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#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

18 October 2023

#### City Chic Collective 2023 Annual General Meeting

Please find attached the following documents in connection with the 2022 Annual General Meeting for City Chic Collective Limited:

- 1. Letter to Shareholders
- Notice of Meeting
- 3. Sample Proxy Form

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The release of this announcement was authorised by the Company Secretary

#### **About City Chic Collective**

City Chic Collective is a global omni-channel retailer specialising in better dressing plus-size women's apparel, footwear and accessories. Its omni-channel model comprises a network of 86 stores across Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) and websites operating in ANZ, the USA, and third-party marketplace and wholesale partners in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada..

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## city chic collective limited

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

18 October 2023

Dear Shareholder,

I am pleased to invite Shareholders to attend the City Chic Collective Limited (City Chic) 2023 AGM on Wednesday 22 November 2023, at The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000, commencing at 10.00am Sydney time.

This letter provides information to guide shareholders as to how to attend and participate in the AGM. City Chic's website will also be kept up to date with all of the relevant information shareholders may need.

#### Details of our 2023 AGM

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023

Time: 10.00 am AEDT

Location: The Mint

10 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

#### **Notice of Meeting**

The Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum for the AGM is available online at <a href="https://www.citychiccollective.com.au/investors">https://www.citychiccollective.com.au/investors</a> and also via the ASX.

The Notice of Meeting explains in detail the items of business you will be asked to consider at the AGM, how to attend and how to participate in the AGM, including how to submit questions in advance of the meeting and how to vote by appointing a proxy. You are encouraged to carefully read the Notice of Meeting and its Explanatory Memorandum before deciding how to vote on the resolutions.

Receiving shareholder communications electronically is the most efficient way of staying informed. In accordance with recent legislative changes to the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth), City Chic will no longer send physical meeting documents unless a shareholder requests a copy to be mailed.

To review your communication preference, or to sign up to receive your shareholder communications via email, please update your details at the Link Investor Centre at https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com/Login

#### Webcast

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you can watch the AGM via a webcast at <a href="https://meetings.linkgroup.com/CCX23">https://meetings.linkgroup.com/CCX23</a>. Please note that you will not be able to vote or ask guestions via the webcast.

We look forward to you joining us at the 2023 AGM and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kay Chairman

City Chic Collective Limited

A. J. Kay.

## CITY CHIC COLLECTIVE LIMITED

ACN 057 569 169

## **NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Please read the Notice and Explanatory Memorandum carefully.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting please complete and return the enclosed Proxy Form in accordance with the specified instructions.

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is given that the annual general meeting of City Chic Collective Limited ACN 057 569 169 (the **Company**) will be held at The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000, on **Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 10.00am** (Sydney time) (**Annual General Meeting**).

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, the Meeting will be webcast and we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed Proxy Form in accordance with the instructions included in this Notice.

### Agenda Items

## **Ordinary Business**

#### 1 Annual Report

To receive the Annual Report of the Company including the financial statements and the reports of the directors and auditors for the financial year ended 2 July 2023.

There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve these reports.

#### 2 Resolution 1: Adoption of the Remuneration Report

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 2 July 2023 (as set out in the Directors' Report) be adopted."

Please refer to the voting exclusion statement in the Notice.

This resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Company or the Directors.

#### Resolution 2: Re-election of Director – Mr Neil Thompson

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That Mr Neil Thompson, being a Director of the Company who retires by rotation under clause 23.10 of the Company's Constitution, and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."

Information about Mr Neil Thompson is included in the Notice.

## 4 Resolution 3: Grant of FY24 Performance Rights under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan to the CEO and Managing Director, Mr Phil Ryan

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That, for the purposes of section 200B of the Corporations Act, ASX Listing Rule 10.14 and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the grant by the Company to Mr Phil Ryan of FY24 Performance Rights under the Equity Incentive Plan as outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting."

Please refer to the voting exclusion statement in the Notice.

### **Explanatory Memorandum**

Shareholders are referred to the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying and forming part of this Notice of Meeting for further details and information regarding each agenda item.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum are defined in the Glossary contained in the Explanatory Memorandum.

#### **Entitlement to vote**

It has been determined that under regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth), for the purposes of the Meeting, the shareholding of each Shareholder will be taken to be as it appears in the Company's share register at 7pm (Sydney time) on 20 November 2023. Accordingly, share transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Meeting.

### All Resolutions by Poll

In accordance with clause 19.9 of the Company's constitution, the Chair intends to call a poll on each of the resolutions proposed at the Meeting, that will allow each Shareholder to participate in the vote in real time at the Meeting or in advance of the Meeting. Consequently, each resolution considered at the Meeting will be conducted by poll, rather than a show of hands.

#### **Proxies**

A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote has a right to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of the Shareholder.

#### Who can be a proxy

A proxy need not be a member of the Company and can either be an individual or a body corporate. If a Shareholder appoints a body corporate as a proxy, that body corporate should ensure that it:

- appoints an individual as its corporate representative to exercise its powers at the Meeting, in accordance with section 250D
  of the Corporations Act; and
- provides satisfactory evidence of the appointment of its corporate representative no later than 48 hours prior to commencement of the Meeting.

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting, the Shareholder must complete the appropriate certificate of appointment of corporate representative and send the form to <a href="mailto:vote@linkmarketservices">vote@linkmarketservices</a>.com.au prior to the Meeting. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's Share Registry or online at <a href="mailto:linkmarketservices.com.au">linkmarketservices.com.au</a>.

A Shareholder who is entitled to vote at the Meeting may appoint:

- one proxy if the Shareholder is only entitled to one vote; or
- two proxies if the Shareholder is entitled to more than one vote.

Where the Shareholder appoints two proxies, the appointment may specify the proportion or number of votes that each proxy may exercise. If the appointment does not specify a proportion or number, each proxy may exercise one half of the votes, in which case any fraction of votes will be discarded.

Proxies appointed by corporate Shareholders must be executed in accordance with their constitution or signed by a duly authorised attorney.

#### Voting

A proxy may decide whether to vote on any motion except where the proxy is required by law or the Constitution to vote, or abstain from voting, in their capacity as a proxy.

If a proxy is directed how to vote on an item of business, the proxy may only vote on that item, in accordance with that direction. If a proxy is not directed how to vote on an item of business, a proxy may vote how he/she thinks fit.

#### Chair as proxy

The Constitution provides that where the appointment of a proxy has not identified the person who may exercise it, the appointment will be deemed to in favour of the Chair of the meeting to which it relates, or to another person as the Board determines.

If a Shareholder appoints the Chair as the Shareholder's proxy (or if the Chair becomes proxy by default) and does not specify how the Chair is to vote on an item of business, the Chair will vote, as a proxy for that Shareholder, in favour of the item on a poll,

including Resolution 1 and 4 even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of the Company's Key Management Personnel or a Closely Related Party, which include the Chair.

#### **Proxy Forms**

If additional Proxy Forms are required, please contact the Company's Share Registry on 1300 554 474, which will supply it on request. The Proxy Form and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a certified copy) must be received by the Share Registry, Link Market Services Limited, no later than **20 November 2023** at **10.00am (Sydney time)** (that is, at least 48 hours before the Meeting). Proxies received after this time will not be accepted.

Instructions for completing the Proxy Form are outlined on the Proxy Form, which may be returned by:

- (a) posting it in the reply-paid envelope provided:
- (b) posting it to City Chic Collective c/- Link Market Services Limited, Locked Bag A14, Sydney South NSW 1235;
- (c) hand delivering it to Link Market Services Limited, 1A Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes NSW 2138 or Level 12, 680 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000;
- (d) faxing it to Link Market Services Limited on +61 2 9287 0309; or
- (e) lodging it online at <a href="https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com">https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com</a> in accordance with the instructions provided on the website. You will need your HIN or SRN to lodge your proxy form online.

#### AGM Webcast and Shareholder Questions

#### **Shareholder Questions**

A discussion will be held on all items to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. All Shareholders will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions in advance of the Meeting or during the Meeting including an opportunity to ask questions of the Company's external auditor. Only Shareholders in attendance at the Meeting will be entitled to ask questions at the Meeting. Accordingly, Shareholders who do not intend to attend the Meeting in person are encouraged to submit questions in advance via Link's Investor Centre the details of which are set out below. To ensure that as many Shareholders as possible have the opportunity to speak, Shareholders intending to ask questions at the Meeting are requested to observe the following:

- all Shareholder questions should be stated clearly and should be relevant to the business of the Meeting, including matters
  arising from the Financial Report, Directors' Report (including the Remuneration Report) and Auditor's Report, and general
  questions about the performance, business or management of the Company;
- if a Shareholder has more than one question on an item, all questions should be asked at the one time; and
- Shareholders should not ask questions at the Meeting regarding personal matters or those that are commercial in confidence.

#### Submitting questions before the meeting:

Shareholders are encouraged to submit questions in advance via Link's Investor Centre which is accessible at <a href="https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com">https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com</a>. To do so, you will need your SRN/HIN No. and postcode to log into your holding. Once logged in, select 'Voting' then click 'Ask Question'.

#### Webcast

A webcast of the Meeting will be available for Shareholders that are unable to attend the Meeting. To view the webcast, please log into the webcast at https://meetings.linkgroup.com/CCX23

## **Voting Exclusion**

Resolution	Voting Exclusion		
Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration	A vote on Resolution 1 must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of any of the following persons:		
	(a) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or		
Report	(b) a Closely Related Party of such member,		
	(collectively, an Excluded Voter).		
	However, an Excluded Voter may cast a vote on Resolution 1 if:		
	(i) the Excluded Voter does so as a proxy appointed by writing and the proxy appointment specifies how the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1; and		
	(ii) the vote is not cast on behalf on another Excluded Voter.		
	An Excluded Voter may also cast a vote on Resolution 1 if the Excluded Voter is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:		
	does not specify how the Chair is to vote; and		
	expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy vote even though Resolution 1 is connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.		
Resolution 3 -	The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of this Resolution 3 by or on behalf of:		
Issue of FY 24 Performance Rights under the Equity Incentive Plan to the CEO	<ul> <li>a person referred to in ASX Listing Rule 10.14.1, 10.14.2 or 10.14.3 who is eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan in respect of which Resolution 3 relates (including any Director who is eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan in respect of which Resolution 3 relates); or</li> </ul>		
and Managing	any of their respective associates.		
Director, Mr Phil Ryan	However, the Company need not disregard a vote in favour of Resolution 3 if:		
	<ul> <li>it is cast by a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney; or it is cast by the Chairperson of the Meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction given to the Chairperson to vote as the Chairperson decides.</li> </ul>		
	• it is cast by a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:		
	<ul> <li>the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting on Resolution 3; and</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>the holder votes on Resolution 3 in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.</li> </ul>		

By Order of the Board

Dated 18 October 2023

Jacquie Shanahan Company Secretary

## **Explanatory Memorandum to Shareholders**

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared to assist Shareholders to understand the business to be put to Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Ordinary business**

### Annual Report

Section 317 of the Corporations Act requires:

- the reports of the directors and auditors; and
- the financial statements of the Company for the 52 week period ended 2 July 2023,

to be laid before the Annual General Meeting.

Neither the Corporations Act nor the Constitution requires a vote of Shareholders on the reports or statements.

#### Asking questions

Shareholders will be given opportunity to raise questions or comments on the management of the Company.

A reasonable opportunity will be given to Shareholders at the Meeting to ask the Company's auditor questions relevant to the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements and the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

In addition to asking question at the Meeting, Shareholders may address written question to the Chair about the reports or financial statements prior to the Meeting. Shareholders should note that in accordance with section 250PA(1) of the Corporations Act, a Shareholder must submit written questions to the Company's auditor no later than the fifth business day prior to the date of the Meeting, being **Wednesday 15 November 2023**.

## 2. Resolution 1: Adoption of the Remuneration Report

The Directors' Report for the 52 weeks ended 2 July 2023 includes a Remuneration Report. The Remuneration Report is set out on pages 36 to 47 of the 2023 Annual Report.

The Remuneration Report discusses matters including (but not limited to):

- (a) board policies in relation to the nature and amount of remuneration paid to Directors and executives;
- (b) the relationship between the board policies and the Company's performance; and
- (c) the remuneration arrangements in place for the directors and key executives of the Company.

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act requires the Remuneration Report to be adopted and put to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Resolution 1 is advisory only

Section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act provides that Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. However, under section 300A(1)(g) of the Corporations Act, if 25% or more of the votes cast on this Resolution 1 are against adopting the Remuneration Report, the Company will be required to consider and report to Shareholders in the next Remuneration Report on what action (if any) has been taken in response to Shareholder concerns, and if no action is proposed to be taken, the Board's reason for this inaction.

#### **Spill Resolution**

In addition, pursuant to section 250U of the Corporations Act, the "two strikes" law applies to the results of voting in relation to Resolution 1. This means, that if the resolution proposing adoption of the Remuneration Report receives a "no" vote of 25% or more at two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders at the second annual general meeting a resolution on whether another meeting should be held (within 90 days) at which all Directors (other than the Managing Director who under the ASX Listing Rules may continue to hold office indefinitely without being re-elected) will cease to hold office but be eligible for election (a **Spill Resolution**). A simple majority of over 50% of the votes cast at the second annual general meeting is required to pass the Spill Resolution in accordance with section 250V of the Corporations Act.

A reasonable opportunity will be provided for discussion of the Remuneration Report at the Meeting.

Voting exclusions apply to Key Management Personnel and their Closely Related Parties in certain circumstances – please see the voting exclusion statement included in the Notice.

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

Noting that each Director has a personal interest in their own remuneration from the Company as set out in the Remuneration Report, Shareholders are asked to adopt the Remuneration Report and vote in favour of Resolution 1. Shareholders should note that the Chair intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of adopting the Remuneration Report.

### 3. Resolution 2: Re-election of Director, Mr Neil Thompson

#### **Regulatory and Constitutional requirements**

ASX Listing Rule 14.5 imposes a requirement on the Company to hold an election of Directors at each annual general meeting.

ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and clause 23.10(b) of the Constitution provide that a Director (other than the Managing Director) may not hold office for more than three years or beyond the third annual general meeting following the Director's appointment (whichever is the longer period) without submitting for re-election.

Clause 23.10(d) of the Constitution provides that if in any year there is no Director who is required to submit for re-election pursuant to clause 23.10(b), the Director to retire by rotation at that annual general meeting will be the Director who has been longest in office.

Any Director who retires in accordance with clause 23.10 of the Constitution is eligible for re-election.

#### Retirement by rotation and re-election of Mr Neil Thompson

Neil Thompson retires in accordance with clause 23.10(d) of the Constitution and offers himself for re-election.

Neil Thompson Neil Thompson was appointed as an independent, non-executive director to the Board on 5 August 2021 and his appointment was approved by shareholders on 17 November 2021. Neil is the chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the People, Culture and Remuneration Committee.

#### Experience, skills and tenure

Neil has significant financial, operational and strategic experience from a broad range of senior strategy and finance roles across various industries, including in freight and logistics, industrial products and, more recently, the technology sector. Neil was previously Chief Financial Officer of Ascender HCM (a leading payroll software and services company across Asia Pacific). Prior to Ascender Neil served as CFO/Finance Director across a number of listed and private equity backed business. He is currently a director of the Australian World Orchestra and serves as a Finance Operating Partner with Australian private equity firm, Potentia Capital.

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Board (with Mr Neil Thompson abstaining) recommends voting in favour of Resolution 2 for the re-election of Mr Neil Thompson to the Board of the Company.

The Chair intends to exercise all available proxies in favour of Resolution 2.

## 4. Resolution 3: Grant of FY24 Performance Rights under the Equity Incentive Plan to the CEO and Managing Director, Mr Phil Ryan

#### **Background**

Resolution 3 seeks Shareholder approval to grant to Mr Phil Ryan, the Company's CEO and Managing Director and therefore a related party of the Company, FY24 Performance Rights under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Executive remuneration framework and CEO variable remuneration

As outlined in the Remuneration Report, the principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration for executives are as follows:

#### PRINCIPLES USED TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION

#### PRINCIPLE 1

The objectives of the Group's executive remuneration framework are as follows:

- competitiveness and sustainability;
- acceptability to the Group's strategic and business objectives and the creation of shareholder value;
- performance linkage/ alignment of executive compensation;
- transparency and acceptability to shareholders.

#### PRINCIPLE 2

The reward framework is designed to align executive reward to the Company's interests. The Board have considered that it should seek to enhance the Company's interests by:

- including economic profit as a core component of plan design; and
- attracting and retaining high calibre executives.

#### PRINCIPLE 3

Alignment to program participants' interests:

- rewards capability and experience
- reflects competitive reward for profitable growth; and
- provides a clear structure for earning rewards.

As part of his remuneration, Mr Phil Ryan is eligible to receive both short-term and long-term incentives, in addition to his fixed remuneration. Details of Mr Ryan's remuneration for FY23 are included in the Remuneration Report.

#### **Long Term Incentives**

In recent years, the Company has utilised two equity incentives plans to deliver the long term, variable component of remuneration to senior executives – namely the Company's long term incentive plan (**Equity Incentive Plan**) and loan funded share plan (**LF Share Plan**).

At the 2019 AGM, shareholders approved a grant of loan funded shares (2019 LF Shares) to Mr Ryan as part of his remuneration arrangements following his appointment as CEO and Managing Director. The initial grant of 2019 LF Shares reflected the aggregate long-term incentive that Mr Ryan was entitled to over the 3-year period following the grant (i.e. for FY20-FY22) and no additional LF Shares or other equity based incentives have been issued to Mr Ryan since 2019.

In 2018, prior to his appointment as CEO and Managing Director, Mr Ryan received a number of performance rights under the Equity Incentive Plan (2018 Performance Rights).

The performance hurdles associated with the aforementioned 2019 LF Shares and 2018 Performance Rights are included in the Remuneration Report.

At the 2022 AGM shareholders approved the issue of Performance Rights under the Equity Incentive Plan to Mr Ryan (**FY23 Performance Rights**). Following the release of the Company half year results in February 2023 and reflecting on the Company's half year performance Mr Ryan elected to forgo the entitlement to the grant of the FY23 Performance Rights and the FY23 Performance Rights were cancelled.

#### **Short Term Incentives**

As a condition to receiving the LF Shares in 2019, Mr Ryan was not eligible to receive a short-term bonus, to which he would otherwise have been entitled under his remuneration arrangements, with respect to FY20 or FY21.

As part of Mr Ryan's remuneration for FY22, following the acquisition of Evans in the UK, the Board, based on advice from the Company's People, Culture and Remuneration Committee (**PCRC**) determined that Mr Ryan would be eligible for a short-term cash incentive subject to performance hurdles related to the performance of Evans and the Group's EMEA business being achieved. The relevant contribution to underlying EBITDA was not achieved and no short-term incentive was received by Mr Ryan in relation to FY22.

For FY23, the PCRC determined that Mr Ryan would be eligible for a short term incentive of up to one third of fixed remuneration if growth in underlying EBITDA was achieved for FY23. As a result of performance and other relevant hurdles not being met, no short-term incentive was payable to Mr Ryan in relation to FY23.

#### Reasons for Grant of FY24 Performance Rights to Mr Phil Ryan

For FY24, Mr Ryan, with approval from the Board, has agreed to forego his cash based short term incentive and receive his full entitlement to variable pay as deferred equity under the Equity Incentive Plan. Effective from the date of the AGM, Mr Ryan has also elected to accept a reduction in his total fixed remuneration from \$1,000,000 (including superannuation) to \$837,500 (including superannuation). Whilst his effective total fixed remuneration for FY24 will be \$905,451 (including superannuation), the reduced amount will be used for the purposes of the calculation of the grant of FY24 Performance Rights.

In this context, the Board has decided to grant Mr Ryan FY24 Performance Rights under the Equity Incentive Plan, with an EBITDA performance condition measured over a three-year period and a service condition measured over four years (**Vesting Conditions**). In the circumstances where the Company looks to rebuild following several years of uncertainty and unforeseen challenges, the Board's view is that EBITDA Margin is one of the most accurate ways to measure this rebuild and ensure management are all working towards the one goal. The Board believes this grant together with the Vesting Conditions create an alignment between Mr Ryan and Shareholders and are the appropriate incentive to encourage focus on creating value, enhancing profitability and driving an increase in the share price over the longer term.

The purpose of Resolution 3 is to seek Shareholder approval of the 'deferred equity' grant of FY24 Performance Rights to Mr Ryan as part of his variable remuneration for FY24.

#### **Details of the Equity Incentive Plan**

The Equity Incentive Plan provides for the Board to grant, from time to time, performance rights and/or options to selected executives of a Group Company.

A summary of the key terms of the Equity Incentive Plan (**Plan**) are set out below, and these terms apply to the FY24 Performance Rights.

	Eligibility and securities to be issued	The Board may (in its discretion) from time to time invite Eligible Individuals (as defined below) to participate in the Plan and be issued performance rights and/or options upon the terms set out in the Plan and upon such additional terms and conditions, including any vesting conditions, as the Board determines.
)	Eligible Individuals	An Eligible Individual means a person who is declared by the Board to be eligible to receive grants of performance rights and/or options under the Plan. In this Notice, an Eligible Individual that is issued performance rights and/or options under the Plan is referred to as a "participant".
	Issue price	Unless the Board determines otherwise, no payment is required for the grant of a performance right or option.
	Dividends	Any shares issued under the Plan upon exercise of a vested performance right or exercise of an option will rank equally in all respects with other ordinary shares for the time being on issue except as regards any rights attaching to such shares by reference to a record date prior to the date of their allotment. Unvested and unexercised performance rights and unexercised options are not eligible to receive dividends declared in relation to ordinary shares.

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Vesting, lapsing and allocation of shares	The Board may determine that performance rights and/or options offered will be subject to such vesting conditions as it determines. Vesting conditions may include performance-based conditions and/or service-based conditions.		
5	Performance rights and/or options will not vest unless:		
	<ul> <li>the vesting conditions attaching to the performance rights and/or options have been satisfied or waived by the Board;</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>the Board otherwise determines in accordance with the terms of the Plan (which includes in the event of a takeover, scheme of arrangement or winding-up of the Company as summarised below).</li> </ul>		
	If the vesting conditions are not met, the unvested performance rights and/or options will lapse.		
	Upon the exercise of a vested performance right or exercise of an option, the Company must issue to or procure the transfer to the participant the number of shares in respect of which performance rights have vested or options have been exercised.		
Lapsing of performance rights and/or options	Performance rights and/or options will lapse, in whole or part, as determined by the Board on the earlier of:		
	<ul> <li>any date nominated and specified by the Board</li> <li>failure to meet applicable vesting conditions in the prescribed period</li> <li>the participant ceasing to be a Group employee, unless otherwise determined by the Board</li> <li>the 10-year anniversary of the date of grant of a performance right or option</li> <li>where, in the opinion of the Board, the participant has acted fraudulently, dishonestly or in breach of their obligations to any Group company</li> <li>otherwise, at a specified time and for any reason, determined in the Board's absolute discretion.</li> </ul>		
Takeovers and Changes of Control	If the Company becomes subject to a takeover bid (as defined in the Corporations Act) the Board may, in its absolute discretion, determine that all or a specified number of a participant's performance rights or options vest, having regard to whether pro rata performance is in line with the applicable performance conditions and service conditions over the period from the date of grant to the date of the takeover bid.		
	The Board may, in its absolute discretion, determine that all or a specified number of a participant's performance rights or options vest where the Board is satisfied that the applicable performance conditions and service conditions have been satisfied on a pro rata basis over the period from the date of grant to the relevant date where:		
	<ul> <li>a Court orders a meeting to be held in relation to a proposed compromise or arrangement for the purposes of or in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction of the Company or its amalgamation with any other company or companies;</li> <li>any person becomes bound or entitled to acquire shares in the Company under:         <ol> <li>section 414 of the Corporations Act (upon a scheme of arrangement being approved) or</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
	ii. Chapter 6A of the Corporations Act (compulsory acquisition following a takeover bid);		
	<ul> <li>the Company passes a resolution for voluntary winding up; or</li> <li>an order is made for the compulsory winding up of the Company.</li> </ul>		
	lf:		
Changes in capital structure	<ul> <li>a) shares are issued pro rata to the Company's shareholders generally by way of bonus issue (other than an issue in lieu of dividends or by way of dividend reinvestment) involving capitalisation of reserves or distributable profits; or</li> <li>b) any reorganisation (including consolidation, subdivision, reduction or return) of the issued capital of the Company is effected;</li> </ul>		

	the number of performance rights or options to which each participant is entitled, or any amount payable on vesting of a performance right or exercise of an option, or both as appropriate, will be adjusted in the manner determined by the Board to ensure that no advantage or disadvantage accrues to the participant as a result of such corporate actions.
	If Shares are offered pro rata for subscription by the Company's shareholders generally by way of a rights issue during the currency of and prior to:
	(1) the exercise of performance rights; or
	(2) the exercise of any options,
	the Board may, in its discretion, adjust the number of performance rights, options or shares to take account of the rights issue.
Other	The Board may at any time and from time to time amend or vary the Plan and all or any rights or obligations of the participants or any of them. However, no amendments can be made to materially reduce a participant's accrued benefits or entitlements as they existed before the date of the amendment without the consent of the participant (except for the purpose of complying with laws (including tax laws) or regulating the maintenance or operation of the Plan, to correct any manifest error or mistake or to enable the Plan or the Company to comply with the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules or its Constitution).

#### **ASX Listing Rule 10.14**

ASX Listing Rule 10.14 requires Shareholder approval by ordinary resolution before a director can acquire securities or rights to securities under an employee incentive scheme. Accordingly, ASX Listing Rule 10.14 requires Shareholders to approve the proposed issue of FY24 Performance Rights to Mr Ryan as Mr Ryan falls within Listing Rule 10.14.1 by virtue of being a director.

If approval is given for the issue of FY24 Performance Rights under ASX Listing Rule 10.14, approval is not required under ASX Listing Rule 7.1, and separate approval is not required under ASX Listing Rule 10.11 (which provides a general restriction against issuing securities to directors without Shareholder approval).

#### Additional Information required by ASX Listing Rule 10.15

For the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 10.15, the following additional information is provided to Shareholders in relation to Resolution 4:

Information	Disclosure
Details of Mr Ryan's current total remuneration package	Mr Ryan has agreed to a reduction in his fixed salary effective from the AGM. For the purposes of the calculations of the grant of FY24 Performance Rights, Mr Ryan's revised salary will be used. The revised fixed remuneration for FY24 consists of:
	<ul> <li>total fixed salary of \$810,400 (exclusive of superannuation) (reduced from \$972,500 (exclusive of superannuation in FY23);</li> <li>superannuation; and</li> <li>variable remuneration opportunity equal to 120% of total fixed salary, comprising deferred equity, i.e. the FY24 Performance Rights the subject of this Resolution 3.</li> </ul>

Determination of the maximum
number of securities that may
be acquired by all persons for
whom approval is required

The number of FY24 Performance Rights to be granted to Mr Ryan will be determined by applying the following formula:

Number of Performance Rights =  $120\% \times Fixed \, Salary \div Share \, Price$ 

Where

**Fixed Salary** refers to Mr Ryan's revised fixed salary for FY24 (excluding superannuation), being \$810,400.

**Share Price** is to be determined by reference to the 5-day volume weighted average price (**VWAP**) of Company fully paid ordinary shares over the 5 trading days immediately prior to the Company's 2023 Annual General Meeting.

The number of FY24 Performance Rights will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

For example:

5 Day VWAP	Number of FY24 Performance Rights
\$0.30	3,241,667
\$0.35	2,778,571
\$0.40	2,431,250

#### **Vesting Conditions**

Under the Equity Incentive Plan, FY24 Performance Rights granted only vest subject to the achievement (or waiver in certain circumstances) of specific Vesting Conditions.

The Vesting Conditions set by the Board for the proposed issue of FY24 Performance Rights to Mr Ryan include both a performance-based vesting condition (**Performance Condition**) and a time-based vesting condition (**Service Condition**). In order for any FY24 Performance Rights to vest, both the Performance Condition and the Service Condition must be met. This means that no Performance Rights can vest until after the end of the Service Condition, being 30 June 2027 (subject to the Plan and unless otherwise waived by the Board), as assessed by the Board in its absolute discretion.

## FY24 Performance Performance Condition

#### **Performance Condition**

Right

The sole Performance Condition requires the Company to achieve at least the threshold Earnings before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortisation (**EBITDA**) Margin on the expiration of the three-year performance period commencing 3 July 2023 and ending on 28 June 2026.

Weighting	•	Percentage of FY24 Performance Rights that will satisfy the Performance Condition
100%	10% (threshold)	30%
	Between threshold and stretch	Straight line pro rata basis between threshold and stretch.
	15% (stretch)	100%

## FY24 Performance Right Service Condition

In order for any FY24 Performance Rights to vest, the Service Condition requires Mr Ryan to remain an employee or executive Director of the Company up to and including 30 June 2027. As noted above, the intention of the long-dated Service Condition is primarily two-fold; it seeks to retain an executive of Mr Ryan's capability and experience, and

	simultaneously seeks to drive the sustainably over the longer term.	continued focus of M	Ir Ryan on growing the Company
Summary of Equity Instruments to be granted in FY24	The equity instruments to be granted in FY24 comprise:  • performance rights  • 3-year performance measurement period  • 4-year service measurement period		
	Components	Inputs	Predictive Entitlements
	Fixed Base salary (ex super)	\$810,400	
	Stretch opportunity	120%	
		\$972,500	
	5-day VWAP predictive bands	\$0.3000	3,241,667 rights
		\$0.3500	2,778,571 rights
		\$0.4000	2,431,250 rights
acquired under the Equity Incentive Plan  Value attributed to the FY24 Performance Rights	on the grant of FY24 Performance Rights or on allocation of ordinary shares if FY24 Performance Rights vest and are exercised.  As noted above, the value attributed to each FY24 Performance Right for the purposes of determining the number of FY24 Performance Rights issued, will be the 5-day VWAP of fully paid ordinary shares over the 5 trading days immediately prior to the 2023 Company Annual General Meeting.		
Number of securities previously issued under the Equity Incentive Plan, LF Share Plan and average acquisition price (if any) paid by Mr Ryan for those securities	At the 2022 AGM, shareholders approved the issue of FY23 Performance Rights under the Equity Incentive Plan to Mr Ryan. As detailed above, Mr Ryan elected to forgo the entitlement to the grant of the FY23 Performance Rights and the FY23 Performance Rights were cancelled.		
	In November 2018, as part of Mr Ryan's appointment as CEO, Mr Ryan received 2,640,740 performance rights under the Equity Incentive Plan (referred to as Tranches 1, 2A, 2B and 2C in the Remuneration Report). The performance and service hurdles attaching to those earlier grants are detailed in the Remuneration Report. Nil consideration was payable by Mr Ryan upon issue of the performance rights and no loan was provided to Mr Ryan under the terms of grant.		
		LF Share Plan. Those	ber 2019, following receipt of e LF Shares were issued at \$2.68 per on for the whole of the subscription
The names of all Directors entitled to participate in the	All executive Directors are entitle currently includes only Mr Ryan.	d to participate in the	Equity Incentive Plan, which
Equity Incentive Plan	Non-executive directors are not entitled to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan.		

The date by which the entity will issue the securities	If approved, the FY24 Performance Rights will be issued to Mr Ryan as soon as practicable after the 2023 Annual General Meeting, but in any event no later than 12 months after the Meeting.	
Other	The Company advises that:	
3 3 )	<ul> <li>details of any FY24 Performance Rights issued under the Equity Incentive Plan will be published in the Company's Annual Report relating to the period in which they were issued, along with a statement confirming; and</li> <li>if any additional persons covered by Listing Rule 10.14 that are not currently named in this Notice of Meeting become entitled to participate in an issue of FY24 Performance Rights (or other securities) under the Equity Incentive Plan</li> </ul>	
	after the date of this Resolution, such person will not participate until approval is obtained under Listing Rule 10.14.	

A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice.

#### **Corporations Act - Acceleration of vesting and Termination Benefits**

Part 2D.2, Division 2 of the Corporations Act provides that a listed company must not permit a person in a managerial or executive office (including a Director) to receive a benefit in connection with their retirement or removal from office or employment (**Termination Benefit**), except with respect to certain statutory exceptions, over the applicable 'base salary amount' (calculated as 12 months of the applicable person's base salary plus any short term benefits not dependent on performance conditions paid during the relevant period), without Shareholder approval.

The Board has formed the view that should the FY24 Performance Rights proposed to be issued to Mr Ryan not automatically be forfeited on cessation of employment, the value of the FY24 Performance Rights provided may be considered a Termination Benefit. Similarly, in the event that the FY24 Performance Rights issued to Mr Ryan vest if the Company becomes subject to a change of control event, the value of the FY24 Performance Rights provided may be considered a Termination Benefit (particularly if Mr Ryan is no longer employed by the Company after the relevant change of control event). Accordingly, Shareholder approval must be sought for any such benefit which Mr Ryan may receive under the Equity Incentive Plan.

Accordingly, where a participant ceases to be an employee before the performance right or option has vested, the Board may determine the extent to which the FY24 Performance Rights or options granted to the participant vest, under the Equity Incentive Plan. If no determination is made by the Board, then all FY24 Performance Rights and options held by the participant will lapse. If Shareholders approve Resolution 3, the maximum number of FY24 Performance Rights that may vest upon the retirement or removal from office of Mr Ryan under the Equity Incentive Plan will be the number of FY24 Performance Rights granted to Mr Ryan under Resolution 3 (plus the number of other Performance Rights and LF Shares previously granted to him). However, the actual number of FY24 Performance Rights that may vest upon retirement or removal from office (if any) will depend on a range of factors. Accordingly, the precise value of the affected FY24 Performance Rights cannot presently be ascertained at this time. Matters, events and circumstances that will, or are likely to, affect the calculation of that value include the following:

- the number of unvested FY24 Performance Rights held by Mr Ryan prior to the cessation of employment;
- the extent to which the relevant Vesting Conditions attaching to the FY24 Performance Rights before they vest are met at the time;
- the period that has elapsed at that time since the issue of the FY24 Performance Rights;
- the reasons for cessation of employment;
- the number of FY24 Performance Rights that vest; and
- the Company's share price at the date of vesting.

The Company will calculate the value of the FY24 Performance Rights on the basis of the prevailing share price of the Company at the time.

What happens if Shareholders do not approve the resolution?

Firstly, the Board takes Shareholder feedback on remuneration seriously, and will consider any feedback associated with a vote against this resolution.

If Shareholder approval is not obtained, the proposed grant of FY24 Performance Rights Mr Ryan will not proceed.

In such circumstances the Board will consider alternative remuneration arrangements, including a cash payment, which it believes may be less effective in aligning Mr Ryan's interests with Shareholders.

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Directors, except for Mr Phil Ryan, unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

The Chairperson intends to exercise all available proxies in favour of Resolution 3.

## **Glossary**

In this Notice, the following items have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

\$ means Australian Dollars.

Annual Report means the Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended 2 July 2023.

ASX means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 and, where the context permits, the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited.

**ASX Listing Rules** means the official listing rules of the ASX.

**Board** means the current board of directors of the Company.

Chair means the person chairing the Meeting.

Closely Related Party has the meaning as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

Company means City Chic Collective Limited ACN 057 569 169.

Constitution means the Company's Constitution.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**Directors** means the current directors of the Company.

Eligible Individuals has the meaning given to that term in the Explanatory Memorandum.

**Equity Incentive Plan or the Plan** means the employee incentive scheme of the Company titled 'Specialty Fashion Group Limited Long Term Incentive Plan Rules', adopted by the Board in 2010, which provides for the Board to grant, from time to time, performance rights, and/or options to selected executives of a Group Company.

Explanatory Memorandum means the explanatory memorandum accompanying and forming part of this Notice.

Key Management Personnel has the meaning as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

**LF Share Plan** means the loan funded share plan of the Company titled 'CCX Loan Funded Share Plan Rules', adopted by the Board in October 2019.

**Meeting** or **Annual General Meeting** means the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000 on 22 November 2023 at 10:00am (Sydney time).

Notice means this Notice of Annual General Meaning (including the Explanatory Memorandum and the Proxy Form).

**Participants** has the meaning given to that term in the Explanatory Memorandum.

Performance Condition has the meaning given to that term in the Explanatory Memorandum.

Proxy Form means the proxy form accompanying this Notice.

Remuneration Report means the remuneration report as set out in the Annual Report.

Resolutions means the resolutions set out in this Notice, or any one of them, as the context requires.

Securities includes Shares, rights to Shares, options to acquire Shares and other securities with rights of conversion to equity.

Service Condition has the meaning given to that term in the Explanatory Memorandum.

**Share** means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

Shareholder means a holder of a Share.

**Vesting Conditions** mean any Performance Condition or Service Condition determined by the Board which must be satisfied or circumstances which must exist before a performance right under the Equity Incentive Plan vests.

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I/We being a member(s) of City Chic Collective Limited and entitled to attend and vote hereby appoint:

#### APPOINT A PROXY

the Chairman of the Meeting (mark box)

**OR** if you are **NOT** appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy.

Name

or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf (including to vote in accordance with the following directions or, if no directions have been given and to the extent permitted by the law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 10:00am (Sydney Time) on Wednesday, 22 November 2023 at The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (the Meeting) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting.

You can participate by attending in person, completing this form in accordance with the instructions or you can watch the meeting via the webcast at <a href="https://meetings.linkgroup.com/CCX23">https://meetings.linkgroup.com/CCX23</a>.

Important for Resolutions 1 and 3: If the Chairperson of the Meeting is your proxy, either by appointment or by default, and you have not indicated your voting intention below, you expressly authorise the Chairperson of the Meeting to exercise the proxy in respect of Resolutions 1 and 3, even though the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel (KMP).

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business.

#### **VOTING DIRECTIONS**

Proxies will only be valid and accepted by the Company if they are signed and received no later than 48 hours before the Meeting. Please read the voting instructions overleaf before marking any boxes with an  $\boxtimes$ 

#### Resolutions

For Against Abstain\*

- 1 Adoption of the Remuneration Report
- 2 Re-election of Director Mr Neil Thompson
- 3 Grant of FY24 Performance Rights under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan to the CEO and Managing Director, Mr Phil Ryan





\* If you mark the Abstain box for a particular Item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or on a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.

#### SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDERS – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

Shareholder 1 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 2 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 3 (Individual)

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Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary

Director/Company Secretary (Delete one)

Director

This form should be signed by the shareholder. If a joint holding, either shareholder may sign. If signed by the shareholder's attorney, the power of attorney must have been previously noted by the registry or a certified copy attached to this form. If executed by a company, the form must be executed in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).



#### **HOW TO COMPLETE THIS SHAREHOLDER PROXY FORM**

#### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

This is your name and address as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, please make the correction on the form. Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes. Please note: you cannot change ownership of your shares using this form.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

If you wish to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box in Step 1. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that individual or body corporate in Step 1. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

#### DEFAULT TO CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chairman of the Meeting, who is required to vote those proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chairman of the Meeting will be voted according to the instructions set out in this Proxy Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of KMP.

#### **VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS – PROXY APPOINTMENT**

You may direct your proxy how to vote by placing a mark in one of the boxes opposite each item of business. All your shares will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on any item by inserting the percentage or number of shares you wish to vote in the appropriate box or boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on the items of business, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on an item your vote on that item will be invalid.

#### APPOINTMENT OF A SECOND PROXY

You are entitled to appoint up to two persons as proxies to attend the Meeting and vote on a poll. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by telephoning the Company's share registry or you may copy this form and return them both together.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

- (a) on each of the first Proxy Form and the second Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or number of shares applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded; and
- (b) return both forms together.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

You must sign this form as follows in the spaces provided:

Individual: where the holding is in one name, the holder must sign.

**Joint Holding:** where the holding is in more than one name, either shareholder may sign.

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under Power of Attorney, you must lodge the Power of Attorney with the registry. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

Companies: where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the *Corporations Act 2001*) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

#### **CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES**

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting virtually the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Corporate Representative" must be received at registrars@linkmarketservices.com.au prior to admission in accordance with the Notice of Annual General Meeting. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's share registry or online at www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

#### **LODGEMENT OF A PROXY FORM**

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below by 10:00am (Sydney Time) on Monday, 20 November 2023, being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

Proxy Forms may be lodged using the reply paid envelope or:



#### **ONLINE**

#### https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Voting' and follow the prompts to lodge your vote. To use the online lodgement facility, shareholders will need their "Holder Identifier" - Shareholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN).



#### BY MOBILE DEVICE

Our voting website is designed specifically for voting online. You can now lodge your proxy by scanning the QR code adjacent or enter the voting link https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com into your mobile device. Log in using the Holder Identifier and postcode for your shareholding.



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