AUTO TRADER GROUP PLC

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

These Terms of Reference for the Remuneration Committee (the "Committee") have been adopted by the Board of Directors (the "<u>Board</u>") of Auto Trader Group plc (the "<u>Company</u>"). The Committee shall review and reassess these Terms of Reference at appropriate intervals and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval. These Terms of Reference were last amended and approved by the Board on 5 November 2024.

1. Purpose

The Committee shall assist in fulfilling the Board's oversight responsibilities relating to remuneration for the Company and its group as a whole (the "<u>Group</u>"). In summary, the Board shall be responsible for monitoring and approving the Company's policies relating to remuneration of its directors and Auto Trader Leadership Team ("ALT").

2. Duties and Responsibilities

In furtherance of this purpose, the Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 2.1 Determine the framework or broad policy for the remuneration and terms of employment of the Company's Chair, executive directors, and taking into account the recommendations of the CEO, the Company Secretary and members of the ALT. Monitor and recommend changes to the level and structure of remuneration for other employees earning a basic salary of £150,000 per annum or above.
- 2.2 Determine and approve, within the terms of the agreed policy, the total individual remuneration package of each executive director and, taking into account the recommendations of the CEO, the total individual remuneration package for the Company Secretary and ALT members including bonuses, pensions and other benefits in accordance with the Principles and Provisions of the Code. For any other employees being newly recruited, authority is delegated to the CEO to determine and approve the total remuneration package where the salary is up to a level of £300,000, above which level approval should be sought from the Remuneration Committee Chair.
- 2.3 The remuneration of non-executive directors shall be the matter for the Chair and executive members of the Board. No individual shall be involved in any decisions as to their own remuneration.
- 2.4 Where the Company releases an executive director of the Company for nonexecutive roles, the Committee minutes will include a statement as to the time commitment associated with such appointments, and whether the director should retain any earnings in relation to the role, and if so, what the remuneration is. This shall also be recorded in the directors' remuneration report.
- 2.5 Review the on-going appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy to support strategy and promote long term sustainable success and ensure that it is aligned with the Company's purpose and values, and the successful delivery of the company's long-term strategy.

- 2.6 Determine the policy for, and scope of, pension arrangements for each executive director, the Company Secretary and ALT members, taking into account the pension arrangements across the company.
- 2.7 Ensure the contractual terms on termination, and any payments made, are fair to the individual, and the Company, that failure is not rewarded and that the duty to mitigate loss is fully recognised.
- 2.8 Establish a formal policy for post employment shareholding requirements for Executive Directors encompassing both vested and unvested shares.
- 2.9 Review and note annually the remuneration trends across the Company, the Group, and comparable companies to ensure that remuneration is competitive, fair and appropriate. Take into consideration wider workforce remuneration and policies and the alignment of reward and culture when deciding remuneration for executive directors, the Company Secretary and the ALT members.
- 2.10 Oversee any major changes in employee benefits structures throughout the Group.
- 2.11 Agree the policy for authorising claims for expenses.
- 2.12 Delegate any of its responsibilities to subcommittees as the Committee may deem appropriate in its sole discretion.
- 2.13 In determining the remuneration policy, give due regard to all factors which it deems necessary including relevant legal and regulatory requirements, the provisions and recommendations in the UK Corporate Governance Code and the UK Listing Authority's Listing Rules and associated guidance and having regard to views of shareholders and other stakeholders. The remuneration policy shall allow the Company to attract, retain and motivate executive management to drive the long-term success of the Company and deliver sustainable value to shareholders.
- 2.14 Approve design of, and determine targets for, any performance related pay schemes operated by the Company and approve the total annual payments made under such schemes.
- 2.15 Review the design of all share incentive plans for approval by the Board and shareholders. For any such plans, determine each year whether awards will be made, and if so, the overall amount of such awards, the individual awards to executive directors and, taking into account the recommendation of the CEO, the individual awards for the Company Secretary and members of the ALT and the performance targets to be used.
- 2.16 Ensure that remuneration schemes promote long-term shareholdings by executive directors that support alignment with long-term sustainable shareholder interests.
- 2.17 Ensure that remuneration schemes and policies enable the Committee to use discretion to override formulaic outturns, to recover and/or withhold sums or share awards under appropriate circumstances, and exercise independent judgement and discretion when authorising remuneration outcomes, taking into account of Company and individual performance, and wider circumstances.

2.16 Work and liaise as necessary with other board committees, ensuring the interaction between committees and with the board is reviewed regularly.

3. Membership and Independence Requirements

- 3.1 The Committee shall consist of at least three members. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee. All Committee members shall be independent non-executive directors of the Company.
- 3.2 The Company Secretary or his or her nominee shall act as the secretary of the Committee (the "Committee Secretary"). The Committee Secretary shall ensure that the committee receives information and papers in a timely manner to enable full and proper consideration to be given to the issues.
- 3.3 Only members of the Committee and those entitled to attend as an observer have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals, such as the Executive Directors and external advisors, may be invited to attend for all or part of any meeting, as and when appropriate.
- 3.4 The Committee shall include a committee chair (the "<u>Committee Chair</u>"). The Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Board. Before appointment as Committee Chair, the appointee will normally have served on a remuneration committee (either at the Company or another company) for at least 12 months. The Committee Chair shall be entitled to chair all regular sessions of the Committee and add topics to the agenda. In the absence of the Committee Chair and/or an appointed deputy, the remaining members shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting who would qualify under these terms of reference to be appointed as Committee Chair. The Chair of the Board shall not be Chair of the Committee.
- 3.5 Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period of three (3) years, which may be extendable by no more than two (2) additional three (3) year periods, provided that the director still meets the criteria for membership of the Committee.
- 3.6 If any member of the Committee is unable to act for any reason, the Committee Chair may appoint any other independent non-executive director of the Company to act as his or her alternate.

4. Meetings

- 4.1 The Committee shall meet at least three (3) times a year, or more frequently as circumstances dictate, and all Committee members shall strive to be present at all Committee meetings. The Committee meetings shall follow a set agenda established by the Committee.
- 4.2 Two (2) Committee members, acting in person, linked by telephone or video conference facilities or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. A duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Committee.

5. Notice of Meetings

5.1 Meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Committee Secretary at the request of any of its members.

5.2 Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue time and date, together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded by the Committee Secretary to each member of the Committee, and any other person required to attend, no later than three working days before the date of the meeting. Supporting papers shall be sent to Committee members and to the attendees as appropriate, at the same time.

6. **Reporting Procedures**

- 6.1 The Committee Secretary shall prepare and circulate the minutes of the meetings of the Committee to all members of the Committee and maintain a minute book containing minutes for meetings signed by the chair of the meeting.
- 6.2 The Committee shall report its actions and recommendations to the Board after each Committee meeting and, once agreed upon by the Committee, shall provide to the Board a copy of the minutes, unless in the opinion of the Committee Chair it would be inappropriate to do so. The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed.
- 6.3 The Committee Chair should attend the annual general meeting to answer any shareholder questions on the Committee's activities. In addition, the Committee Chair should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee's area of responsibility.

7. Annual Performance Review

- 7.1 The Committee shall, at least once a year, review its own performance, constitution and terms of reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.
- 7.2 To ensure that the Committee remains up to date with developments regarding executive remuneration, appropriate and timely training will be provided to the Committee from suitably qualified external advisers for new members and on an on-going basis for all members
- 7.3 The Committee will give due consideration to all relevant laws, regulations and codes of practice in relation to executive remuneration, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority.
- 7.4 The Committee will also ensure that the provisions regarding disclosure of information as set out in The Companies Regulations 2019 and the Code are fulfilled, and that the report on the directors' remuneration policy and practices is included in the company's annual report and put to shareholders for approval in the AGM as necessary.

8. Outside Advisors

The Committee shall have the authority to retain, at the Company's expense, remuneration consultants to assist in the evaluation of director, Chief Executive or executive officer remuneration or any other matters within its terms of reference. The Committee shall exercise independent judgment when evaluating advice received from consultants. The Committee shall retain and terminate these

advisors without seeking Board approval and shall have sole authority to approve related fees and retention terms. The Committee and the Board shall ensure that any such remuneration consultants retained shall be identified in the Company's annual report, together with a statement as to whether they have any other connection with the Company.

9. Authority

- 9.1 The Committee is authorised by the Board to seek any information it requires from any employee of the Company in order to perform its duties.
- 9.2 In connection with its duties the Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain, at the company's expense, any outside legal or other professional advice.

10. Other matters

The Committee shall:

- 10.1 have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Company secretariat for assistance as required;
- 10.2 be provided with appropriate and timely training, both in the form of an induction programme for new members and on an ongoing basis for members;
- 10.3 consider other matters including relevant laws and regulations and the provisions of the Code as referred to the Committee by the Board; and
- 10.4 at least annually, review its constitution and terms of reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the board for approval.

As approved by the Board on 5 November 2024