

# Shareholder voting – Online Platforms

Please note that there is no cost involved with voting your shares

Platform	What do I have to do?	What if I have different accounts with the same platform? (ISA, SIPP, etc.)	How much notice do I need to give the platform?	Further information provided by the platform
<b>AJ Bell Youinvest</b>	For resolutions that could have a significant effect on a customer's shareholding (i.e. EGMs, special resolutions at AGMs or corporate actions such as M&A proposals) AJ Bell alerts customers via their account and enables them to vote online. For standard AGM resolutions that are unlikely to have a material effect on the customer's shareholding (i.e. director re-elections etc), customers can request to attend the meeting in order to vote or vote by proxy and AJ Bell will process this for them.	Customers do not need to notify for each account.	As much notice as possible but at least 5 days.	FAQ – visit: <a href="https://www.ajbell.co.uk/faq/can-i-vote-agm-or-egm">https://www.ajbell.co.uk/faq/can-i-vote-agm-or-egm</a>
<b>Barclays Smart Investor</b>	You can log into your account online and confirm by secure message if you would like to vote by proxy or attend the AGM/EGM in person. Alternatively, you can contact Barclays by phone, complete their security process and then let them know that you would like to vote by proxy or attend the AGM/EGM in person.	The platform will record your wishes in respect of your full holding provided this is what you confirm. For example, if you have a holding of 1,000 shares split across an ISA and a SIPP and would like to vote in favour of all resolutions, this will be reflected in Barclays' nominee response.	5 working days prior to the meeting for a proxy vote and 7 working days in advance of the meeting if you would like to attend.	Typically on a customer account when there is a corporate action, there is a flag available beside each asset line to alert the customer of a corporate action pending – from there they can follow the link to read more and log their response.
<b>Bestinvest</b>	Bestinvest can facilitate both voting and attendance at shareholder meetings via its custodian (SEI) on your request either in writing (secure message, email or by post) or by phone. For resolutions on corporate actions that will have an impact on your holding, e.g. M&A or wind-up proposals, Bestinvest will proactively alert you. For standard resolutions, voting by proxy is facilitated upon request. You will need to confirm to Bestinvest whether or not you wish to attend the meeting in person.	Bestinvest will take a single instruction across all of your accounts so that you can vote across your whole holding without having to issue multiple instructions.	6 working days notice is required by Bestinvest's custodian. Anything less than this will be on a best endeavours basis.	N/A
<b>Charles Stanley Direct</b>	Send Charles Stanley a secure message via your online account with your clear instruction. They will then submit the instruction electronically via Crest.	If you hold shares in more than one account with Charles Stanley, then they require a separate instruction for each. The instruction must clearly state the account number to which it relates.	At least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Otherwise, there may not be sufficient time to get the vote submitted with the registrar.	N/A
<b>Fidelity Personal Investing</b>	You need to opt into the shareholders' rights service online. From there, you will receive notifications of meetings for each asset you hold. You can then vote online for all resolutions under discussion in that AGM.	You can vote for all accounts simultaneously.	Example timings might work as follows – you are notified of a meeting on the 16th of the month, the meeting is scheduled for the 28th of the month, and the vote deadline day is the 22nd of the month.	N/A
<b>Halifax Share Dealing</b>	If you want to give your corporate action instructions there are two options available to you: Provide your instruction online or via the mobile banking app by signing in to your account and selecting 'corporate actions' in the right hand navigation then 'notifications' and choosing the relevant account. Alternatively you can send your instruction by post to Halifax Share Dealing Limited, Lovell Park Road, Leeds LS1 1NS	Contact Halifax on 0345 722 5525	Contact Halifax on 0345 722 5525	<a href="https://www.halifax.co.uk/investing/help-and-guidance/existing-customer/what-is-a-corporate-action.html">https://www.halifax.co.uk/investing/help-and-guidance/existing-customer/what-is-a-corporate-action.html</a>
<b>Hargreaves Lansdown</b>	Log in to your account with Hargreaves Lansdown. Please note that it's not possible to give instructions via the HL app. Select 'View shareholder meetings', view your shareholder meeting and provide an instruction. You'll be taken to a website managed by a third party called Broadridge to complete your instruction. HL is not responsible for the content on this website.	You need to give instructions for each account you have with Hargreaves Lansdown.	The deadline for each meeting will be displayed above the list of resolutions. For UK stocks, this is generally four working days before the meeting.	Corporate Actions FAQ: <a href="https://www.hl.co.uk/shares/corporate-actions/corporate_action_frequently_asked_questions">https://www.hl.co.uk/shares/corporate-actions/corporate_action_frequently_asked_questions</a>
<b>HSBC</b>	You can either call the share dealing help desk or send a secure message from your online share dealing account confirming the voting details.	You need to give instructions for each account you have with HSBC.	As much notice as possible but HSBC deadlines are 2 days prior to the market deadlines to allow it time to collate and submit.	N/A
<b>Interactive Investor</b>	New customers are automatically signed up to the voting and information service, which enables you to receive shareholder materials and vote on decisions directly affecting your UK-registered shareholdings. You will then receive notifications when new documents are available. When you are ready to vote, log in to your account where the options will be presented in your voting mailbox and vote according to your preferences.	Interactive Investor has opted customers in to voting across all accounts, but to check, you can view your voting preferences in your secure account. But you don't have to worry about account types, it's all done for you.	Broadridge, the platform's voting and information service, sets its own deadlines that a customer has to adhere to in order to get their vote processed. Voting responses are usually required 2-3 days prior to the actual vote, to enable collection and submission of votes in good time.	Individual forms are uploaded to customer accounts relating to each individual shareholder vote, explaining what options customers have, how to fill in the details and setting out relevant deadlines. Emails are sent as prompts if the customer has supplied an email address, but the voting forms themselves are added to the voting mailbox section of the customer account.