



# Annual reports and AGMs

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# A dedicated top-tier specialist team

Companies are under increased scrutiny and face a raft of legislation and best practice codes. Our specialist team works with our clients to help them navigate these challenges and also to understand how they will impact their next annual report and AGM.

## Clients benefit from:

- A dedicated team of specialist senior lawyers with decades of experience advising listed clients on their annual reports, AGMs and ongoing corporate governance arrangements
- Up-to-the-minute knowledge of the law, regulation and best practice guidance
- A highly informed overview of current market practice and the issues that are engaging institutional shareholders
- Technical and practical advice on AGM planning, including electronic and hybrid AGMs and best practice for shareholder engagement
- Insight into emerging market practice, including in relation to TCFD reporting, climate-related AGM resolutions and ESG-related metrics in long-term incentive performance conditions
- Our perspective on potential future developments, for example in relation to diversity reporting and audit and corporate governance reform

## Ranked top tier.

Legal 500 UK 2022 (Corporate Governance)

“Allen & Overy LLP acts across the full spectrum of corporate governance issues, with dedicated teams handling AGMs and annual reporting and environmental, social and corporate governance reviews.”

Legal 500 UK 2021 (Corporate Governance)

“The responses are fast, to the point and leave me with no further questions or doubt as to how I will proceed.”

Legal 500 UK 2021 (Corporate Governance)

# A market-leading team to keep you at the forefront of developments

Our specialist team advises on annual reports, AGM preparation and ongoing corporate governance arrangements for more than 30 listed clients per year from across the FTSE index and AIM.

“It is the **depth of experience** and expertise across a **broad range of organisations** and issues that stands out in comparison to competitors.”

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## Our specialist team:

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“The team are able to **combine and apply their knowledge** with an approach that is unfailingly commercial in outlook which is **particularly valuable** where seeking advice on matters of strategic importance to the organisation.”

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# A bespoke service

By working in collaboration with you, we can put together a package that best suits your needs and your preferred working style.

## The team's work includes:

Supporting you through the preparation of your annual report, including reviewing the strategic report, your environmental and climate-related disclosures, your directors' and governance reports and the directors' remuneration report.

Helping you prepare your AGM documents, including reviewing the Notice of AGM, proxy form, Chairman's script and other ancillary documents.

Advising you on the format of your AGM, including advice on electronic and hybrid meetings and shareholder engagement best practice. Providing a venue for your AGM.

Advising on executive pay including any amendments to your directors' remuneration policy and on share schemes.

Advising on amendments to your articles of association.

Ensuring appropriate compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code or QCA Code, related guidance and institutional investor best practice.

Advising on the composition and operation of board committees, including updates to terms of reference.

Providing training, including an annual corporate governance seminar or podcast for all clients, and tailored training on annual report and AGM preparation upon request.

Advising on directors' service contracts and letters of appointment.

“We received a **high level** of **carefully thought-out** and **bespoke advice**.”

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# Useful value-added services

## Annual General Meetings Online

Our online service will help you prepare for a compliant annual report and a successful AGM. It includes:

- Practical points and legal requirements to consider when preparing for your AGM
- Technical advice on giving members notice of the AGM
- Downloadable, detailed checklists to help you prepare your annual report
- An aide-mémoire summarising issues that may arise during your AGM
- Examples of questions frequently asked by shareholders attending AGMs
- A reminder of matters to be dealt with after your AGM
- A search function for key terms

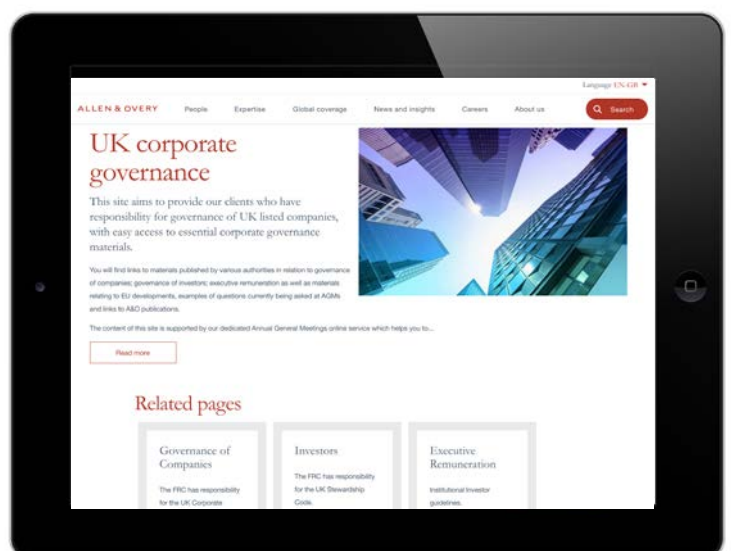
For more information or to arrange a demonstration, please contact your usual Allen & Overy relationship contact or email: [agmonline@allenovery.com](mailto:agmonline@allenovery.com)

## Your one-stop-shop for UK corporate governance materials

This site contains links to materials published by various authorities in relation to governance of companies, governance of investors and executive remuneration, with a focus on the materials most recently published. The site also provides quick and easy access to relevant A&O publications.

“A&O’s Corporate Governance practice is **consistently impressive** in balancing leading edge legal advice with unswerving pragmatism.”

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