXS (please note delivery using this service can take up to five business days) or by completing it online at www.aoshareportal.com. CREST members may utilise the CREST electronic proxy appointment service.



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Registered Office: AO Park

5A The Parklands Lostock Bolton BL6 4SD Directors: Richard Rose John Roberts Steve Caunce Mark Higgins Brian McBride Chris Hopkinson Marisa Cassoni Rudolf Lamprecht

22 June 2016

To the holders of AO World Plc ordinary shares

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Dear Shareholder

I am pleased to be writing to you with details of our third Annual General Meeting ("AGM") which we are holding at AO Park, 5A The Parklands, Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4SD on 2I July 2016 at II am.

The formal notice of meeting and the resolutions to be proposed are set out on pages 3 and 4 of this document. Resolutions I-I3 (inclusive), I6 and I8 are proposed as ordinary resolutions, while resolutions I4, I5 and I7 will be proposed as special resolutions. The ordinary resolutions will be passed if more than 50% of the votes cast are in favour and the special resolutions will be passed if at least 75% of the votes cast are in favour. Explanatory notes on all the proposed resolutions can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this document.

Action to be taken

The AGM allows the Board to present the Company's strategy and financial results to shareholders and gives shareholders the opportunity to meet members of the Board and raise questions they may have. Your participation is important to us and we hope to see as many of you as possible. As with many other public companies, voting on all resolutions proposed at the AGM will be by way of a poll as the Board believes this is a more transparent method of voting.

Whether or not you intend to be present at the AGM we ask shareholders to complete, sign and return the Form of Proxy. The Form of Proxy can be delivered in hard copy form by post, by courier or by hand to the Company's Registrars, Capita Asset Services at the address printed on the back of the Form of Proxy or, if preferred, in an envelope to FREEPOST CAPITA PXS (please note delivery using this service can take up to five business days). You may wish to take advantage of our registrar's secure online voting service (using the identification numbers stated on the enclosed Form of Proxy) which is available at www.aoshareportal.com. CREST members may utilise the CREST electronic proxy appointment service. Registering your vote, either electronically or by returning a completed From of Proxy, does not prevent you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you decide to do so.

To be valid, the Form of Proxy should be completed and returned in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible but in any event so as to arrive not later than Ilam on Tuesday 19 July 2016.

Recommendation

The Board considers the Resolutions are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole and are therefore likely to promote the success of the Company. The Directors unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of the Resolutions as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings which amount in aggregate to 183,553,449 shares representing approximately 43.59% of the existing issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

Thank you for your continuing support of AO World plc. I look forward to meeting those shareholders who are able to attend the AGM at II am on Thursday 2I July 2016.

Yours sincerely

Richard Rose Chairman

Notice of AGM

AO World Plc ("Company")

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at AO Park, 5A The Parklands, Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4SD on 2I July 2016 at II am to consider and, if thought fit, to pass Resolutions I to I3 (inclusive), I6 and I8 as ordinary resolutions and Resolutions I4, I5 and I7 as special resolutions.

Report and Accounts

1. To receive the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016, together with the strategic report, directors' report and auditors' report on those accounts.

Directors' Remuneration Report

2. To receive and approve the Directors' Remuneration Report other than the part containing the Directors' Remuneration Policy in the form set out in the Company's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 3I March 2016.

Directors

- 3. To elect Geoff Cooper as a Director.
- 4. To re-elect John Roberts as a Director.
- 5. To re-elect Steve Caunce as a Director.
- 6. To elect Mark Higgins as a Director.
- 7. To re-elect Brian McBride as a Director.
- 8. To re-elect Chris Hopkinson as a Director.
- 9. To re-elect Marisa Cassoni as a Director.
- 10. To re-elect Rudolf Lamprecht as a Director.

Auditor

- To appoint KPMG LLP as Auditor of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of the 2016 AGM until conclusion of the AGM of the Company to be held in 2017.
- 12. To authorise the Audit Committee to determine the remuneration of KPMG LLP.

Authority to allot shares

- 13. THAT the Directors be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 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:
- (a) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £350,877.16; and
- (b) up to a further aggregate nominal amount of £350,877.16 provided that (i) they are equity securities (within the meaning of section 560(l) of the Companies Act 2006) and (ii) they are offered by way of a rights issue to holders of ordinary shares on the register of members at such record date as the Directors may determine where the equity securities respectively attributable to the interests of the ordinary shareholders are proportionate (as nearly as may be practicable) to the respective numbers of ordinary shares held by them on any such record date subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems arising under the laws of any overseas territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange or by virtue of shares being represented by depositary receipts or any other matter,

provided that this authority shall expire at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017, save that the Company shall be entitled to make offers or agreements before the expiry of such authority which would or might require shares to be allotted or such rights to be granted after such expiry and the Directors shall be entitled to allot shares and grant rights pursuant to any such offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired; and all unexercised authorities previously granted to the Directors to allot shares and grant rights be and are hereby revoked.

Disapplication of pre-emption rights

- 14. THAT the Directors be and they are hereby empowered pursuant to section 570 and section 573 of the Companies Act 2006 to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of that Act) for cash either pursuant to the authority conferred by Resolution 13 above or by way of a sale of treasury shares as if section 561(1) of that Act did not apply to any such allotment provided that this power shall be limited to:
- (a) the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer of securities (but in the case of the authority granted under paragraph (b) of Resolution I3 above by way of rights issue only) in favour of the holders of ordinary shares on the register of members at such record dates as the Directors may determine and other persons entitled to participate therein where the equity securities respectively attributable to the interests of the ordinary shareholders are proportionate (as nearly as may be practicable) to the respective numbers of ordinary shares held by them on any such record dates, subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems arising under the laws of any overseas territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange or by virtue of ordinary shares being represented by depositary receipts or any other matter; and
- (b) the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of this Resolution 14) to any person or persons of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £105,263.16,

and shall expire upon the expiry of the general authority conferred by Resolution I3 above, save that the Company shall be entitled to make offers or agreements before the expiry of such power which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors shall be entitled to allot equity securities pursuant to any such offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired.

Purchase of own shares

- 15. THAT the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Companies Act 2006) of ordinary shares of 0.25p each of the Company on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine, provided that:
- (a) the maximum number of ordinary shares hereby authorised to be acquired is 42,105,263 representing approximately 10% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 16 June 2016;
- (b) the minimum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for any such ordinary share is 0.25p;
- (c) the maximum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for any such ordinary share is the higher of (i) an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an ordinary share in the Company as derived from The London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which such share is contracted to be purchased and (ii) the amount stipulated by Article 5(1) of the EU Buy-back and Stabilisation Regulation (being the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid for an ordinary share in the Company on the trading venues where the market purchases by the Company pursuant to the authority conferred by this Resolution 15 will be carried out);
- (d) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017, unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting; and
- (e) the Company may make a contract to purchase its ordinary shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority, which contract will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority, and may purchase its ordinary shares in pursuance of any such contract.

Notice of AGM continued

Authority to make political donations

- 16. THAT in accordance with sections 366 and 367 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company and all companies which are subsidiaries of the Company during the period when this Resolution 16 has effect be generally and unconditionally authorised to:
- (a) make political donations to political parties or independent election candidates not exceeding £50,000 in total;
- (b) make political donations to political organisations other than political parties not exceeding £50,000 in total; and
- (c) incur political expenditure not exceeding £50,000 in total,

(as such terms are defined in the Companies Act 2006) during the period beginning with the date of the passing of this resolution and ending at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017 provided that the authorised sum referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above, may be comprised of one or more amounts in different currencies which, for the purposes of calculating the said sum, shall be converted into pounds sterling at the exchange rate published in the London edition of the Financial Times on the date on which the relevant donation is made or expenditure incurred (or the first business day thereafter) or, if earlier, on the day in which the Company enters into any contract or undertaking in relation to the same provided that, in any event, the aggregate amount of political donations and political expenditure made or incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries pursuant to this Resolution shall not exceed £150,000.

General meetings

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

AO World Plc 2016 Employee Reward Plan

- THAT the rules of the AO World 2016 Employee Reward Plan (the "Plan") be approved and the Directors be authorised to:
- (a) make such modifications to the Plan as they may consider appropriate to take account of best practice and for the implementation of the Plan and to adopt the Plan as so modified and to do all such other acts and things as they may consider appropriate to implement the Plan; and
- (b) establish further plans based on the Plan but modified to take account of local tax, exchange control or securities laws in overseas territories, provided that any shares made available under such further plans are treated as counting against the limits on overall participation in the Plan.

By order of the Board Julie Finnemore, Company Secretary 22 June 2016

Registered office

AO World Plc, AO Park, 5A The Parklands Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4SD

Registered in England No. 05525751

Explanatory Notes to the Resolutions

Resolutions 1-13 (inclusive), 16 and 18 are proposed as ordinary resolutions, while resolutions 14, 15 and 17 will be proposed as special resolutions. Ordinary resolutions require more than half of the votes cast to be in favour of the resolution in order for the resolution to be passed. To pass special resolutions, three quarters or more of the votes cast must be in favour.

Resolution I – Financial Statements, Directors' Report and Auditors' Report

The Chairman will present the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 to the AGM. These accounts accompany this circular.

Resolutions 2 – Directors' Remuneration Report

The Directors' Remuneration Report is set out in the Annual Report on pages 57 to 69.

Resolution 2 is the ordinary resolution to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report other than the part containing the Directors' Remuneration Policy. Resolution 2 is an advisory resolution and does not affect the future remuneration paid to any Director.

The report gives details of the Directors' remuneration for the year ended 3I March 2016. The report also includes details of the Remuneration Committee's representations and activities. The Company's Auditors Deloitte LLP have audited those parts of the Remuneration Report which are required to be audited and their report is issued in the 2016 Annual Report and Accounts.

At the 2014 AGM, the Directors' Remuneration Policy was approved by shareholders. The Directors' Remuneration Policy is not therefore required to be approved at this year's AGM. The policy will be put to shareholders again no later than the Company's AGM in 2017.

Resolutions 3 to 10 inclusive – Re-election of Directors

Resolutions 3 to 10 inclusive are to approve the election and re-election of the Directors. In accordance with the requirements of the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") all of the Directors are subject to annual re-election or, in the case of Mark Higgins and Geoff Cooper who respectively have and will have been appointed since the last AGM, election by the shareholders at this year's AGM.

As announced on 8 June 2016, Geoff Cooper will join the Board as a Non-Executive Director on 1 July 2016 and will, assuming he is elected at the AGM, succeed Richard Rose as Chairman at the conclusion of that meeting. The Company announced in July 2015 that with effect from 1 August 2015 Mark Higgins would be appointed to the Board as Chief Financial Officer. The Board is recommending the election of both Geoff and Mark as they believe that the skills and experience of each will be of great benefit to the Board.

The Board has confirmed following a performance review that all Directors standing for re-election continue to perform effectively and demonstrate commitment to their roles. The Board has considered whether each of the independent Non-Executive Directors is free from any relationship that could materially interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment and has determined that each continues to be considered independent.

Biographical details of each of the Directors standing for election and re-election are set out on page 9 of this document.

Resolutions II and 12 - Auditors and Auditors' Remuneration

Resolution II is to approve the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's Auditors, who are being elected for the first time, to hold office until the conclusion of the next of the AGM of the Company.

Resolution I2 authorises the Audit Committee of the Board to set their remuneration.

Resolution 13 – Allotment of share capital

Resolution 13 deals with the Directors' authority to allot ordinary shares in the capital of the Company without the prior consent of shareholders for a period expiring at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company.

At the last AGM of the Company held on 21 July 2015, the Directors were given authority to allot ordinary shares in the capital of the Company up to a maximum nominal amount of £350,877.16, equal to one-third of the Company's then issued ordinary issued share capital and up to a maximum aggregate nominal value of £701,754.39 equal to two-thirds of the issued share capital of the Company where an offer is made in connection with a fully pre-emptive rights issue. This authority expires at the end of this year's AGM. Resolution 13 will, if passed, renew this authority to allot.

The Investment Association ("IA") guidelines on directors' authority to allot shares state that IA members will regard as routine, resolutions seeking authority to allot shares representing up to two-thirds of the Company's issued share capital, provided that any amount in excess of one-third of the Company's issued share capital is only used to allot shares pursuant to a fully pre-emptive rights issue.

In light of these guidelines, the Board considers it appropriate that Directors be granted authority to allot ordinary shares in the capital of the Company up to a maximum nominal amount of £701,754.38 representing two-thirds of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at 16 June 2016 (the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document). Of this amount a nominal amount of £350,877.16 (representing approximately one-third of the Company's issued ordinary share capital) can only be allotted pursuant to a rights issue. The power will last until the end of the next ACM of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017.

The Directors have no present intention of allotting new ordinary shares other than in relation to the Company's employee share schemes. However, the Directors consider it appropriate to maintain the flexibility that this authority provides.

As at the date of this letter the Company does not hold any shares in the capital of the Company in treasury.

Resolution 14 – Disapplication of statutory pre-emption rights

Resolution 14 will give the Directors authority to allot ordinary shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to the authority granted under Resolution 13 above for cash without complying with the pre-emption rights in the Companies Act 2006 in certain circumstances. This authority will permit the Directors to allot:

- (a) equity securities up to a nominal amount of £701,754.38 representing two-thirds of the Company's issued share capital as at 16 June 2016 (the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document) on an offer to existing shareholders on a pre-emptive basis (that is including a rights issue or an open offer), with one-third being available only in connection with a rights issue (in each case subject to any adjustments, such as for fractional entitlements and overseas shareholders, as the Directors see fit); and
- (b) equity securities up to a maximum nominal value of £105,263.15, representing approximately 10% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 16 June 2016 (the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document) otherwise than in connection with a pre-emptive offer to existing shareholders.

This disapplication authority is in line with institutional shareholder guidance, and in particular with the Pre-emption Group's Statement of Principles (the "Pre-emption Principles"). The Pre-emption Principles were revised in 2015 to allow the authority for an issue of shares for

Explanatory Notes to the Resolutions continued

cash otherwise than in connection with a pre-emptive offer to be increased from 5% to 10% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital, provided that the Company confirms that it intends to use the additional 5% authority only in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment. The Board therefore confirms, in accordance with the Pre-emption Principles, that to the extent that the authority in paragraph (b) of Resolution 14 is used for an issue of ordinary shares with a nominal value in excess of £52,631.57 (that is 5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at 16 June 2016), it intends that it will only be used in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment which is announced contemporaneously with the issue, or which has taken place in the preceding six-month period and is disclosed in the announcement of the issue. The Directors also confirm, in accordance with the Pre-emption Principles, that it does not intend to issue shares for cash representing more than 7.5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital in any rolling threeyear period, other than to existing shareholders, save as permitted in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment as described above, without prior consultation with shareholders.

As noted in relation to Resolution 13 above, the Directors have no current intention of issuing ordinary shares other than in relation to the Company's employee shares schemes.

The authority contained in Resolution 14 will expire upon the expiry of the authority to allot shares conferred in Resolution 13 (that is at the end of the next AGM of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017).

Resolution 15 – Authority to purchase own shares

Resolution 15 gives the Company authority to buy back its own ordinary shares in the market as permitted by the Companies Act 2006. The authority limits the number of shares that could be purchased to a maximum of 42,105,263 shares (representing approximately 10% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at 16 June 2016 (the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document)) and sets minimum and maximum prices. This authority will expire at the end of the next AGM of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017.

The Directors have no present intention of exercising the authority to purchase the Company's ordinary shares but will keep the matter under review, taking into account the financial resources of the Company, the Company's share price and future funding opportunities. The authority will be exercised only if the Directors believe that to do so would result in an increase in earnings per share and would be in the interests of shareholders generally. Any purchases of ordinary shares would be by means of market purchases through the London Stock Exchange.

Listed companies purchasing their own shares are allowed to hold them in treasury as an alternative to cancelling them. No dividends are paid on shares while they are held in treasury and no voting rights attach to treasury shares.

If Resolution 15 is passed at the AGM, it is the Company's current intention to cancel the shares it may purchase pursuant to the authority granted to it except that sufficient shares will be held in treasury to meet the requirements of the Company's employee share schemes. However, in order to respond properly to the Company's capital requirements and prevailing market conditions, the Directors will need to reassess at the time of any and each actual purchase whether to hold the shares in treasury or cancel them, provided it is permitted to do so. As at 16 June 2016 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this letter), there were options outstanding to subscribe for ordinary shares in the capital of the Company representing 1.43% of the Company's current issued share capital (excluding treasury shares). If the authority to purchase the Company's ordinary shares being sought in Resolution 15 were to be exercised in full, these options would represent 1.59% of the Company's issued share capital (excluding treasury shares).

Resolution 16 – Political donations

Resolution 16 deals with political donations. Under the Companies Act 2006, political donations to any political parties, independent election candidates or political organisations or the incurring of political expenditure are prohibited unless authorised by shareholders in advance. What constitutes a political donation, a political party, a political organisation or political expenditure is not easy to decide, as the legislation is capable of wide interpretation. Sponsorship, subscriptions, payment of expenses, and support for bodies representing the business community in policy review or reform, may fall within this.

Therefore, notwithstanding that the Company has not made a political donation in the past, and has no intention either now or in the future of making any political donation or incurring any political expenditure in respect of any political party, political organisation or independent election candidate, the Board has decided to put forward Resolution 16 to renew the authority granted by shareholders at the last AGM. This will allow the Company to continue to support the community and put forward its views to wider business and Government entities without running the risk of being in inadvertent breach of the Companies Act 2006.

The authority is subject to a maximum amount of £50,000 for each type of payment and will cover the period from the date Resolution 16 is passed until the end of the next AGM of the Company or, if earlier, on 20 October 2017. As permitted under the 2006 Act, Resolution 16 also covers any political donations made, or political expenditure incurred, by any subsidiaries of the Company.

Resolution 17 – Length of notice of meeting

Resolution 17 is a resolution to allow the Company to hold general meetings (other than AGMs) on 14 days' notice.

The minimum notice period for general meetings of listed companies is 2l days, but companies may reduce this period to 14 days (other than for ACMs) provided that two conditions are met. The first condition is that the Company offers a facility for shareholders to vote by electronic means. This condition is met if the Company offers a facility, accessible to all shareholders, to appoint a proxy by means of a website. The second condition is that there is an annual resolution of shareholders approving the reduction of the minimum notice period from 2l days to 14 days.

The Board is therefore proposing Resolution 17 as a special resolution to approve 14 days as the minimum period of notice for all general meetings of the Company other than ACMs.

The approval will be effective until the end of the next ACM of the Company, when it is intended that the approval be renewed. The Board will consider on a case by case basis whether the use of the flexibility offered by the shorter notice period is merited, taking into account the circumstances, including whether the business of the meeting is time-sensitive and whether it is thought to be to the advantage of shareholders as a whole.

Resolution 18 - AO World 2016 Employee Reward Plan

Resolution 18 seeks shareholder approval for a new share-based long-term incentive arrangement, the AO World 2016 Employee Reward Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan will be used for employees below Board level with executive directors not being eligible to participate. The Plan has been designed to reward management for achieving the Company's strategic objectives and provides a flexible approach for share-based incentivisation, which the Remuneration Committee considers would be beneficial in the retail market-place.

The main terms of the Plan are summarised in Appendix 2 to this document.

General Notes

Proxies

- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") may appoint another person(s) (who need not be a member of the Company) to exercise all or any of his rights to attend, speak and vote at the AGM. A member can appoint more than one proxy in relation to the AGM, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attaching to different shares held by him.
- 2. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company but must attend the AGM to represent you. Your proxy could be the Chairman, another Director of the Company or another person who has agreed to attend to represent you. Your proxy must vote as you instruct and must attend the AGM for your vote to be counted. Appointing a proxy does not preclude you from attending the AGM and voting in person.
- 3. A proxy form which may be used to make this appointment and give proxy instructions accompanies this notice. Details of how to appoint a proxy are set out in the notes to the proxy form. If you do not have a proxy form and believe that you should have one, or if you require additional forms, please contact Capita Asset Services:
- by telephone on 0871 664 0300. Calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge. If you are outside the United Kingdom, please call +44 371 664 0300. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open between 9.00 am – 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales; or
- in writing: Capita Asset Services, PXS, The Registry, 34
 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU.

As an alternative to completing a hard copy proxy form, proxies may be appointed electronically in accordance with note 4 below.

- 4. In order to be valid an appointment of proxy must be returned (together with any authority under which it is executed or a copy of the authority certified) by one of the following methods:
- in hard copy form by post, by courier or by hand to the Company's Registrar, Capita Asset Services, at the address printed on the back of the Form of Proxy or, if preferred, in an envelope to FREEPOST CAPITA PXS (please note delivery using this service can take up to five business days);
- by completing it online at https://www.aoshareportal.com/ by following the on-screen instructions to submit it – you will need to identify yourself with your personal investor code (which is set out on your personalised form of proxy which accompanies this notice); or
- in the case of CREST members, by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service in accordance with the procedures set out in note 8 below;

and in each case the appointment of proxy must be received by the Company not less than 48 hours before the time of the AGM (excluding non-working days).

- 5. To change your proxy instructions you may return a new proxy appointment using the methods set out above. Where you have appointed a proxy using the hard copy proxy form and would like to change the instructions using another hard copy proxy form, please contact Capita Asset Services:
- by telephone: 0871664 0300. Calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge. If you are outside the United Kingdom, please call +44 371664 0300. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open between 9.00 am – 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales; or
- in writing: Capita Asset Services, PXS, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU.

The deadline for receipt of proxy appointments (see note 4) also applies in relation to amended instructions. Where two or more valid separate appointments of proxy are received in respect of the same share in respect of the same meeting, the one which is last sent shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others.

- 6. A copy of this notice has been sent for information only to persons who have been nominated by a member to enjoy information rights under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 (a "**Nominated Person**"). The rights to appoint a proxy cannot be exercised by a Nominated Person: they can only be exercised by the member. However, a Nominated Person may have a right under an agreement between him and the member by whom he was nominated to be appointed as a proxy for the ACM or to have someone else so appointed. If a Nominated Person does not have such a right or does not wish to exercise it, he may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights.
- 7. To be entitled to attend and vote, whether in person or by proxy, at the AGM, members must be registered in the Register of Members of the Company at close of business on Monday 18 July 2016 or, if the AGM is adjourned, at close of business on the date which is two days prior to the adjourned meeting). Changes to entries on the Register of Members after this time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of persons to attend or vote (and the number of votes they may cast) at the AGM or adjourned meeting.
- 8. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual on the Euroclear website (www.euroclear.com/CREST). 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 made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's (EUI) 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 number RAIO) by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in the notice of 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 Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. 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.
- 9. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that EUI 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 members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

Explanatory Notes to the Resolutions continued

10. Please note that the Company takes all reasonable precautions to ensure no viruses are present in any electronic communication it sends out but the Company cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage arising from the opening or use of any email or attachments from the Company and recommend that the shareholders subject all messages to virus checking procedures prior to use. Any electronic communication received by the Company, including the lodgement of an electronic proxy form, that is found to contain any virus will not be accepted.

Corporate representatives

II. A member of the Company which is a corporation may authorise a person or persons to act as its representative(s) at the AGM. In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, each such representative may exercise (on behalf of the corporation) the same powers as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company, provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.

Voting at the AGM

12. Voting on all of the substantive resolutions will be conducted by way of a poll rather than a show of hands. This is a more transparent method of voting as member votes are to be counted according to the number of shares held. Members and proxies will be asked to complete a poll card to indicate how they wish to cast their votes. These cards will be collected at the end of the meeting. As soon as practicable following the AGM, the results of the voting at the AGM and the numbers of proxy votes cast for and against and the number of votes actively withheld in respect of each of the Resolutions will be announced via a Regulatory Information Service and also placed on the Company's website: http://ao.com/corporate.

Questions

13. The Company must cause to be answered at the ACM any question relating to the business being dealt with at the ACM which is put by a member attending the ACM, except (i) if to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the ACM or involve the disclosure of confidential information, (ii) if the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question, or (iii) if it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the ACM that the question be answered.

Requisition Rights

14. Members satisfying the thresholds in section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 can require the Company to publish a statement on its website 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 AGM; or (b) any circumstances connected with an Auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the last Annual General Meeting, that the members propose to raise at the AGM. The Company cannot require the members requesting the publication to pay its expenses. Any statement placed on the website must also be sent to the Company's auditors no later than the time it makes its statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any such statement that the Company has been required to publish on its website.

Total Voting Rights

- 15. As at 16 June 2016 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's issued share capital consists of 421,052,631 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. The Company holds no ordinary shares in treasury. Therefore the total voting rights in the Company are 421,052,631.
- 16. The contents of this Notice of AGM, details of the total number of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM, details of the totals of the voting rights that members are entitled to exercise at the AGM and, if applicable, any members' statements, members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of this notice will be available on the Company's website: http://ao.com/corporate.

Documents available for inspection

- 17. The following documents will be available for inspection during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) at the registered office of the Company and will also be available at the place of the AGM from 15 minutes before the meeting until its conclusion:
- (i) copies of the executive Directors' service contracts with the Company;
- (ii) copies of the non-executive directors' letters of appointment; and
- (iii) a copy of the draft rules of the AO World 2016 Employee Reward Plan (which will also be available for inspection at New New Bridge Street (an Aon Hewitt company) at 10 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YP during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and English public holidays excepted) until the close of the AGM.)

Electronic address

 You may not use any electronic address provided in this Notice of AGM to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. Specific advice should be sought on your specific circumstances before taking any action (or deciding not to take any action) in reliance on the contents of this document.

Appendix I

Biographical details of Directors submitted for election and re-election

Geoff Cooper

Proposed Chairman and Chairman of the Nomination Committee (following the conclusion of the AGM)

Appointment to the Board:

I July 2016

Relevant skills & experience

- Over 20 years' experience of serving on boards of UK public companies Substantial experience in businesses with a strong consumer focus
- A track-record of working across Europe Previously held positions include Chief Executive of Travis Perkins plc from March 2005 until December 2013, Director and Non-Executive Chairman of Dunelm Group plc between 2004 and 2015 and Finance Director of UniChem plc, subsequently
- Alliance UniChem plc (which later became part of Alliance Boots plc) Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Significant external appointments Chairman of the Card Factory plc and Bourne Leisure Limited. Senior advisor to Charterhouse Private Equity.

Committee membership

Proposed Chairman of the Nomination Committee following the retirement of Richard Rose

John Roberts

Founder and Chief Executive Officer

Appointment to the Board:

2 August 2005 (AO Retail Limited 19 April 2000)

- Relevant skills & experience Co-founded the business over I5 years ago giving him thorough knowledge and understanding of the Group's business
- Extensive CEO experience; led the management team to successfully develop and expand the business during periods of challenging market conditions Significant industry experience having previously worked in the kitchen appliance industry

Committee membership

John attends the Remuneration, Audit and Nomination Committees by invitation.

Steve Caunce **Chief Operating Officer**

Appointment to the Board

13 October 2005

Relevant Skills & Experience

- Thorough knowledge and understanding of the Group's business having been Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officer from 2005 until 2015 Substantial experience in businesses with a strong consumer focus Significant Board and management experience: previously Finance Director
- at Phones 4U Limited and senior positions held at MyTravel Plc and Preston North End Plc
- Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Committee membership

Steve attends the Remuneration, Audit and Nomination Committees by invitation.

Mark Higgins Chief Financial Officer

Appointment to the Board

I August 2015

Relevant skills & experience

- Group Finance Director for four years prior to appointment as AO's Chief Financial Officer
- Senior finance roles held at Enterprise Managed Services Ltd and the Caudwell Group
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Committee membership

Mark attends the Remuneration, Audit and Nomination Committees by invitation.

Brian McBride Senior Independent Director

Appointment to the Board 6 February 2014

Relevant skills & experience

- Extensive online retail experience former Managing Director of Amazon.co.uk and Chair of ASOS Plc and Wiggle Ltd
- Significant non-executive and governance experience
- Masters degree in Economics, History and Politics

Significant external appointments

Chairman of ASOS Plc and Wiggle Ltd

Independent Yes

Committee membership Brian is Chair of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee.

Chris Hopkinson Non-Executive Director

Appointment to the Board

12 December 2005

- **Relevant skills & experience**
- Former City Financial Analyst Significant industry experience
- Holds a Masters degree in Logistics

Significant external appointments Executive Director of Better Business Support Ltd and Clifton Trade Bathrooms Ltd

Independent No

Committee membership

Chris is a member of the Audit and Nomination Committees.

Marisa Cassoni

Non-Executive Director

Appointment to the Board 5 February 2014

Relevant skills & experience

- ICAEW chartered accountant with extensive financial and governance experience in both private and public companies Previously finance director of John Lewis Partnership Ltd, Royal Mail Group and
- the UK division of Prudential Group
- Panel member of the Competition and Markets Authority Wealth of Board experience

Significant external appointments Non-executive director of Skipton Group Holdings Ltd, Enterprise Inns Plc and The People's Operator Plc

Independent

Yes

Committee membership Marisa is the Chair of the Audit Committee and is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Rudi Lamprecht **Non-Executive Director**

Appointment to the Board 17 January 2014

Relevant skills & experience

- Wealth of Executive and Non-Executive Director experience
- Significant industry knowledge previous Non-Executive Director of BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeräte CmbH & Co. KG

Significant external appointments

Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of EWC East-West-Connect GmbH & Co. KG and Non-Executive Director of Duagon AG and Fujitsu Technology Solutions (Holding) B.V.

Independent Yes

Committee membership

Rudi is a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

Appendix 2

Summary of the Principal Terms of the AO World 2016 Employee Reward Plan (the "Plan")

Operation

The Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors (the "**Committee**") will supervise the operation of the Plan.

Eligibility

Any employee within the Company's group of companies (except an executive director of the Company) will be eligible to participate in the Plan at the discretion of the Committee.

Grant of awards

The Committee may grant awards to acquire ordinary shares in the Company (**"Shares**") within six weeks following the Company's announcement of its results for any period. The Committee may also grant awards within six weeks of shareholder approval of the Plan or at any other time when the Committee considers there are sufficiently exceptional circumstances which justify the granting of awards.

The Committee may grant awards as conditional share awards or nil (or nominal) cost options. The Committee may also decide to grant cash-based awards of an equivalent value to share-based awards or to satisfy share-based awards in cash.

An award may not be granted more than 10 years after shareholder approval of the Plan.

No payment is required for the grant of an award. Awards are not transferable, except on death. Awards are not pensionable.

Performance conditions

The extent of vesting of awards may be subject to such performance conditions (if any) as the Committee considers appropriate for the awards.

The Committee may vary or waive and replace the performance conditions (if any) applying to existing awards if an event (or series of events) has occurred which causes the Committee to consider that it would be appropriate to amend or replace the performance conditions, provided the Committee considers the varied or replacement conditions are appropriate.

Vesting of awards

Awards will ordinarily vest after such vesting period as determined by the Committee for the award on or prior to grant of the award to the extent any applicable performance conditions have been satisfied and provided the participant is still employed in the Company's group. Options are then exercisable up until the day before the tenth anniversary of grant, unless they lapse earlier.

Dividend equivalents

The Committee may decide that participants will receive a payment (in cash and/or Shares) on or shortly following the vesting of their awards, of an amount equivalent to the dividends payable on vested shares between the date of grant and the vesting of an award. This amount may assume the reinvestment of dividends.

Leaving employment

As a general rule, an award will lapse upon a participant ceasing to hold employment within the Company's group. However, if a participant ceases to be an employee because of death, injury or disability (evidenced to the satisfaction of the Committee), retirement (with the agreement of the Committee), their employing company or the business for which they work being sold out of the Company's group or in other circumstances at the discretion of the Committee, then their award will normally vest on the date when it would have vested if they had not ceased such employment. The extent to which an award will vest in these situations will depend upon two factors: (i) the extent to which the performance conditions (if any) have, in the opinion of the Committee, been satisfied over the original performance measurement period, and (ii) pro rating of the award to reflect the period of time between the date of grant and the date of cessation relative to the normal vesting period, although the Committee can decide not to pro-rate an award (or pro-rate to a lesser extent) if it regards it as appropriate to do so in the particular circumstances.

Alternatively, if a participant ceases to be an employee in the Company's group for one of the "good leaver" reasons specified above (including in the case of the for any reason good leaver), the Committee can decide that their award will vest when they leave, subject to: (i) the performance conditions (if any) measured at that time on such basis as the Committee determines appropriate; and (ii) time pro-rating by reference to the time of cessation as described above (whilst retaining discretion as described above).

Corporate events

In the event of a takeover or winding up of the Company (not being an internal corporate reorganisation) all awards will vest early subject to: (i) the extent that the performance conditions (if any) have been satisfied at that time; and (ii) the pro-rating of the awards to reflect the period of time between the date of grant and the date of vesting relative to the normal vesting period, although the Committee can decide not to pro-rate an award (or pro-rate to a lesser extent) if it regards it as appropriate to do so in the particular circumstances.

In the event of an internal corporate reorganisation awards will be replaced by equivalent new awards over shares in a new holding company unless the Committee decides that awards should vest on the basis which would apply in the case of a takeover.

If a demerger, special dividend or other similar event is proposed which, in the opinion of the Committee, would affect the market price of Shares to a material extent, then the Committee may decide that awards will vest on such basis as it decides.

Participants' rights

Awards settled in Shares will not confer any shareholder rights until the awards have vested or the options have been exercised as relevant and the participants have received their Shares.

Rights attaching to Shares

Any Shares allotted when an award vests or is exercised will rank equally with Shares then in issue (except for rights arising by reference to a record date prior to their allotment).

Variation of capital

In the event of any variation of the Company's share capital or in the event of a demerger, payment of a special dividend or similar event which materially affects the market price of the Shares, the Committee may make such adjustment as it considers appropriate to the number of Shares subject to an award and/or the exercise price payable (if any).

Overall Plan limits

The Plan may operate over new issue Shares, treasury Shares or Shares purchased in the market.

In any ten calendar year period, the Company may not issue (or grant rights to issue (excluding any lapsed, cancelled or waived rights)) (a) more than 10% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company under the Plan and any other employee plan adopted by the Company, or (b) more than 5% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company under the Plan and any other discretionary employee share plan adopted by the Company, provided always that shares issued/rights granted in connection with any options awarded on or prior to the Company's IPO shall not be counted in calculating the limits.

Treasury Shares will count as new issue Shares for the purposes of these limits unless institutional investors decide that they need not count.

Alterations to the Plan

The Committee may, at any time, amend the Plan or the terms of an award in any respect, provided that the prior approval of shareholders is obtained for any amendments that are to the advantage of participants in respect of the rules governing eligibility, the overall limits on the issue of Shares or the transfer of treasury Shares, the basis for determining a participant's entitlement to, and the terms of, the Shares or cash to be acquired and the adjustment of awards.

The requirement to obtain the prior approval of shareholders will not, however, apply to any minor alteration made to benefit the administration of the Plan, to take account of a change in legislation or to obtain or maintain favourable tax, exchange control or regulatory treatment for participants or for any company in the Company's group. Shareholder approval will also not be required for any amendments to or substitution of any performance condition applying to an award on its terms.

Clawback

The Committee may apply the Plan's clawback provisions if, within three years of the vesting of an award, it is discovered that there has been a material misstatement in the Company's audited accounts, an error in assessing any applicable performance condition or if an event of gross misconduct is discovered.

The clawback may be satisfied by way of a reduction in the amount of any future bonus, subsisting award or future share awards and/or a requirement to make a cash payment.

Overseas plans

The shareholder resolution to approve the Plan will allow the Board to establish further plans or schedules to the Plan for overseas territories to the extent relevant in the future. Any such plan or schedule would be similar to the Plan, but modified to take account of local tax, exchange control or securities laws, provided that any Shares made available under such further plans or schedules are treated as counting against the limits on overall participation in the Plan.



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