

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the one hundred and eighteenth Annual General Meeting of The North American Income Trust plc will be held at the offices of Aberdeen Standard Investments, 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh on 1 June 2021 at 11.00 am, for the following purposes:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, of which resolutions 1 to 12 inclusive will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 13 to 15 inclusive will be proposed as special resolutions.

Ordinary Business

1. To receive and adopt the reports of the Directors and the auditors and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2021.
 2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (other than the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 31 January 2021.
 3. To approve a final dividend of 4.5p per share for the year ended 31 January 2021
 4. To re-elect James Ferguson as a Director of the Company.
 5. To re-elect Karyn Lamont as a Director of the Company.
 6. To re-elect Susannah Nicklin as a Director of the Company.
 7. To re-elect Charles Park as a Director of the Company.
 8. To re-elect Susan Rice as a Director of the Company.
 9. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors of the Company.
 10. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors for the year ending 31 January 2022.
 11. That the Company should continue as an investment trust.
 12. That, in substitution for any pre-existing power to allot or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company, but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors be and 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 ("securities") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,373,911 or, if less, the number representing 33.33% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, such authority to expire on 31 July 2022 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2022, unless previously revoked, varied or extended by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after the expiry of such authority and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.
 13. That, subject to the passing of the resolution numbered 12 set out in the notice of this meeting ("Section 551 Resolution") and in substitution for any existing authority under sections 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors of the Company be empowered pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Act to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) either pursuant to the authorisation conferred by the Section 551 Resolution 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 or sale, provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment or sale out of treasury of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £712,173 or, if less, the number representing 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and such power shall expire at the earlier of the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2022 or on 31 July 2022, but so that this power shall enable the Company to make offers, sales or agreements before such expiry which would or might require equity securities to be allotted or sold after such expiry and the Directors of the Company may allot or sell from treasury equity securities in pursuance of any such offer, sale or agreement as if such expiry had not occurred
 14. That, in substitution for any existing authority under Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of passing of this resolution, the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised, in accordance with Section 701 of the Act, to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act)
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of fully paid Ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary shares") and to cancel or to hold in treasury such shares, provided that:-

- a) the maximum aggregate number of Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 21,350,952 Ordinary shares or, if less, the number representing approximately 14.99% of the issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- b) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be 5 pence (exclusive of expenses);
- c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be the higher of (i) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the Ordinary shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase and (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid relating to an Ordinary share on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out; and
- d) unless previously varied, revoked or renewed, the authority hereby conferred shall expire on 31 July 2022 or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2022, save that the Company may, at any time prior to such expiry, enter into a contract or contracts to purchase Ordinary shares under such authority which will or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Ordinary shares pursuant to any such contract or contracts as if such authority had not expired.

Special Business

15. That the Articles of Association produced to the meeting and signed by the chairman of the meeting for the purposes of identification, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association, with effect from the conclusion of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Registered office:
1 George Street
Edinburgh EH2 2LL
26 April 2021

Aberdeen Asset Management PLC
Secretary

NOTES:

- (i) A member is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote on their behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. A member may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise rights attached to any one share. If you wish your proxy to speak on your behalf at the Meeting you will need to appoint your own choice of proxy (not the Chairman of the meeting) and give your instructions directly to them. Please note that, should restrictions on movement and in relation to public gatherings put in place in response to the Coronavirus outbreak still remain in place by the time of the meeting, it is unlikely that your vote will be counted where a proxy other than the Chairman of the Meeting is appointed as additional third parties may not be permitted entry to the meeting. A proxy form which may be used to make such appointment and give proxy instructions accompanies this notice. If you do not have a proxy form and believe that you should have one, or if you require additional forms or would like to appoint more than one proxy, please contact the Company's Registrars, Computershare Investor Services PLC on 0370 889 4084. 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). A member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every Ordinary share of which he/she is the holder.
- (ii) A form of proxy for use by members is enclosed with this Notice of Meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not prevent any member from attending the Meeting and voting in person, although please note that, in the light of the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak and Government restrictions on gatherings and movement, shareholders are encouraged not to attend the AGM in person. To be valid, the form of proxy should be lodged, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority with the Company's Registrars, Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY, so as to be received not less than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the Meeting.

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- (iii) In accordance with Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, to have the right to attend and vote at the Meeting a member must first have his or her name entered in the Company's register of members by not later than 6.00 pm on 27 May 2021 (or, in the event that the Meeting is adjourned, at 6.00pm on the day which is two business days before the time of the adjourned Meeting). Changes to entries on that register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the Meeting.
 - (iv) CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual and by logging on to the 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.
 - (v) In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications, and must contain the information required for such instruction, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's Registrar (ID 3RA50) no later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Application Host) from which the Company's Registrar is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.
 - (vi) CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors, or voting service providers should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member, or sponsored member, or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting system providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
 - (vii) 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.
 - (viii) The "vote withheld" option on the proxy form is provided to enable a member to abstain on any particular resolution. It should be noted that an abstention is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes "for" or "against" a particular resolution.
 - (ix) The right to appoint a proxy does not apply to persons whose shares are held on their behalf by another person and who have been nominated to receive communications from the Company in accordance with Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 ("nominated persons"). Nominated persons may have a right under an agreement with the member who holds the shares on their behalf to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy. Alternatively, if nominated persons do not have such a right, or do not wish to exercise it, they may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the person holding the shares as to the exercise of voting rights. The statement of the rights of members in relation to the appointment of proxies in notes i) and ii) above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these notes can only be exercised by members of the Company.
 - (x) No Director has a service contract with the Company. Copies of the Directors' letters of appointment are available for inspection during usual business hours at the Company's registered office. The documents will also be available to view online at www.northamericanincome.co.uk from the date of this notice until close of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
 - (xi) As at close of business on 9 April 2021 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document), the Company's issued share capital comprised 142,434,638 Ordinary shares of 5p each. The total number of voting rights in the Company as at 9 April 2021 was 142,434,638.
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- (xiii) Any person holding 3% or more of the total voting rights in the Company who appoints a person other than the Chairman as his proxy will need to ensure that both he and such third party complies with their respective disclosure obligations under the UK Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.
- (xiv) Any corporation which is a shareholder can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a shareholder provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
- (xv) Under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), shareholders meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's financial statements (including the auditors' report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the AGM; or (ii) any circumstance 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 Act. The Company may not require the shareholders requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with sections 527 or 528 of the Act. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Act, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditors not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.
- (xvi) Information regarding the Annual General Meeting, including information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, is available from the Company's website, www.northamericanincome.co.uk.
- (xvii) Under Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must answer any question relating to the business being dealt with at the Meeting put by a member attending the Meeting unless:
1. answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information;
 2. the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or
 3. it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the Meeting that the question be answered.
- (xviii) Members who have general queries about the Annual General Meeting should contact the Company Secretary in writing. Members are advised that, unless otherwise stated, any telephone number, website or e-mail address which may be set out in this notice of Annual General Meeting or in any related documents (including the proxy form) is not to be used for the purposes of serving information or documents on, or otherwise communicating with, the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
- (xix) There are special arrangements for holders of shares through the Aberdeen Standard investment trust products. These are explained in the 'Letter of Direction' which such holders will have received with this report.
- (xx) The full terms of the proposed amendments to the Company's articles of association would have been made available for inspection as required under LR 13.8.10R (2) but for the Government restrictions implemented in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. As an alternative, a copy of the proposed new articles of association of the Company, together with a copy of the existing articles of association of the Company marked to show the changes being proposed, will instead be available for inspection on the Company's website, www.northamericanincome.co.uk, from the date of the Notice of the Annual General Meeting until the close of the meeting. In the event that the current Coronavirus related restrictions are lifted before the Annual General Meeting, a hard copy of the proposed new articles of association of the Company, together with a copy of the existing articles of association of the Company marked to show the changes being proposed, will be available for inspection at Bow Bells House, 1 Bread Street, London EC4M 9HH until the close of the meeting.
- (xxi) Given the risks posed by the spread of the Coronavirus and in accordance with the provisions of the articles of association and Government guidance, physical attendance at the Annual General Meeting is unlikely to be possible and shareholders are encouraged to exercise their votes by completing and returning their proxy forms (appointing the Chairman of the meeting as their proxy) in accordance with the instructions contained thereon. If the law or Government guidance so requires at the time of the meeting, the Chairman will limit, in his sole discretion, the number of individuals in attendance at the meeting. Should the Government measures be relaxed by the time of the meeting, the Company may still impose entry restrictions on certain persons wishing to attend the Annual General Meeting in order to ensure the safety of those attending the meeting.

Appendix to the Notice of the Annual General Meeting

Summary of the principal amendments to the Company's articles of association

Set out below is a summary of the principal amendments which will be made to the Company's Existing Articles through the adoption of the New Articles if Resolution 15 to be proposed at the AGM is approved by shareholders.

This summary is intended only to highlight the principal amendments to the Existing Articles. It is not intended to be comprehensive and cannot be relied upon to identify amendments or issues which may be of interest to all shareholders. This summary is not a substitute for reviewing the full terms of the New Articles which will be available for inspection on the Company's website, www.northamericanincome.co.uk, from the date of the AGM Notice until the close of the AGM.

Hybrid/Virtual-only shareholder meetings

The New Articles permit the Company to hold shareholder meetings on a virtual basis, whereby shareholders are not required to attend the meeting in person at a physical location but may instead attend and participate using electronic means. A shareholder meeting may be virtual-only if attendees participate only by way of electronic means, or may be held on a hybrid basis whereby some attendees attend in person at a physical location and others attend remotely using electronic means. This should make it easier for the Company's shareholders to attend shareholder meetings if the Board elects to conduct meetings using electronic means. Amendments have been made throughout the New Articles to facilitate the holding of hybrid or virtual-only shareholder meetings.

While the New Articles (if adopted) would permit shareholder meetings to be conducted using wholly electronic means (i.e. with no physical 'place' of meeting), the Directors have no present intention of holding a virtual-only meeting. The amendments are intended to facilitate shareholder attendance in situations where shareholders are prevented, through laws or regulations, from attending at a physical location and/or to ensure the safety of shareholders. It is important to note that the amendments do not prevent the Company from holding physical meetings and the Board's intention is always to hold a physical AGM provided it is both safe and practical to do so.

International tax regimes requiring the exchange of information

The Board is proposing to include provisions in the New Articles to provide the Company with the ability to require shareholders to co-operate in respect of the exchange of information in order to comply with the Company's international tax reporting obligations.

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act 2010 of the United States of America (commonly known as the Foreign

Account Tax Compliance Act) and all associated regulations and official guidance ('**FATCA**') imposes a system of information reporting on certain entities including foreign financial institutions such as the Company following the enactment of the UK International Tax Compliance (United States of America) Regulations 2013 on 1st September 2013 (as replaced by the International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 (the '**Regulations**').

It is proposed that the Existing Articles be amended to provide the Company with the ability to require shareholders to co-operate with it so that the Company is able to comply with its obligations under the Regulations in order to avoid being deemed to be a 'Nonparticipating Financial Institution' for the purposes of FATCA and consequently having to pay withholding tax to the US Internal Revenue Service. The Existing Articles will also be amended to ensure that the Company will not be liable for any monies that become subject to a deduction or withholding relating to FATCA, as such liability would be to the detriment of shareholders as a whole.

The Regulations also include the automatic exchange of information regimes brought in by the tax regulation under the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (the "**Common Reporting Standard**") which requires investment trust companies to provide personal information to HMRC on certain investors who purchase shares in investment trusts. As a result, the Company will have to provide information annually to the local tax authority on the tax residency of a number of non-UK based certified shareholders and corporate entities.

Therefore, the Existing Articles will also be amended in order to provide the Company with the ability to require shareholders to co-operate in respect of these broader obligations including its obligations under the Common Reporting Standard and FATCA.

Minor amendments

The Board is also taking the opportunity to make some additional minor or technical amendments to the Existing Articles, including: (i) amendments in response to the requirements of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (2011/61/EU) as implemented in the UK (such amendments simply reflect best practice, have no bearing on current practice and simply articulate the minimum requirements of the AIFM Directive as implemented in the UK); (ii) providing the Directors with the ability to require additional safety measures to be put in place at general meetings of the Company; (iii) the inclusion of a procedure in the event an insufficient number of Directors are re-elected at an annual general meeting of the Company; (iv) clarifying that the consideration (if any) received by the Company upon the sale of any share which is forfeited by a shareholder

pursuant to the New Articles will belong to the Company; (v) simplifying the procedure in relation to the untraced shareholders procedure by removing the requirement for the Company to publish newspaper advertisements and providing that the consideration (if any) received by the Company upon the sale of any share pursuant to the untraced shareholder provisions will belong to the Company; and (vi) allowing the Company to pay dividends exclusively through bank transfers instead of by way of cheques with the further ability to retain cash payments where bank details are not provided by a shareholder. These changes reflect modern best practice and are intended to relieve certain administrative burdens on the Company.

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