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If you are in any doubt as to the action to be taken, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent professional adviser authorised pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 immediately.

If you have recently sold or transferred all of your shares please forward this document, together with the accompanying documents, as soon as possible either to the purchaser or transferee or to the person who arranged the sale or transfer so they can pass these documents to the person who now holds the shares.



### THE LAKES DISTILLERY COMPANY PLC

## (REGISTERED IN ENGLAND AND WALES WITH REGISTERED NUMBER 07769363)

### **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

Registered office:

Low Barkhouse Farm
Setmurthy
Cockermouth
Cumbria
England
CA13 9SJ

Dear Shareholder 11 December 2023

### **Notice of General Meeting**

I am pleased to enclose a formal notice of a General Meeting (**GM** or **Meeting**) of The Lakes Distillery Company plc (**Company**) to be held at Muckle LLP, Time Central, 32 Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4BF on Friday 29 December 2023 at 1.15 p.m. This letter and the explanatory notes at the end of the notice of the Meeting (**Notice**) give the background to and explain the resolution that is being proposed at the General Meeting (**Resolution**).

The Company is required to hold a General Meeting in which the company's accounts are presented to shareholders. We would normally lay the annual accounts before members in a resolution at the Annual General Meeting (**AGM**). However, it has not been possible to do so this year and so, in order to lay the accounts before members and to ensure the Company meets its statutory requirements, the General Meeting to receive the annual accounts will take place following the AGM on Friday 29 December and will consider the Resolution only. No other business is proposed for the General Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, this Notice and the GM itself will be held immediately after the AGM not instead of it.

We would normally send the annual accounts included in this correspondence at the same time as the AGM documents you have recently received. However, the work required to conclude a new funding arrangement and reset our lending covenants was only completed on 7 December 2023 and as result, it was not possible to send the annual accounts to you with the AGM notice.

I mentioned in my letter to you on 6 December that the Board are very keen to engage with shareholders and to hear your views and answer any questions you may have about the business. Although we have included a short shareholder update with this notice, we are in the process of arranging a Shareholder Day and further details about this will follow in the New Year.

The Board is aware that this date may not be convenient for some shareholders. If you are not able to attend the Meeting, a form of proxy is enclosed for you to complete (according to the instructions printed on it) and send to Link Group, to be received no later than 1.15 p.m. on 27 December 2023. Completion and submission of the form of proxy will not prevent you from attending and voting at the Meeting if you subsequently find that you are able to do so.

I would like to encourage shareholders to complete and return a proxy form as soon as possible.

### Recommendation

Your Directors believe that the Resolution is in the best interests of the Company and shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, they unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of the Resolution, as those Directors who are shareholders intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings in the Company.

Yours faithfully

### **Tim Farazmand**

Non-Executive Chairman

# THE LAKES DISTILLERY COMPANY PLC (CRN: 07769363)

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You will be asked to consider and vote on the resolution below (**Resolution**). The Resolution will be proposed as an ordinary resolution, as explained in the attached Explanatory Notes.

## **Ordinary Business**

1. To receive the accounts for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 together with the reports of the Directors and of the auditor thereon.

By order of the Board

#### **Tim Farazmand**

Non-Executive Chairman

The Lakes Distillery Company plc (CRN: 07769363) whose registered office is at Low Barkhouse Farm, Setmurthy, Cockermouth, Cumbria, England, CA13 9SJ.

11 December 2023

### **Notes to the Notice of General Meeting**

### 1. Appointment of proxies

If you are a shareholder who is entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting, you are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting and you have received a form of proxy with this notice of Meeting. A proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the Company but must attend the Meeting to represent you. Details of how to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting or another person as your proxy using the form of proxy are set out in the notes to the form of proxy. 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) and give your instructions directly to that person. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these notes and the notes to the form of proxy.

To appoint a proxy, you must use the form of proxy provided and the form must be:

- completed and signed;
- sent or delivered to the Company's registrars, Link Group; and
- received by the Company's registrars no later than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting, therefore by 1.15 p.m. on 27 December 2023.

Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the form of proxy is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the form of proxy.

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).

### 2. Voting directions

If you do not give your proxy an indication of how to vote on any resolution, your proxy will vote at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting.

The notes to the form of proxy explain how to direct your proxy how to vote on each resolution.

### 3. Changing proxy instructions

Shareholders may change proxy instructions by submitting a new proxy appointment using the methods set out above. Note that the cut-off time for receipt of proxy appointments also apply in relation to amended instructions; any amended proxy appointment received after the relevant cut off time will be disregarded.

Where you have appointed a proxy using the hard-copy form of proxy and would like to change the instructions using another hard-copy form of proxy, please contact Link Group.

If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.

## 4. Termination of proxy appointment

A shareholder may revoke a proxy instruction but to do so you will need to inform the Company in writing by sending a signed hard-copy notice clearly stating your intention to revoke your proxy appointment to the Company. In the case of a shareholder which is a company, the revocation notice must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney for the company. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the revocation notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the revocation notice.

The revocation notice must be received by the Company no later than commencement of the proposed meeting.

If you attempt to revoke your proxy appointment but the revocation is received after the time specified, your original proxy appointment will remain valid unless you attend the Meeting and vote in person.

Appointment of a proxy does not preclude you from attending the Meeting and voting in person. If you have appointed a proxy and attend the Meeting in person, your proxy appointment will automatically be terminated.

#### 5. Communication

Except as provided above, shareholders who have general questions about the Meeting should contact David Robinson on 0191 255 9800 or by email at davidrobinson@lakesdistillery.com (no other methods of communication will be accepted).

You may not use any electronic address provided either:

- in this notice of General Meeting; or
- any related documents (including the form of proxy),

to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

### 6. Entitlement to attend and vote

Only those shareholders registered in the Company's register of members at:

- close of business on 27 December 2023; or
- if this meeting is adjourned, at close of business on the day two days prior to the adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting in respect of the number of ordinary shares of £0.02 each in the capital of the Company registered in their name at that time. Subsequent changes to entries in the register of members shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the Meeting.

# THE LAKES DISTILLERY COMPANY PLC (CRN: 07769363)

# **Explanatory Notes**

## **Ordinary Business**

The Company, as a public company, is required to lay before the members in general meeting copies of its annual accounts and reports.

Copies of the annual accounts and reports have been circulated to members with the Notice and the directors will present, as an ordinary resolution, in Resolution 1, the annual accounts for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 together with the reports of the directors and the auditors at the meeting.