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This document is being sent to you solely for the purpose of convening the Annual General Meeting referred to below and to provide information to you as a member of the Company to help you to decide how to cast your vote in respect of the Resolutions. No reliance may be placed on this document for any other purpose.



(Registered in England and Wales with registered number 05984855) Notice of 2021 Annual General Meeting

Your attention is drawn to the letter from the Chairman of the Company which is set out in part 1 of this document, which includes a recommendation that you vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA at 10.00 a.m. on 23 June 2021.

As this date is soon after COVID-19 restrictions are expected to be further lifted in England, the intention is to operate this year's Annual General Meeting in person as normal. The Company will continue to closely monitor the situation in the lead up to the Annual General Meeting and will make any further updates about the meeting arrangements on its website at investors.vertumotors.com.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out in part 2 of this document. Proxies should be appointed online at <u>www.signalshares.com</u> no later than 10.00 a.m. on 21 June 2021. If you hold Ordinary Shares through CREST you may appoint a proxy by completing and transmitting a CREST proxy instruction to Link Group (CREST participant ID RA 10) so that it is received by no later than 10.00 a.m. on 21 June 2021.

Copies of this document, the LTIP rules, the service agreements or letters of appointment of each of the Directors, and any applicable deeds of indemnity relating to the Directors will be available for inspection free of charge during normal business hours on any week day (except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the AGM.

Copies of this document are also available during such period at the Company's website: investors.vertumotors.com

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EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Posting of this document or posting or email of a Notice of Availability to Shareholders	21 May 2021
Latest time and date for appointments of proxies for the Annual General Meeting	10.00 a.m. on 21 June 2021
Record Date for the Annual General Meeting	Close of business on 21 June 2021
Annual General Meeting	10.00 a.m. on 23 June 2021

Notes:

Each of the dates and times in the above timetable are subject to change. All times stated are British Summer Time.

All references in this document to $\boldsymbol{\pounds}$ or \boldsymbol{p} are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this document, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act	the Companies Act 2006, as amended
AGM or Annual General Meeting	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at the registered offices of the Company at Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA at 10.00 a.m. on 23 June 2021, or any adjournment thereof, notice of which is set out in part 2 of this document
AGM Notice	the notice of the AGM set out in part 2 of this document
Board or Directors	the directors of the Company
Business Day	any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday on which banks are open in the City of London for the transaction of general commercial business
certificated or in certificated form	an Ordinary Share which is not in uncertificated form (that is, not in CREST)
Company	Vertu Motors plc (registered number 05984855)
CREST	the relevant systems (as defined in the CREST Regulations) for paperless settlement of share transfers and the holding of shares in uncertificated form of which Euroclear is the operator as defined by the CREST Regulations
CREST Regulations	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, as amended
Directors' Remuneration Report	the directors' remuneration report for the year ended 28 February 2021, which is set out on pages 62 – 66 (inclusive) of the Company's 2021 Annual Report
Existing Share Capital	the 369,173,981 Ordinary Shares in issue as at 12 May 2021 (of which none are treasury shares)
Euroclear	Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited
Group	the Company and its subsidiary undertakings (as defined in the Act)
LTIP	the Vertu Motors plc 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan
LTIP Resolution	the ordinary resolution numbered 11 set out in the AGM Notice and to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting
Ordinary Shares	ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company
Resolutions	the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM as set out in the AGM Notice
Shareholders	holders from time to time of Ordinary Shares
Statement of Principles	the Pre-Emption Group, Disapplying Pre-Emption Rights A Statement of Principles 2015
UK or United Kingdom	the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
uncertificated or in uncertificated form	recorded on a register of securities maintained by Euroclear in accordance with the CREST Regulations as being in uncertificated form in CREST and title to which, by virtue of the CREST Regulations, may be transferred by means of CREST

PART 1 – LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY



(Registered in England and Wales with registered number 05984855)

Registered office: Vertu House Fifth Avenue Business Park Team Valley Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE11 0XA

21 May 2021

Dear Shareholder

2021 Annual General Meeting

Introduction

I enclose, in part 2 of this document, the formal notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Company which is to be held at the registered offices of the Company at Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA at 10.00 a.m. on 23 June 2021.

Summary of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

At the AGM, the following resolutions will be proposed:

Resolution 1 – Annual Report and Accounts (ordinary resolution)

Company law requires the Directors to present to Shareholders the Company's and Group's annual accounts for the year ended 28 February 2021, together with their report and the auditors' report, all of which are contained within the Group's 2021 Annual Report.

Resolution 2 - Reappointment of the auditors (ordinary resolution)

The Company is required to appoint auditors at each annual general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next such meeting. The Audit Committee has assessed the effectiveness, independence and objectivity of the external auditor and concluded that the auditor was in all respects effective. Accordingly, at the AGM, Shareholders will be asked to confirm the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's auditors.

Resolution 3 – Authority for the Directors to fix the auditors' remuneration (ordinary resolution)

This resolution will authorise the Directors, in accordance with standard practice, to negotiate and agree the remuneration of the auditors.

Resolutions 4 and 5 - Re-election of Directors (ordinary resolutions)

The articles of association of the Company require that, at the AGM, newly appointed Directors and one third of all the other Directors shall retire by rotation. At the AGM, David Crane and Kenneth Lever will retire and will offer themselves for re-election. Resolutions 4 and 5 propose the reelection of David Crane and Kenneth Lever respectively, as directors. Biographies of the Directors can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts and on the Company's website.

Resolution 6 – Approval of the Directors' Remuneration Report (ordinary resolution)

The purpose of resolution 6 is to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report, set out on pages 62 to 66 (inclusive) of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 28 February 2021.

The Directors' Remuneration Report is presented for an annual advisory vote so that shareholders vote by way of ordinary resolution to approve the Directors' remuneration for the relevant financial year and how the Remuneration Policy (set out in the Remuneration Committee Report) will be implemented in the following financial year. The vote is advisory in nature and no entitlement to remuneration is conditional on the passing of the resolution.

Resolution 7 – Authority to allot shares (ordinary resolution)

This resolution proposes to grant the Directors authority under section 551 of the Act to allot Relevant Securities. If passed, the resolution will authorise the Directors to allot up to a maximum aggregate nominal value of £24,610,000, representing approximately two-thirds of the Existing Share Capital, but subject to the proviso that half of such sum (being shares with an aggregate nominal value of £12,305,000 may only be allotted in connection with a rights issue or similar pre-emptive share issue.

Resolution 7 replaces the authority to allot shares passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 20 August 2020.

As at close of business on 12 May 2021, the Company did not hold any treasury shares.

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the authority conferred by this resolution.

This resolution complies with the Investment Association Share Capital Management Guidelines issued in July 2016.

In this resolution, Relevant Securities means:

- shares in the Company, other than shares allotted pursuant to:
 - an employee share scheme (as defined in section 1166 of the Act);
 - a right to subscribe for shares in the Company where the grant of the right itself constitutes a Relevant Security; or
 - a right to convert securities into shares in the Company where the grant of the right itself constitutes a Relevant Security; and
- any right to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company other than
 rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares allotted pursuant to an employee
 share scheme (as defined in section 1166 of the Act). References to the allotment of
 Relevant Securities in this resolution include the grant of such rights.

Resolutions 8 and 9 – Disapplication of pre-emption rights (special resolutions)

Resolutions 8 and 9 ask Shareholders to grant the Directors authority to allot equity securities or to sell treasury shares for cash in connection with a rights issue or otherwise, on a non pre-emptive basis. The Resolutions will, if passed, give the Directors power, pursuant to the authority to allot granted by resolution 7 to allot equity securities (as defined by section 560 of the Act) or sell treasury shares for cash, without first offering them to existing Shareholders in proportion to their existing holdings: (a) in relation to pre-emptive offers and offers to holders of other equity securities if required by the rights of those securities or as the Directors otherwise consider necessary, up to a maximum nominal amount of £12,305,000 which represents approximately one third of the Existing Share Capital and, in relation to rights issues only, up to a maximum additional amount of £12,305,000 which represents approximately one third of the Company's Existing Share Capital; and (b) in any other case, up to a maximum nominal amount of £1,845,000 which represents approximately 5% of the Company's Existing Share Capital.

This resolution is in line with guidance issued by the Investment Association (as updated in July 2016) and the Statement of Principles and the template resolutions published by the Pre-Emption Group in May 2016.

This resolution replaces the authority granted to the Directors at last year's annual general meeting.

In compliance with the Statement of Principles, the Directors confirm that they will not allot shares for cash on a non-pre-emptive basis pursuant to the authority in resolution 9 other than in accordance 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 allotment.

In addition, the Directors also confirm that in accordance with the Statement of Principles, they do not intend to issue shares for cash representing more than 7.5% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital in any rolling three-year period other than to existing Shareholders, save as permitted in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment as described above, unless Shareholders have been notified and consulted in advance.

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the authority conferred by these resolutions.

Resolution 10 – Purchases of own shares by the Company (special resolution)

Resolution 10 seeks authority for the Company to make market purchases of up to 36,900,000 of its own Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 10% of the Existing Share Capital. The price payable must not be more than 5% above the average market value of an Ordinary Share for the five Business Days before the purchase is made and, in any event, not less than 10p per share, being the nominal value of each Ordinary Share. This power will only be used in accordance with the Company's previously announced buyback programme or any future buyback programmes if the Directors consider that to do so would be in the best interests of Shareholders generally and would increase the earnings per share of those Ordinary Shares that are not re-purchased. Any such shares would be cancelled or held in treasury. Resolution 10 would replace a similar resolution passed at the 2020 annual general meeting of the Company.

On 12 May 2021, the total number of options to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company amounted to 28,619,769. This represented 7.8% per cent of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) on that date. If this authority to purchase shares was exercised in full the options would represent 7.2% per cent of the issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 12 May 2021. The Company does not have any outstanding share warrants.

Resolution 11 – Approval of amendment of the LTIP for Executive Directors (ordinary resolution)

Resolution 11 seeks approval for the amendment of the Company's long-term incentive plan, following a review by the Company's remuneration committee. When the LTIP was adopted in 2013, the Company committed to obtain shareholder approval to any change to the LTIP Rules which materially benefited the LTIP participants.

The Remuneration Committee concluded that it is necessary to move away from a long-term incentive plan that required the setting of three-year targets (historically absolute TSR growth and average Group ROE and last year cumulative adjusted profit before tax) to a four-year plan where the targets are annual targets. Even before the disruption caused by COVID-19, it became clear to the Remuneration Committee that the volatility and uncertainty that is impacting on the Motor Retail Industry has meant that three-year targets do not provide an incentive for participants and do not fairly align pay with the performance of the Company taking into account the macro economic factors which apply to the Company. The LTIP has historically not achieved the objective of increasing the Executive Directors' shareholdings in the Company and the 2019 and 2020 awards were both cancelled.

Therefore, the Remuneration Committee is proposing to amend the LTIP for the Executive Directors to match the nil-cost option Restricted Share Scheme (Partnership Share Scheme) introduced for other senior management last year.

A summary of the proposed change is set out in part 3 of this document. The Company's major shareholders have been consulted on the proposed change to the LTIP.

If approved, the Partnership Share Scheme would be applied to the Executive Directors from 1 March 2021 and, as for other senior colleagues, the Executive Directors would receive nil cost

share options in the Company this year equivalent to 30% of their on-target earnings. These award levels are much lower than the level of awards made historically under the LTIP, but have greater likelihood of being earned, resulting in shareholdings for the Executive Directors being increased over time. The maximum award permitted under the current Remuneration Policy is 75% of salary.

Proxy

A Proxy can be appointed online at <u>www.signalshares.com</u> no later than 10.00 a.m. on 21 June 2021. CREST Members can cast their votes using CREST electronic proxy voting (further details of which are set out in note 7 on page 11 of the AGM Notice).

Recommendation

Your Directors believe that the Resolutions are in the best interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, they unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of each Resolution, as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings in the Company.

The Executive Directors will be granted awards under the LTIP and have consequently played no part in the consideration of the LTIP by the Remuneration Committee or the Board.

Your Remuneration Committee believes that the LTIP Resolution is in the best interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, each member of the Remuneration Committee recommends that you vote in favour of the LTIP Resolution (resolution number 11) as (s)he intends to do in respect of his/her own beneficial holding in the Company.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Goss Non-executive Chairman By order of the Board

PART 2 - NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



(Registered in England and Wales with registered number 05984855)

Notice is hereby given that an annual general meeting of Vertu Motors plc (the **Company**) will be held at Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA at 10.00 a.m. on 23 June 2021 for the purposes set out below.

In this Notice, references to the **directors** shall be construed as references to the directors of the Company from time to time.

Ordinary Business

- 1. To receive the accounts for the financial year ended 28 February 2021, together with the reports of the directors and of the auditors thereon.
- 2. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors of the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company.
- **3.** To authorise the directors of the Company to determine the remuneration of the auditors of the Company.
- **4.** To re-elect as a director David Crane, who retires in accordance with the Company's articles of association and who is eligible for re-election.
- **5.** To re-elect as a director Kenneth Lever, who retires in accordance with the Company's articles of association and who is eligible for re-election.
- **6.** To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 28 February 2021 as set out in the Company's annual report and accounts.

Special Business

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, which will be proposed as to resolution 7 and resolution 11 as **ordinary resolutions** and as to resolutions 8, 9 and 10 as **special resolutions** of the Company:

- **7.** THAT, subject to and in accordance with article 3.1 of the articles of association of the Company, and in accordance with section 551 of the Act, the Directors be generally and unconditionally authorised to allot Relevant Securities (as defined in the notes to this resolution):
- 7.1 comprising equity securities (as defined by section 560 of the Act) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £24,610,000 (such amount to be reduced by the nominal amount of any Relevant Securities allotted pursuant to the authority in paragraph 7.2 below) in connection with an offer by way of a rights issue:
 - (a) to holders of ordinary shares in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their respective holdings; and
 - (b) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the Directors otherwise consider necessary,

but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange; and

7.2 in any other case, up to an aggregate nominal amount of £12,305,000 (such amount to be reduced by the nominal amount of any equity securities allotted pursuant to the authority in paragraph 7.1 above in excess of £12,305,000)

and provided that:

- save as referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) below, this authority shall, unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, expire on 23 September 2022 or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the Company may, before such expiry, make offers or agreements which would or might require Relevant Securities to be allotted, and the Directors may allot Relevant Securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution has expired; and
- (c) this resolution revokes and replaces all unexercised authorities previously granted to the Directors to allot Relevant Securities but without prejudice to any allotment of shares or grant of rights already made, offered or agreed to be made pursuant to such authorities.
- 8. THAT, if resolution 7 is passed, the Directors be authorised to allot equity securities (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) for cash under the authority given by that resolution and/or to sell Ordinary Shares held by the Company as treasury shares for cash as if section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply to any such allotment or sale, such authority to be limited to:
- 8.1 the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer by way of a rights issue:
- 8.1.1 to the holders of ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their respective holdings; and
- 8.1.2 to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the directors otherwise consider necessary,

but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange; and

8.2 to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares (otherwise than under paragraph 8.1 above) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,845,000.

and provided that:

- save as referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) below, this authority shall, unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, expire on 23 September 2022 or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the Company may, before such expiry, make offers or agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted (and treasury shares to be sold), after the authority expires and the Directors may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution has expired; and
- (c) this resolution revokes and replaces all unexercised authorities previously granted to the Directors to allot equity securities but without prejudice to any allotment of shares or grant of rights already made, offered or agreed to be made pursuant to such authorities.

- **9.** THAT if resolution 8 is passed, the Directors be authorised in addition to any authority granted under resolution 8 to allot equity securities (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) for cash under the authority given by that resolution and/or to sell ordinary shares held by the Company as treasury shares for cash as if section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply to any such allotment or sale, provided that such authority shall be:
- 9.1 limited to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares up to a nominal amount of £1,845,000; and
- 9.2 used only for the purposes of financing (or refinancing, if the authority is to be used within six months after the original transaction) a transaction which the Directors of the Company determines to be an acquisition or other capital investment of a kind contemplated by the Statement of Principles on Disapplying Pre-emption Rights most recently published by the Pre-Emption Group prior to the date of this notice,

and provided that:

- (a) save as referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) below, this authority shall, unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, expire on 23 September 2022 or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the Company may, before such expiry, make offers or agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted (and treasury shares to be sold), after the authority expires and the Directors may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution has expired; and
- (c) this resolution revokes and replaces all unexercised authorities previously granted to the Directors to allot equity securities but without prejudice to any allotment of shares or grant of rights already made, offered or agreed to be made pursuant to such authorities.
- 10. THAT the Company be and is generally and unconditionally authorised, pursuant to section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act), to make market purchases (as defined in section 693(4) of the Act) of ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company (Ordinary Shares) on such terms and in the manner as the directors of the Company may from time to time determine provided that:
- 10.1 the maximum aggregate number of Ordinary Shares authorised to be purchased is 36,900,000 (representing approximately 10% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at the date of this notice);
- 10.2 the minimum price which may be paid for such Ordinary Shares shall be 10p per share;
- 10.3 the maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share shall not be more than 5% above the average market value of an Ordinary Share for the five Business Days immediately preceding the date on which the contract for the purchase is made;
- 10.4 unless previously renewed, varied or revoked, the authority conferred shall expire on 23 September 2022 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the Company's next annual general meeting provided that:
- 10.5 the Company may make a contract or contracts to purchase Ordinary Shares under this authority prior to its expiry which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of this authority; and
- 10.6 the Company may make a purchase of Ordinary Shares in pursuance of any such contract or contracts.
- **11.** THAT the changes to the Vertu Motors plc 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan summarised in part 3 of this document, be and are approved, and the Directors be given authority to implement such changes.

Dated: 21 May 2021

Registered Office:

Vertu House Fifth Avenue Business Park Team Valley Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE11 0XA

Notes:

Appointment of proxies

- 1. If you are a member of the Company at the time set out in note 11 below, you are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the annual general meeting by submitting the appointment online at <u>www.signalshares.com</u> using your username and password. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these notes. If you are unable or do not wish to vote online, please call the Shareholder Helpline +44 (0) 371 664 0300 administered by Link Asset Group to request a hard copy proxy card. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. The helpline is open between 09.00 and 17.30 Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Hard copy proxy forms should then be returned to Link Group, PXS 1, Link Group, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
- 2. If you are not a member of the Company, but you have been nominated by a member of the Company to enjoy information rights, you do not have the right to appoint any proxies.
- 3. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company but must attend the annual general meeting to represent you. In light of the potential for restrictions on attendance in person at the AGM, we encourage you to appoint the "Chair of the Meeting" to ensure that your vote will be counted, rather than a third party who may not be able to attend the meeting in person. Details of how to appoint a proxy are set out online at <u>www.signalshares.com</u>.
- 4. You may appoint more than one proxy, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise rights attached to any one share.
- 5. 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 no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 6. All proxy appointments must be made (or received by Link if using a hard copy proxy card) no later than 10.00am on 21 June 2021 or, if this annual general meeting is adjourned, not less than 48 hours before the time of the adjourned meeting.

Appointment of proxies through CREST

7. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the meeting convened by this notice and any adjournment(s) thereof procedures described in the CREST Manual (available bv utilising the from https://www.euroclear.com/site/public/EUI). 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 (**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 must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) by the latest time for receipt of proxy appointments specified in note 6 above. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the time stamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST.

By Order of the Board

Nicola Loose Company Secretary 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 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.

Appointment of proxy by joint members

8. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first-named being the most senior).

Termination of proxy appointments

9. A shareholder may revoke a proxy instruction but to do so will need to inform the Company in writing by sending a signed hard copy notice clearly stating their intention to revoke their proxy appointment to Link Group, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL. In the case of a shareholder which is a company, the revocation notice must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney for the company. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the revocation notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the revocation notice. A shareholder may change a proxy instruction submitted online by logging in online at <u>www.signalshares.com</u>.

Any changes must be made no later than 10.00 a.m. on 21 June 2021.

Alteration of proxy appointments

10. Shareholders may change proxy instructions by submitting a new proxy appointment using the methods set out above. Note that the cut-off time for receipt of proxy appointments also applies in relation to amended instructions. Any amended proxy appointment received after the relevant cut-off time will be disregarded.

If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.

Entitlement to vote

11. Only those members registered on the Company's register of members at close of business on 21 June 2021 or, if the annual general meeting is adjourned, at close of business two days prior to the adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to vote at the meeting. Such Shareholders may only cast votes in respect of shares held at such time. Changes to entries on the relevant register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to vote at the meeting.

Corporate representatives

12. A corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise, on its behalf, all its powers as a member provided that no more than one corporate representative exercises powers over the same share.

Voting

13. Voting on all resolutions will be conducted on a show of hands. As soon as practicable following the meeting, the results of the voting and proxy votes received will be shown on the Company's website.

Documents on display

14. Copies of this document, the LTIP rules, and the service contracts or letters of appointment and deeds of indemnity of each of the Directors will be available for inspection at the offices of Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA during normal business hours on

any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excluded) from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the annual general meeting.

Biographical details

15. The biographical details of each Director who is being proposed for election or re-election by Shareholders, including their membership of board committees, are set out in the Annual Report and Accounts posted to Shareholders with this notice.

Communication

- 16. Information regarding the meeting, including the information required by section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, can be found at <u>investors.vertumotors.com</u>.
- 17. Except as provided above, members who have general queries about the annual general meeting should contact the Company Secretary at Vertu Motors plc, Vertu House, Fifth Avenue Business Park, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0XA or at <u>cosec@vertumotors.com</u> (no other methods of communication will be accepted).

You may not use any electronic address provided either:

- in this notice of annual general meeting; or
- any related documents (including the Chairman's letter),

to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

Share capital

18. As at 12 May 2021, the Company's issued share capital comprised the Existing Share Capital. Each Ordinary Share carries the right to one vote at a general meeting of the Company and, therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 12 May 2021 is 369,173,981.

The website referred to in note 16 includes information on the number of shares and voting rights.

Questions

19. Any member entitled to vote has the right to ask questions. Members may also submit any questions to the Company Secretary at least 72 hours in advance of the AGM by email to cosec@vertumotors.com.

Nominated persons

- 20. If you are a person who has been nominated under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 to enjoy information rights (**Nominated Person**):
 - You may have a right under an agreement between you and the shareholder of the Company who has nominated you to have information rights (Relevant Shareholder) to be appointed or to have someone else appointed as a proxy for the meeting.
 - If you either do not have such a right or if you have such a right but do not wish to exercise it, you may have a right under an agreement between you and the Relevant Shareholder to give instructions to the Relevant Shareholder as to the exercise of voting rights.
 - Your main point of contact in terms of your investment in the Company remains the Relevant Shareholder (or, perhaps, your custodian or broker) and you should continue to contact them (and not the Company) regarding any changes or queries relating to your personal details and your interest in the Company (including any administrative matters). The only exception to this is where the Company expressly requests a response from you.

PART 3 – LTIP – PROPOSED CHANGES

This section summarises the changes proposed to the Vertu Motors plc 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan as approved and adopted in 2013 and amended in 2016 and 2019. The grant of LTIP awards for the year ending 28 February 2022 has been deferred until after the AGM and these changes are approved.

A new Schedule in the LTIP rules will be applied to the Executive Directors to allow them to receive nilcost restricted share options, in the same form as was introduced for the other senior management in the Group last year (the Partnership Share Scheme). Under the amended plan, an award will be made in the form of a nil-cost option at the beginning of each financial year over a maximum value of shares (to be determined annually by the Remuneration Committee).

Following the end of each year, there will be an initial testing of performance directly linked to the level of pay-out of each participant's annual bonus for that year. For example, if the annual bonus pay-out is at 75% of maximum then 25% of the award under the LTIP will lapse at that time. If no bonus was payable, then all of the award under the nil-cost option would lapse.

However, an award under the nil-cost option will not be exercisable at this time but will not be exercisable for a further three years (so four years in total after grant).

Exercise will also be subject to continued employment and a soft underpin under which the Remuneration Committee will need to be satisfied that the Executive Directors have continued to perform in accordance with the long-term strategic plan of the Company. If the Remuneration Committee is not satisfied, then it may reduce the level of exercisable options to such level (including zero) as it feels is appropriate.