# **DF Capital Group**

DF Capital Group (includes Distribution Finance Capital Holdings PLC and its operating subsidiary DF Capital Bank Limited)

# Nomination Committee Terms of Reference



# **Version Control**

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#### **DF CAPITAL GROUP**

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE/NomCo (the "Committee")

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

as adopted on 1 February 2023

**1.** The Nomination Committee is a sub-committee of the Group Boards (collectively the "Board").

#### **MEMBERS**

**2.** The members of the Committee for the time being shall be:

Senior Independent Director	Committee Chair
Independent Non-Executive Directors	Deputy Chair (to be
	chosen from iNED
	committee members)
Company Chair	

- **3.** The following are requirements for membership of the Committee:
- a minimum of 3 members (of which the majority shall be Senior Managers under the FCA/PRA regime);
- **3.2** a majority of the members shall be independent non-executive directors;
- **3.3** appointed by the Board of the Company (the "Board"), in consultation with the Chair of the Committee; and
- appointed for a period of up to three years, which may be extended by no more than two further three-year periods, provided the members (other than the Chair of the Board, if they are a member of the Committee) continue to meet the criteria for membership of the committee.
- **4.** The following persons are invited to the Committee by standing invite:

Chief Executive Officer		
Company Secretary		
Head of People		

5. Any other persons are invited to the Committee by prior arrangement with the Chair of the Committee with input from the CEO (based on the subject of discussion and where performance is discussed).



#### Chair

- 6. The Chair of the Committee (who shall be an independent non-executive director) shall be appointed by the Board, which shall determine the period for which they shall hold office.
- 7. The Chair of the Board shall not chair the Committee when it is dealing with the succession to the Chair of the Board.
- 8. In the absence of the Chair or the Deputy Chair, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting.
- **9.** The Chair shall be responsible for:
- **9.1** reporting all decisions of the Committee formally to the Board;
- 9.2 setting the agenda for meetings, chairing those meetings and ensuring adequate time is available for discussion, and ensuring the overall effectiveness of the operation of the Committee;
- **9.3** ensuring that the Committee addresses all of the tasks delegated to it;
- 9.4 maintaining a dialogue with key individuals involved in the Company's governance; and
- **9.5** attending the Company's Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") as necessary to respond to any shareholder questions on the Committee and its activities and responsibilities.
- 10. The Committee will allow sufficient time and resources for the Chair of the Committee to deal with matters relating to the discharge of any individual responsibilities allocated to them under the Senior Managers Regime.

# Secretary

- **11.** The Company Secretary or their nominee shall act as Secretary of the Committee.
- **12.** The Secretary of the Committee will be responsible for:
- working with the Chair of the Committee in setting the agenda for meetings and assisting in planning the committees work
- unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date of the meeting, together with an agenda of item to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the committee and any other person required to attend;
- 12.3 no later than 5 working days before the date of the meeting;
- **12.4** supporting papers shall be sent to committee members and to other attendees, as appropriate, at the same time;
- taking minutes of Committee meetings and all resolutions made, including the names of



those present and in attendance; and

12.6 circulating minutes to all members of the Committee and once agreed, to all members of the Board unless, in the opinion of the Chair of the Committee, it would be inappropriate to do so.

# Quorum

**13.** The quorum for decisions of the Committee shall be any 2 members.

# **ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

**14.** The Committee shall, on behalf of the Board and the shareholders of the Company:

Role/Responsibility	How this will be achieved
Regularly review the structure, size and	Making recommendations to the Board
composition (including the skills,	with regard to any changes
knowledge, experience and diversity)	
required of the Board	
Consider succession planning for directors	Considering the challenges and
and other senior executives in the course	opportunities facing the Company, and
of its work	what skills and expertise are therefore
	needed on the Board in the future
Keep under review the leadership	Ensuring the continued ability of the
development/ needs of the organisation,	organisation to compete effectively in the
both executive and non- executive	marketplace
Keep up to date and fully informed about	Ongoing and regular Board meetings,
strategic issues and commercial changes	escalating issues for review, where
affecting the Company and the market in	appropriate, to Nominations Committee
which it operates	All D
Be responsible for identifying and	All Board recruitment decisions require
nominating for the approval of the Board, candidates to fill Board vacancies as and	approval from Nominations Committee
when they arise	Considering this evaluation, prepare a
Before any appointment is made by the Board, evaluate the balance of skills,	Considering this evaluation, prepare a description of the role and capabilities
knowledge, experience and diversity on	required for a particular appointment.
the Board	required for a particular appointment.
the board	In identifying suitable candidates, the
	Committee:
	1. may use open advertising or the services
	of external advisers to facilitate the search;
	2. shall consider candidates from a wide
	range of backgrounds; and
	3. shall consider candidates on merit and
	against objective criteria and with due
	regard for the benefits of diversity on the
	Board, including gender, taking care that
	appointees have enough time available to
	devote to the position



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For the appointment of a Chair, prepare a job specification	To include the time commitment expected
Prior to the appointment of a director, require the proposed appointee to disclose any other business interests that may result in a conflict of interest	To obtain reports regarding any future business interests that could result in a conflict of interest
Ensure that on appointment to the Board, non-executive directors receive a formal letter of appointment	Setting out clearly what is expected of them in terms of time commitment, committee service and involvement outside Board meetings
Review annually the time required from non-executive directors as well as individual performance  Review the results of the Board performance evaluation that relate to the	Annual appraisals should be used to assess whether the non-executive directors are spending enough time to fulfil their duties as well as reviewing their performance  This to be done annually.
composition of the Board  Keep under regular review any authorisations granted by the Board in connection with a directors' conflict of interest	Annually and on ad hoc basis upon new appointments.
Agree with the Board the Company's policy on diversity and inclusion	Annual review of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
Ensure that all legal and regulatory requirements regarding disclosure of information, and those set out in the QCA Code, are fulfilled	By producing any reports necessary for inclusion in the Company's annual report – including reports about the Committee's activities and the process used to make appointments and explain if external advice or open advertising has not been used.  Where an external search agency has been used, it shall be identified in the annual report and a statement made as to whether it has any connection with the Company.  Such report should include a statement of the Board's policy on diversity, including gender, any measurable objectives that it
Make whatever recommendations to the	has set for implementing the policy, and progress on achieving the objectives.  Including recommendations on:
Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed	1. formulating plans for succession for both executive and non-executive directors and in particular for the key roles of Chair and Chief Executive; 2. suitable candidates for the role of senior independent director provided that the candidate is an existing independent non-executive director of the Company; 3. membership of the Audit and



# PROCEDURE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 15. Notwithstanding the quorum requirements for the Committee, all members of the Committee should endeavour to attend all meetings of the Committee at which the contents of the Committee's annual report to shareholders are discussed.
- **16.** Meetings of the Committee:
- shall be held at least once a year and at such other times as the Chair of the Committee requires;
- **16.2** may be held by telephone or video conference; and
- may be called by the Secretary of the Committee at the request of any member of the Committee.
- **17.** The Committee shall:



- have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Company Secretary for assistance as required;
- be provided with appropriate and timely training, both in the form of an induction programme for new members and on an ongoing basis for all members;
- 17.3 investigate any activity within its terms of reference and seek directly any information it requires from any employee or contractor of the Company (all such persons being directed
- obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice at the cost of the Company in accordance with the Company's agreed procedure under which Directors may obtain independent advice, and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary (but such persons shall not be members of the Committee); and
- 17.5 give due consideration to laws and regulations, the provisions of the Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA) Corporate Governance Code for Small and Mid-size Quoted Companies (the "QCA Code"), the AIM Rules for Companies and any other applicable rules, as appropriate.
- **18.** The Committee shall, at least once a year, review its own performance, constitution, and terms of reference to ensure that it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.