

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC will be held at One Bow Churchyard, Cheapside, London EC4M 9HH, at 12.30 p.m. on 25 November 2009 for the following purposes:

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following Resolutions of which Resolutions 1 – 9 will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolutions 10, 11, 12 and 13 as Special Resolutions:

Ordinary Business

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2009, together with the auditors' report thereon.
2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report.
3. To approve the payment of a final dividend of 5.0 pence per Ordinary share.
4. To re-elect Mr N.K. Cayzer as a Director.
5. To re-elect Mr M.J. Gilbert as a Director.
6. To re-elect Mr A.S. Kemp as a Director.
7. To re-elect Miss H. Fukuda as a Director.
8. To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

Special Business

9. THAT in substitution for any existing authority under section 80 of the Companies Act 1985 but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of this resolution the Directors of the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to allot shares in the Company, and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company (such shares and rights together being "relevant securities") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £5,188,497, provided that such authority is limited to a nominal amount equal to £2,594,248 in relation to the allotment of shares other than in connection with a rights issue (as defined in resolution 10 of this Notice of Meeting) made by means of a negotiable document, such authorisation to expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2010 unless previously renewed revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may at any time before the expiry of this authorisation make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted or granted after the expiry of this authorisation and the Directors of the Company may allot or grant relevant securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the authorisation conferred hereby had not expired.
10. THAT subject to the passing of resolution numbered 9 above and in substitution for any existing authority under section 95(1) of the Companies Act 1985 but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of this resolution, the Directors be empowered pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) either pursuant to the authorisation under section 551 of the Act as conferred by resolution 9 above or by way of a sale of treasury shares, in each case for cash as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:
 - (a) the allotment of equity securities (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) below) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £778,274 which are, or are to be, wholly paid up in cash, at a price not less than the net asset value per share at allotment, as determined by the Directors, and do not exceed up to 10 per cent. of the issued share capital (as at the date of the Annual General Meeting convened by this notice); and
 - (b) the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer to (a) all holders of Ordinary Shares of 25p each in the capital of the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be) to the respective numbers of Ordinary Shares held by them and (b) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities (but subject in either case to such exclusions limits or restrictions or other arrangements as the Directors may consider necessary or appropriate to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal, regulatory or practical problems in or under the laws of, or requirements of, any regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory or otherwise howsoever) at a price of not less than the net asset value per share at allotment, as determined by the Directors ("rights issue"); and

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such power shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2010, but so that this power shall enable the Company to make offers or agreements before such expiry which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may do so as if such expiry had not occurred.

11. THAT, the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Act) of Ordinary Shares of 25p each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary Shares"), and to cancel or hold in treasury such shares provided that:
- (a) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 14.99 per cent. of the Ordinary shares in issue as at the date of the passing of this Resolution 11;
 - (b) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share is 25p;
 - (c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary Share shall not be more than the higher of (i) an amount equal to 105 per cent. above the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share taken from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the date on which the Ordinary Share is contracted to be purchased; and (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the current highest independent bid on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out;
 - (d) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2010 unless such authority is renewed, revoked or varied prior to such time by the Company in general meeting; and
 - (e) the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary Shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Ordinary Shares pursuant to any such contract.
12. THAT:
- 12 (A) The Articles of Association of the Company be amended by deleting all the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association which, by virtue of section 28 of the Companies Act 2006, are treated as provisions of the Company's Articles of Association; and,
- 12 (B) the Articles of Association in the form produced to the Annual General Meeting and initialled by the Chairman of the Meeting be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association.
13. THAT a general meeting other than an Annual General Meeting may be called on not less than 14 days' notice.

One Bow Churchyard, Cheapside,
London EC4M 9HH
20 October 2009

By order of the Board
Aberdeen Asset Management PLC
Secretaries

Notes:

1. Information about this meeting is available from the Company's website www.asian-smaller.co.uk.
2. As a member, you are entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. You may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to any one share. A form of proxy is enclosed.
3. To be valid, any proxy form or other instrument of proxy and any power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which they are signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority should be sent to the Company's registrars so as to arrive not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting. The return of a completed proxy form or other instrument of proxy will not prevent you attending the Meeting and voting in person if you wish to do so.
4. The right to vote at the meeting is determined by reference to the Company's Register of Members as at 6.00 p.m. on 23 November 2009 or, if this meeting is adjourned, at 6.00 p.m. on the day two days prior to the adjourned meeting. Changes to the entries on that Register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the meeting.
5. As a member you have the right to put questions at the meeting relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting.
6. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual. 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.

7. 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 must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA19) 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Any person to whom this notice is sent who is a person nominated under Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 to enjoy information rights (a "Nominated Person") may, under an agreement between them and the member by whom they were nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the Meeting. If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, they may, under any such agreement, have a right to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights.
11. The statement of the rights of members in relation to the appointment of proxies in paragraphs 2 and 3 above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these paragraphs can only be exercised by members of the Company.
12. As at close of business on 12 October 2009 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document), the Company's issued share capital comprised 31,130,986 Ordinary shares of 25 pence each. 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 close of business on 12 October 2009 is 31,130,986.
13. No Director has a service contract with the Company, however, copies of Directors' letters of appointment will be available for inspection for at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting and during the meeting.
14. Under section 338 of the Companies Act 2006, member may require the Company to give, to members of the Company entitled to receive this Notice of Meeting, notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the Meeting. Under section 338A of that Act, members may request the Company to include in the business to be dealt with at the Meeting any matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may be properly included in the business.
15. Members should note that it is possible that, pursuant to requests made by the Members of the Company under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company may be required to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid out before the Meeting; or (ii) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with section 437 of the Companies Act 2006. The Company may not require the Members requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with sections 527 or 528 of the Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the Meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on the website.
16. There are special arrangements for holders of shares through Aberdeen's Investment Plan for Children, Investment Trust Share Plan and Investment Trust Individual Savings Account ('Plan Participants'). These are explained in the separate 'Letter of Direction' which Plan Participants will have received with this Annual Report.