

ASX Announcement



28 October 2022

## **Cardno Limited (ASX Code: CDD) - Notice of Annual General Meeting, Notice and Proxy Form**

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 3.17.1, please find attached a copy of the Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting, accompanying Notice and Proxy Form.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 11:00am AEDT (Sydney time) on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at the offices of Crescent Capital, Level 29, Governor Phillip Tower 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000.

A printed copy of the 2022 Annual Report is also being mailed today to all shareholders who have elected to receive a printed copy.

Further information on how shareholders may participate in the meeting online, is contained in the Notice of Meeting.

**This announcement has been authorised by Cardno's Company Secretary.**

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# CARDNO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## **Meeting Documentation**

The 2022 AGM is to be held  
on **Tuesday, 29 November  
2022**

Commencing at 11:00am  
(Sydney time)

# 2022

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of **CARDNO LIMITED** (ABN 70 108 112 303) ('**Cardno**' or '**Company**') will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at 11:00am (Sydney Time) at the offices of Crescent Capital, Level 29, Governor Phillip Tower 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000

## Ordinary Business

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the Company's financial reports and the report of the Directors and the Company's auditor contained in the Company's Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

#### 1. RE-ELECTION OF MICHAEL ALSCHER

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

*'That Michael Alscher, a Director retiring by rotation in accordance with rule 19.3(b) of the Constitution and Listing Rule 14.4, and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director.'*

#### 2. REMUNERATION REPORT

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a non-binding advisory resolution in accordance with section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act:

*'That the Remuneration Report contained in the Company's Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 be adopted.'*

This resolution is subject to voting exclusions as set out at the end of this Notice of Meeting.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

To consider and, if in favour, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

*"That, for the purposes of section 327C(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and for all other purposes, subject to receipt by the Company of ASIC's consent to the resignation of KPMG as auditor of the Company prior to this Annual General Meeting and KPMG's resignation as auditor, DFK Laurence Varnay of Suite 12.01, Level 12, 222 Pitt St, Sydney NSW, having consented in writing to act as auditors of the Company, be appointed as auditors of the Company."*

By order of the Board

Dated 27 October 2022



**CHERIE O'RIORDAN**  
Company Secretary

# Notes

## POLL

In accordance with Article 16.13 of the Company's constitution, the Chairman intends to call a poll on each of the resolutions proposed at the meeting.

## ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE

You will be eligible to vote at the meeting if you are a registered holder of ordinary shares in the Company as at 7.00 pm (Sydney time) on Sunday, 27 November 2022.

## VOTING

1. Cardno has determined that for the purpose of voting at the meeting or adjourned meeting, Shareholders who are recorded in Cardno's register of Shareholders as at 7:00 pm (Sydney time) on Sunday, 27 November 2022 will be taken, for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting, to be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

## APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

2. If you are a Shareholder and you are unable to attend and vote at the meeting, and wish to appoint a proxy, please go to [www.investorvote.com.au](http://www.investorvote.com.au) and appoint your proxy. You will need your six-digit Control Number and your Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN). Alternatively, you can scan the QR code with your mobile device and insert your post code. This information is located on the front of your Shareholder letter. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of Cardno.
3. The Proxy Form (and a certified copy of the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed) must be received by our Share Registry, Computershare Investor Services, **no later than 11:00am (AEDT) (Sydney time) on Sunday, 27 November 2022 (being at least 48 hours before the Meeting)** at the address below or submitted electronically:

Computershare Investor Services  
GPO Box 242, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001  
or faxed to 1800 783 447 (within Australia) and +61 3 9473 2555 (outside Australia)

Lodge electronically by going online at:  
[www.investorvote.com.au](http://www.investorvote.com.au)

If you require an additional Proxy Form, contact the Company's share registry on 1300 850 505 (within Australia) or +61 3 9415 4000 (outside Australia), who will supply it on request.

4. Shareholders are encouraged to submit their Proxy Forms online. If you wish to post a Proxy Form, please be aware of current postal timeframes, including the possibility of delays due to COVID-19 disruptions and reduced frequency of deliveries.
5. Intermediary Online Subscribers (Custodians) may lodge their proxy instruction online by visiting [www.intermediaryonline.com](http://www.intermediaryonline.com).

6. A Shareholder entitled to attend and cast two or more votes at the meeting is entitled to appoint no more than two proxies to attend and vote in their stead. Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy should be appointed to represent a specified proportion of the Shareholder's voting rights. Failure to apportion voting rights will result in each proxy being entitled to vote half of the Shareholder's votes.
7. A corporation may elect to appoint a representative, rather than appoint a proxy, in accordance with the Corporations Act, in which case the Company will require written proof of the representative's appointment which must be lodged with or presented to the Company before the meeting.

If you have any queries about how to cast your votes, you can contact our Share Registry, Computershare on 1300 850 505 (within Australia) or +61 3 9415 4000 (outside Australia).

## SHAREHOLDER QUESTIONS

Whilst Shareholders will be provided with the opportunity to submit questions online at the meeting, it would be desirable if the Company was able to receive them in advance.

Shareholders are therefore requested to send any questions they may have for the Company or its directors at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting to [cherie.oriordan@cddho.com.au](mailto:cherie.oriordan@cddho.com.au).

Please note that not all questions may be able to be answered during the meeting. In this case answers will be made available on the Company's website after the meeting.

## VOTING EXCLUSION STATEMENTS

### RESOLUTION 2.

In accordance with the Corporations Act, Cardno will disregard any votes cast by or on behalf of:

*a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company whose remuneration details are contained in the Remuneration Report and any Closely Related Party of such a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company whether the votes are cast as a Shareholder, proxy or in any other capacity, in favour of Resolution 2.*

However, Cardno need not disregard a vote in relation to any resolution if:

- it is cast by a person referred to above who is otherwise excluded from voting on that resolution, as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the proxy form; or
- it is cast by the Chair of the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

# Explanatory Memorandum

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## ORDINARY BUSINESS

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

The Corporations Act requires that the Company's Annual Report (which includes the report of the Directors, the report of the Company's auditor and the financial reports) be presented to the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Constitution provides for such reports and statements to be received and considered at the Annual General Meeting.

This item does not require a formal resolution and, accordingly, no vote will be held on this item.

Shareholders will be allowed a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, or make comments on, the management of the Company during discussions on this item.

The Company's external auditor will be present at the meeting and Shareholders will be given the opportunity to ask the auditor questions on the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company for the preparation of the financial statements and the independence of the auditor. Shareholders may also submit written questions to the auditor, which should be received by the Company no later than 5:00pm (Sydney time) on Tuesday, 22 November 2022.

### RESOLUTION 1 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

Listing Rule 14.4 and rule 19.3(b) of the Constitution provide that a director of an entity must not hold office (without re-election) past the third annual general meeting following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is longer. In accordance with Listing Rule 14.4 and rule 19.3(b) of the Constitution, Michael Alscher, being eligible for re-election, stands for re-election.

**A full summary of Michael Alscher's experience and qualifications is detailed below.**

Director	Experience	Special Responsibilities
<b>Michael Alscher</b>	<p>Michael Alscher joined as a Non-Executive Director of Cardno Limited in November 2015. He then became Chairman in January 2016.</p> <p>He is the Managing Partner and founder of Crescent Capital Partners, a leading Australian based private equity investment firm, specialising in high growth companies and certain industry sectors such as healthcare.</p> <p>Prior to founding Crescent in 2000, Michael was a strategy consultant at Bain International and the LEK Partnership as well as holding several senior operating roles.</p> <p>Michael is the current Chair of National Dental Care Limited, 24-7 Healthcare Pty Ltd and is a Non-Executive Director of Clearview Wealth Limited, Green Leaves Early Learning Centres Pty Ltd and Aurora Expeditions Holdings Pty Ltd. Michael's former director roles include Chair of Cover-More Group Limited, LifeHealthcare Group Limited and Director of Metro Performance Glass Limited and Intega Group Limited.</p> <p>Prior to founding Crescent in 2000, Michael was a strategy consultant at Bain International and LEK Partnership as well as holding several senior operating roles.</p> <p>Michael holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance and Mathematics) from the University of New South Wales.</p>	<p><i>Non-Executive Chairman</i></p> <p><i>Member of Audit, Risk &amp; Compliance Committee</i></p>

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### DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION

The Directors (other than Mr Alscher) unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of Resolution 1.

## RESOLUTION 2 – DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION REPORT

The Corporations Act requires that listed companies put a resolution to their shareholders to adopt by way of a non-binding advisory vote the Remuneration Report as found in the Company’s Annual Report.

The resolution of Shareholders is advisory only and **not binding** on the Directors or the Company. However, the Board and its Remuneration Committee will take the outcome of this vote into account when considering future remuneration policy for non-executive Directors and executive key management personnel. If more than 25% of the votes cast on this resolution are against the adoption of the Remuneration Report, the Remuneration Report for the following year must either address any comments received from Shareholders or explain why no action has been taken in response to those comments. If, at the following annual general meeting, the Remuneration Report is again voted against by 25% or more of votes cast, a ‘spill resolution’ will be put to Shareholders. If at least 50% of the votes cast are in favour of the ‘spill resolution’ a special meeting of the Company will be held within 90 days at which the Directors in office at the time of the second annual general meeting must resign and stand for re-election.

The Remuneration Report for the 2021 financial year was passed by a poll at the Company’s 2021 Annual General Meeting. Further, the Company did not receive any specific feedback at that annual general meeting or during the year on its remuneration practices.

The Remuneration Report is contained in the Company’s Annual Report, which is available on the Company’s website at <https://cddho.com>. It:

- explains the Board’s policies in relation to the nature and level of remuneration paid to Directors and other KMP within the Group;
- discusses the link between the Board’s policies and the Company’s performance;
- sets out the remuneration details for each Director and for each other member of the Company’s KMP; and
- makes clear that the basis for remunerating non-executive Directors is distinct from the basis for remunerating executives, including executive Directors.

The Chairman will give Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, or to make comments on, the Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting.

## DIRECTORS’ RECOMMENDATION

As the resolution relates to matters including the remuneration of the Directors, the Board, as a matter of corporate governance and in accordance with the spirit of section 250R(4) Corporations Act, makes no recommendation regarding this resolution.

## RESOLUTION 3 – APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It is proposed that subject to receipt by the Company of ASIC’s consent to the resignation of KPMG as auditor of the Company prior to this Annual General Meeting, and KPMG’s resignation as auditor with effect from the close of this Annual General Meeting, the Company appoint DFK Laurence Varnay of Suite 12.01, Level 12, 222 Pitt St, Sydney NSW as auditor of the Company with effect from this meeting.

In accordance with the Corporations Act:

- (a) KPMG holds office as auditor until close of this Annual General Meeting of the Company; and
- (b) the Company has sought and obtained a nomination from a shareholder for DFK Laurence Varnay of Suite 12.01, Level 12, 222 Pitt St, Sydney NSW to be appointed as the Company’s auditor. A copy of this nomination is attached to this Explanatory Statement as Annexure A.

DFK Laurence Varnay have given their written consent to act as the Company’s auditor subject to shareholder approval of this Resolution.

## DIRECTORS’ RECOMMENDATION

The Directors unanimously recommend that the Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolution.

# Glossary

Cardno Limited ABN 70 108 112 303

<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	means the Annual General Meeting convened by this Notice of Meeting.
<b>Annual Report</b>	means the Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022.
<b>ASX</b>	means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691.
<b>Board</b>	means the board of Directors of the Company.
<b>Closely Related Party</b>	in relation to a member of Key Management Personnel, means: (a) a spouse or child of the member; (b) a child or the member's spouse; (c) a dependant of the member or of the member's spouse; (d) anyone in the member's family who may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealings with the Company; or (e) a company which the member controls.
<b>Company or Cardno</b>	means Cardno Limited (ABN 70 108 112 303)
<b>Constitution</b>	means the constitution of the Company.
<b>Corporations Act</b>	means <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth).
<b>Director</b>	means the directors of the Company.
<b>Explanatory Memorandum</b>	means the explanatory statement accompanying the resolutions contained in this Notice of Meeting.
<b>Financial Report</b>	means the Financial Report set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.
<b>Key Management Personnel or KMP</b>	means the key management personnel of the Company, being those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company either directly or indirectly. It includes all Directors (executive and non-executive). The Key Management Personnel during the year ended 30 June 2022 are listed in the Remuneration Report.
<b>Notice of Meeting</b>	means this notice of meeting and includes the Explanatory Memorandum.
<b>Listing Rules</b>	means the listing rules of ASX.
<b>Remuneration Report</b>	means the remuneration report set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.
<b>Share</b>	means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.
<b>Shareholder</b>	means a holder of Shares.



# Annexure A

# Nomination of auditor

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The Directors  
Cardno Limited  
Level 12, 225 George St  
Sydney NSW 2000

6 October 2022

Dear Directors

## **NOMINATION OF AUDITOR**

Pursuant to section 328B(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*, Richmond Hill Capital as the Investment Manager of the RH High Conviction Fund, being a shareholder of Cardno Limited, provide notice of nomination of *DFK Laurence Varnay of Suite 12.01, Level 12, 222 Pitt St, Sydney NSW* for appointment as the company auditor of Cardno Limited.

It is intended that this nomination will be put forward as an item of business for consideration of shareholders at the annual general meeting of the company that is to be held on 29 November 2022.

Your sincerely



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Director & Portfolio Manager

Richmond Hill Capital




**Cardno Limited**  
ABN 70 108 112 303




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+61 3 9415 4000 (outside Australia)

 **Online:**  
[www.investorcentre.com/contact](http://www.investorcentre.com/contact)



## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by **11:00am (Sydney Time)** on **Sunday, 27 November 2022**.

# Proxy Form

## How to Vote on Items of Business

All your securities will be voted in accordance with your directions.

### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

**Voting 100% of your holding:** Direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. If you do not mark a box your proxy may vote or abstain as they choose (to the extent permitted by law). If you mark more than one box on an item your vote will be invalid on that item.

**Voting a portion of your holding:** Indicate a portion of your voting rights by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the For, Against or Abstain box or boxes. The sum of the votes cast must not exceed your voting entitlement or 100%.

**Appointing a second proxy:** You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the meeting and vote on a poll. If you appoint two proxies you must specify the percentage of votes or number of securities for each proxy, otherwise each proxy may exercise half of the votes. When appointing a second proxy write both names and the percentage of votes or number of securities for each in Step 1 overleaf.

**A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.**

## SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL FORMS

**Individual:** Where the holding is in one name, the securityholder must sign.

**Joint Holding:** Where the holding is in more than one name, all of the securityholders should sign.

**Power of Attorney:** If you have not already lodged the Power of Attorney with the registry, 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 sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held. Delete titles as applicable.

## PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

### Corporate Representative

If a representative of a corporate securityholder or proxy is to participate in the meeting you will need to provide the appropriate "Appointment of Corporate Representative". A form may be obtained from Computershare or online at [www.investorcentre.com/au](http://www.investorcentre.com/au) and select "Printable Forms".

## Lodge your Proxy Form:

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### Online:

Lodge your vote online at [www.investorvote.com.au](http://www.investorvote.com.au) using your secure access information or use your mobile device to scan the personalised QR code.

Your secure access information is



**Control Number: 999999**  
**SRN/HIN: I999999999**  
**PIN: 99999**

For Intermediary Online subscribers (custodians) go to [www.intermediaryonline.com](http://www.intermediaryonline.com)

### By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited  
GPO Box 242  
Melbourne VIC 3001  
Australia

### By Fax:

1800 783 447 within Australia or  
+61 3 9473 2555 outside Australia



**PLEASE NOTE:** For security reasons it is important that you keep your SRN/HIN confidential.

You may elect to receive meeting-related documents, or request a particular one, in electronic or physical form and may elect not to receive annual reports. To do so, contact Computershare.

MR SAM SAMPLE  
FLAT 123  
123 SAMPLE STREET  
THE SAMPLE HILL  
SAMPLE ESTATE  
SAMPLEVILLE VIC 3030

**Change of address.** If incorrect, mark this box and make the correction in the space to the left. Securityholders sponsored by a broker (reference number commences with 'X') should advise your broker of any changes.



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# Proxy Form

Please mark  to indicate your directions

## Step 1 Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

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I/We being a member/s of Cardno Limited hereby appoint

the Chairman of the Meeting OR

**PLEASE NOTE:** Leave this box blank if you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting. Do not insert your own name(s).

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Cardno Limited to be held at Crescent Capital, Level 29, Governor Phillip Tower 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at 11:00am (Sydney Time) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting.

**Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions:** Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 2 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolution 2 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

**Important Note:** If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolution 2 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

## Step 2 Items of Business

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

	For	Against	Abstain
1 RE-ELECTION OF MICHAEL ALSCHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 REMUNERATION REPORT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Meeting may change his/her voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

## Step 3 Signature of Securityholder(s) *This section must be completed.*

Individual or Securityholder 1  Securityholder 2  Securityholder 3  / /  
Sole Director & Sole Company Secretary Director Director/Company Secretary Date

**Update your communication details** (Optional)

Mobile Number  Email Address  By providing your email address, you consent to receive future Notice of Meeting & Proxy communications electronically

