## **Financial statements**

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# Shareholder information

# Annual General Meeting (AGM), electronic voting and questions

The AGM of the Company will be held on 15 September 2020 at 8th Floor, The Point, 37 North Wharf Road, London W2 1AF.

The Notice of AGM (Notice) and Form of Proxy are enclosed with this Annual Report and Accounts, if you have chosen to receive hard copy communications from the Company. The Notice can also be found on the Company's website.

Shareholders are encouraged to submit proxies for the 2020 AGM electronically by logging on to www.sharevote.co.uk. Electronic proxy appointments must be received by the Company's Registrar, Equiniti, no later than 48 hours, excluding non-business days, before the time fixed for the AGM.

The safety of our shareholders, colleagues and customers is always of the utmost importance to us, and so we want to strongly encourage you to use the electronic facilities to vote this year, rather than attending in person. To comply with public health and safety legal requirements currently in force, shareholders will not be permitted to attend the AGM this year.

Questions from shareholders can be sent by email to companysecretariat@firstgroup.com, or by post for the attention of the Company Secretary (see addresses on the next page). Answers will not be provided at the AGM, but as soon as possible thereafter. For all other queries regarding the AGM, please contact the General Counsel & Company Secretary.

# Website and shareholder communications

A wide range of information on FirstGroup is available at the Company's website including:

- financial information annual and half-yearly reports as well as trading updates
- share price information current trading details and historical charts
- shareholder information AGM results, details of the Company's advisers and frequently asked questions
- news releases current and historical

FirstGroup uses its website as its primary means of communication with its shareholders provided that the shareholder has agreed or is deemed to have agreed that communications may be sent or supplied in that manner. Electronic communications allow shareholders to access information instantly as well as helping FirstGroup to reduce its costs and its impact

on the environment. Shareholders that have consented or are deemed to have consented to electronic communications can revoke their consent at any time by contacting Equiniti.

Shareholders can sign up for electronic communications online by registering with Shareview, the internet-based platform provided by Equiniti. In addition to enabling shareholders to register to receive communications by email, Shareview provides a facility for shareholders to manage their shareholding online by allowing them to:

- receive trading updates by email
- view their shareholdings
- update their records, including change of address
- view payment and tax information
- vote in advance of Company general meetings

To find out more information about the services offered by Shareview, please visit www.shareview.co.uk.

# **Shareholder enquiries**

The Company's share register is maintained by Equiniti. Shareholders with queries relating to their shareholding should contact Equiniti directly using one of the methods listed below:

### Registrar

Equiniti Limited Aspect House Spencer Road Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA Tel: 0371 384 2046\*

(or from overseas on Tel: +44 (0)121 415 7050) Online: help.shareview.co.uk (from here, you will be able to email Equiniti securely with your enquiry).

 Telephone lines are open from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

If you receive more than one copy of the Company's mailings this may indicate that more than one account is held in your name on the register. This happens when the registration details of separate transactions differ slightly. If you believe more than one account exists in your name, please contact Equiniti to request that the accounts are combined. There is no charge for this service.

Equiniti also offers a postal dealing facility for buying and selling FirstGroup plc ordinary shares; please write to them at the address shown above or telephone 0371 384 2248. They also offer a telephone and internet

dealing service which provides a simple and convenient way of dealing in FirstGroup shares. For telephone dealing call 0345 603 7037 between 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, and for internet dealing log on to www.shareview.co.uk/dealing.

#### **ShareGift**

If shareholders have a small number of shares and the dealing costs or the minimum fee make it uneconomical to sell them, it is possible to donate these to ShareGift, a registered charity, which provides a free service to enable you to dispose charitably of such shares. More information on this service can be found at www.sharegift.org or by calling +44 (0)20 7930 3737. A ShareGift transfer form can also be obtained from Equiniti.

# FirstGroup's policy on discounts for shareholders

Shareholders are reminded that it is not the Group's policy to offer travel or other discounts to shareholders. FirstGroup is focused on overall returns which are of benefit to all shareholders.

# Unsolicited advice on the Company's shares

Shareholders are advised to be wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount, or offers of free reports about the Company. These are typically from overseas-based 'brokers' who target US or UK shareholders, offering to sell them what often turn out to be worthless or high risk shares. These operations are commonly known as 'boiler rooms' and the 'brokers' can be very persistent and extremely persuasive.

Shareholders are advised to deal only with financial services firms that are authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). You can check a firm is properly authorised by the FCA before getting involved by visiting www.fca.org. uk/register. If you do deal with an unauthorised firm, you will not be eligible to receive payment under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme if anything goes wrong. For more detailed information on how you can protect yourself from an investment scam, or to report a scam, go to www.fca.org.uk/consumers/scams/report-scam or call 0800 111 6768.

## **Half-yearly results**

The half-yearly results, normally announced to the market in November, will continue to be available on the Company's website in the form of a press release and not issued to shareholders in hard copy.

# Analysis of shareholders at 31 March 2020

	Number of accounts	% of total accounts	Number of ordinary shares	% of ordinary share capital
By category of shareholders				
Individual	827	2.78	1,174,354,973	96.30
Institutional	28,877	97.22	45,180,028	3.70
Total	29,704	100.00	1,219,535,001	100.00
By size of holding				
1-1,000	21,593	72.69	5,134,531	0.42
1,001-5,000	5,777	19.45	13,841,706	1.13
5,001-10,000	1,290	4.34	9,048,300	0.74
10,001-100,000	774	2.61	17,893,046	1.47
Over 100,000	270	0.91	1,173,617,418	96.24
Total	29,704	100.00	1,219,535,001	100.00

### Financial calendar

AGM	15 September 2020		
Half-yearly results	November 2020		

## **Contact information**

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