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## **News Release**

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Subject: Georgeson releases 2016 Proxy Season Review, including analysis of more markets

London, Monday 24 October 2016 – Georgeson has expanded the number of countries included in its 2016 Proxy Season Review, which was released by the strategic shareholder services provider today.

As well as providing a wide-ranging analysis of corporate governance developments, quorum levels, meeting resolutions and recommendations from proxy advisors in the UK, France, the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland, this year's report also includes Italy, Spain and Denmark.

Cas Sydorowitz, CEO of Georgeson's Corporate Advisory business in Europe, said: "Our annual report provides a unique insight into the issues affecting companies in the lead up to their AGM, with detailed analysis of shareholders behaviour.

"Its content reflects Georgeson's expertise in these key markets and our in-depth local client support and investor engagement services.

"It's been another tense year across the continent, and by expanding the number of countries included, we can see more clearly the common issues that companies face at European AGMs.

"Remuneration remains a lightning rod issue, but more importantly shareholder engagement has become a core focus for both issuers and shareholders.

"Many companies are realising the advantages of engaging with shareholders in advance of meetings, but investors want qualitative, two-way discussions on remuneration, board composition and other governance related matters, not just a presentation of what to expect at the AGM."

To view Georgeson's 2016 Proxy Season Review, visit www.georgeson.com/uk/agm2016.

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