Meeting of the Secondary Markets Expert Group



To be held on: Wednesday 7 September 2022, 4.00pm – 5.30pm **Venue:** Videoconference call

<u>AGENDA</u>

- 1. Welcome to Dror Elkayam, Global ESG Analyst Investment Stewardship, Legal & General Investment Management, in order to discuss greenwashing and investor expectations for smaller quoted companies on ESG.
- 2. Apologies

3. Issues for discussion

- a) Chair to update members on HM Treasury review of Short Selling Regulation.
- b) FCA consultation on improving equity secondary markets
- c) Future meetings and speaker priorities for 2022.

4. Communications (information only)

- a) The QCA, in collaboration with Hardman & Co, recently published a report looking at the economic contribution of small and mid-sized quoted companies (see here). The report is the second iteration of the research, which was originally produced in 2019, looking at the importance of small and mid-caps to the markets, and their contribution to tax revenues and employment in the UK. The key findings of the report find that small and mid-caps:
 - i. Have a collective market capitalisation of £376 billion by equity market value;
 - ii. Employ over 2.1 million workers;
 - iii. Account for more than 75 per cent. of the workforce of all quoted companies in several regions of the UK; and
 - iv. Contributed at least £25.1 billion in taxes in 2020/21.
- 5. Any other business

Next meeting: Wednesday 16 November 2022, 4.00pm – 5.30pm