

## Financial Statements / Directors' Remuneration Policy

This Remuneration Policy provides details of the remuneration policy for the Directors of the Company. All Directors are non-executive, appointed under the terms of Letters of Appointment, and none has a service contract. The Company has no employees.

A resolution to approve this Remuneration Policy will be proposed at the AGM of the Company to be held on 19 December 2019. If the resolution is passed, the Remuneration Policy provisions set out below will apply until they are next put to shareholders for renewal of that approval, which must be at intervals of not more than three years, or if the Remuneration Policy is varied, in which event shareholder approval for the new Remuneration Policy will be sought. The only change that has been made to the Remuneration Policy as previously approved by shareholders is to include clarification that all Directors are subject to annual re-election by shareholders.

The non-executive Directors of the Company are entitled to such rates of annual fees as the Board at its discretion shall from time to time determine.

In addition to the annual fee, under the Company's Articles of Association, if any Director is requested to perform extra or special services, they will be entitled to receive such additional remuneration as the Board may think fit, and such remuneration may be either in addition to or in substitution for any other remuneration that they may be entitled to receive.

Total remuneration paid to Directors is subject to an annual aggregate limit of £200,000, as set out in the Company's Articles of Association. Any change to this limit would require shareholder approval. Directors are also entitled to reimbursement of reasonable fees and expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

In line with the majority of investment trusts, no component of any Director's remuneration is subject to performance factors.

The rates of fees per Director are reviewed annually. Annual fees are pro-rated where a change takes place during a financial year.

### Table of Directors' Remuneration Components

Component	Director	Rate at 30 September 2019	Purpose of reward	Operation
Annual Fee	All Directors	£29,000	For commitment as Directors of a public company	Determined by the Board at its discretion (see note 1)
Additional Fee	Chairman of the Board	£16,000	For additional responsibility and time commitment	Determined by the Board at its discretion (see note 1)
Additional Fee	Chairman of the Audit Committee	£5,000	For additional responsibility and time commitment	Determined by the Board at its discretion (see note 1)
Additional Fee	Senior Independent Director	£2,500	For additional responsibility and time commitment	Determined by the Board at its discretion (see note 1)
Additional Fee	All Directors	Discretionary	For performance of extra or special services in their role as a Director	Determined by the Board at its discretion (see notes 1 and 2)
Expenses	All Directors	N/A	Reimbursement of expenses paid by them in order to perform their duties	Reimbursement upon submission of appropriate invoices

#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> The Board only exercises its discretion in setting rates of fees after an analysis of fees paid to Directors of other companies having similar profiles to that of the Company, and consultation with third-party advisers. Individual Directors do not participate in discussions relating to their own remuneration.
- <sup>2</sup> Additional fees would only be paid in exceptional circumstances in relation to the performance of extra or special duties. No such fees were paid in the year to 30 September 2019.
- <sup>3</sup> The Company has no employees. Accordingly, there are no differences in policy on the remuneration of Directors and the remuneration of employees.
- <sup>4</sup> No Director is entitled to receive any remuneration which is performance-related. As a result, there are no performance conditions in relation to any elements of the Directors' remuneration in existence to set out in this Remuneration Policy.

**Views of Shareholders**

Any views expressed by shareholders on the fees being paid to Directors would be taken into consideration by the Board when reviewing levels of remuneration.

**Recruitment Remuneration Principles**

1. The remuneration package for any new Chairman or non-executive Director will be the same as the prevailing rates determined on the bases set out above. The fees and entitlement to reclaim reasonable expenses will be set out in Directors' Letters of Appointment.
2. The Board will not pay any introductory fee or incentive to any person to encourage them to become a Director, but may pay the fees of search and selection specialists in connection with the appointment of any new non-executive Director.
3. The Company intends to appoint only non-executive Directors for the foreseeable future.
4. The maximum aggregate fees currently payable to all Directors is £200,000.

**Service Contracts**

None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company. Non-executive Directors are engaged under Letters of Appointment and are subject to annual re-election by shareholders.

**Loss of Office**

Directors' Letters of Appointment expressly prohibit any entitlement to payment on loss of office.

**Scenarios**

The Chairman's and non-executive Directors' remuneration is fixed at annual rates, and there are no other scenarios where remuneration will vary unless there are payments for extra or special services in their role as Directors. It is accordingly not considered appropriate to provide different remuneration scenarios for each Director.

**Statement of Consideration of Conditions Elsewhere in the Company**

As the Company has no employees, the process of consulting with employees on the setting of the Remuneration Policy is not relevant.

**Other Items**

None of the Directors has any entitlement to pensions or pension-related benefits, medical or life insurance schemes, share options, long-term incentive plans, or performance-related payments. No Director is entitled to any other monetary payment or any assets of the Company except in their capacity (where applicable) as shareholders of the Company.

Directors' and Officers' liability insurance cover is maintained by the Company, at its expense, on behalf of the Directors.

The Company has also provided indemnities to the Directors in respect of costs or other liabilities which they may incur in connection with any claims relating to their performance or the performance of the Company whilst they are Directors.

The Directors' interests in contractual arrangements with the Company are as shown in the Report of the Directors. Except as noted in the Report of the Directors, no Director was interested in any contracts with the Company during the period or subsequently.

**Review of the Remuneration Policy**

The Board has agreed that there would be a formal review before any change to the Remuneration Policy; and, at least once a year, the Remuneration Policy will be reviewed to ensure that it remains appropriate.