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The Companies Act 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

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# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

**Stratton Apartments Ltd**

Incorporated on 6 December 2020

As amended to 3 April 2024

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF  
STRATTON APARTMENTS LTD

**1. PRELIMINARY**

- 1.1 The model articles of association for private companies limited by guarantee contained in Schedule 2 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (S2 2008 No. 3229) (the "Model Articles") shall apply to the Company save in so far as they are excluded or modified hereby and such Model Articles and the articles set out below shall be the Articles of Association of the Company (the "Articles").
- 1.2 In these Articles, any reference to a provision of the Companies Act 2006 shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.
- 1.3 Model Articles 3, 9(2), 14, 17(1), 19(5), and 30(4) do not apply to the Company.
- 1.4 The headings used in these Articles are included for the sake of convenience only and shall be ignored in construing the language or meaning of these Articles.
- 1.5 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, references to nouns in the plural form shall be deemed to include the singular and vice versa, references to one gender include all genders and references to persons include bodies corporate and unincorporated associations.

**2. DEFINED TERMS**

- 2.1 Model Article 2 shall be varied by the inclusion of the following definitions: -
- "appointor" has the meaning given in Article 10.1;
- "Managed Property" has the meaning given in Article 3.1;
- "secretary" means the secretary of the Company, if any, appointed in accordance with Article 9.1 or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;
- "transferor" has the meaning given in Article 12.4;
- "unit" means any residential unit comprised in any property held, managed or administered by the Company;
- "Unitholder" means the person or persons to whom a lease of a unit has been granted or assigned so that whenever two or more persons are for the time being Unitholders of a unit they shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed to constitute one Unitholder; and
- "working day" means a day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or any day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in the part of the United Kingdom where the Company is registered.

### **3. OBJECTS**

3.1 The Company's objects are:-

- (a) to acquire, hold, manage and administer the freehold or leasehold property or properties known as 25-29 New Dawn Place, Stratton, Swindon, SN1 2FB including without limitation to the generality of the foregoing any common areas, roads, accessways, footpaths, parking areas, drains, sewers, lighting, security and associated facilities ("the Managed Property") either on its own account or as trustee, nominee or agent of any other company or person;
- (b) to acquire and deal with and take options over any property, real or personal, including the Managed Property, and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property, and to improve, develop, sell, lease, accept, surrender or dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property and any and all rights of the Company;
- (c) to collect all rents, charges and other income and to pay any rates, taxes, charges, duties, levies, assessments or other outgoings of whatsoever nature charged, assessed, or imposed on or in respect of the Managed Property or any part of it;
- (d) to provide services of every description in relation to the Managed Property and to maintain, repair, renew, redecorate, repaint, clean, construct, alter and add to the Managed Property and to arrange for the supply to it of services and amenities and the maintenance of the same and the cultivation, maintenance, landscaping and planting of any land, gardens and grounds comprised in the Managed Property and to enter into contracts with builders, tenants, contractors and others and to employ appropriate staff and managing or other agents accordingly;
- (e) to insure the Managed Property or any other property of the Company or in which it has an interest against damage or destruction and such other risks as may be considered necessary, appropriate or desirable and to insure the Company against public liability and any other risks which it may consider prudent or desirable to insure against; and
- (f) to establish and maintain capital reserves, management funds and any form of sinking fund in order to pay or contribute towards all fees, costs, and other expenses incurred in the implementation of the Company's objects and to require the members of the Company to contribute towards such reserves or funds at such times, in such amounts and in such manner as the Company may think fit and to invest and deal in and with such moneys not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

### **4. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY**

4.1 The directors of the Company have control over the affairs and property of the Company and are responsible for management of the Company's business. The directors have authority to exercise any powers of the Company which are necessary and/or incidental to the promotion of any or all of the objects of the Company set out at Article 3.1 .

### **5. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

5.1 Unless otherwise determined by members by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum and the minimum number of directors shall be one. Whenever the minimum number of directors is one and there is only one director:

- (a) that director has authority to exercise all the powers and discretions by the Model Articles and by these Articles expressed to be vested in the directors generally;
  - (b) the quorum for a director's meeting is one; and
  - (c) Model Article 11 (2) does not apply.
- 5.2 Subject to Article 5.3, notwithstanding the fact that a proposed decision of the directors concerns or relates to any matter in which a director has, or may have, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest whatsoever, that director may participate in the decision making process for both quorum and voting purposes.
- 5.3 If the directors propose to exercise their power under section 175(4)(b) of the Companies Act 2006 to authorise a director's conflict of interest, the director facing the conflict is not to be counted as participating in the decision to authorise the conflict for quorum or voting purposes.
- 5.4 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, and provided that (if required to do so by the said Act) he has declared to the directors the nature and extent of any direct or indirect interest of his, a director, notwithstanding his office:-
  - (a) may be a party to or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested;
  - (b) may be a director or other officer or an employee of, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any subsidiary of the Company or body corporate in which the Company is interested; and
  - (c) is not accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no transaction or arrangement is liable to be avoided on the ground of any such remuneration, benefit or interest.

## **6. UNANIMOUS DECISIONS**

- 6.1 Model Article 8(2) shall be amended by the deletion of the words "copies of which have been signed by each eligible director" and the substitution of the following "where each eligible director has signed one or more copies of it" in its place. Model Article 8(2) shall be read accordingly.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

- 7.1 Save for persons who are deemed to have been appointed as the first directors of the Company on incorporation pursuant to section 16(6) of the Companies Act 2006, no person who is not a member of the Company is eligible to hold office as a director.
- 7.2 Any member of the Company who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director:
  - (a) by ordinary resolution, or
  - (b) by a decision of the directors.

## **8. TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT**

- 8.1 In addition to the events terminating a director's appointment set out in Model Article 18, a person ceases to be a director as soon as:-

- (a) that person has for more than six consecutive months been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors decide to vacate that person's office; or
- (b) he ceases to be a member.

## **9. SECRETARY**

- 9.1 The directors may appoint a secretary to the Company for such period, for such remuneration and upon such conditions as they think fit; and any secretary so appointed by the directors may be removed by them.

## **10. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 10.1 (a) Any director (the "appointor") may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other member approved by a decision of the directors, to:
- (i) exercise that director's powers; and
  - (ii) carry out that director's responsibilities,
- (b) in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor.
- (c) Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors. The notice must:
- (i) identify the proposed alternate; and
  - (ii) in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that he is willing to act as the alternate of his appointor.
- 10.2 (a) An alternate director has the same rights to participate in any directors' meeting or decision of the directors reached in accordance with Model Article 8, as the alternate's appointor.
- (b) Except as these Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:
- (i) are deemed for all purposes to be directors;
  - (ii) are liable for their own acts or omissions;
  - (iii) are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors; and
  - (iv) are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors.
- (c) A person who is an alternate director but not a director:-
- (i) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating (but only if that person's appointor is not participating); and
  - (ii) may sign or otherwise signify his agreement in writing to a written resolution in accordance with Model Article 8 (but only if that person's appointor has not signed or otherwise signified his agreement to such written resolution).

No alternate may be counted as more than one director for such purposes.

- (d) An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the remuneration payable to that alternate's appointor as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the Company.
- (e) Model Article 20 is modified by the deletion of each of the references to "directors" and their replacement with "directors and/or any alternate directors".

10.3 An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates:-

- (a) when his appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;
- (b) on the occurrence in relation to the alternate of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor would result in the termination of the appointor's office as director;
- (c) on the death of his appointor;
- (d) when his appointor's appointment as a director terminates; or
- (e) when he ceases to be a member.

## 11. BECOMING A MEMBER

(1) Every person who is entitled to be, a member of the company shall deliver to the company an application for membership executed by him in the following form (or in a form as near to the following form as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve:)

*To the Board of **Stratton Apartments Ltd***

*I, [name]*

*of [address]*

*am a unitholder of \_\_\_\_\_ [address of property] and wish to become a member of **Stratton Apartments Ltd** subject to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the company and to any rules made under those Articles. I agree to pay the company an amount of up to £1 if the company is wound up while I am a member or for up to 12 months after I have ceased to become a member.*

*Signed*

*Dated*

(2) No person shall be admitted to membership of the company unless that person, whether alone or jointly with others, is a qualifying Unitholder.

(3) Membership of the company shall not be transferable.

(4) A person who, together with another or others, is to be regarded as jointly being the qualifying Unitholder, shall, once admitted, be regarded as jointly being a member of the company in respect of that unit.

(5) Applications for membership by persons who are to be regarded as jointly being the qualifying Unitholder, shall state the names and addresses of all others who are jointly interested with them, and the order in which they wish to appear on the register of members.

(6) The directors shall, upon being satisfied as to a person's application and entitlement to membership, register such person as a member of the company.

## **12. CEASING TO BE A MEMBER**

1) A member who at any time fails to satisfy the requirements for membership set out in article 11 shall cease to be a member of the company with immediate effect.

(2) If a member (or joint member) dies or becomes bankrupt, his personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy will be entitled to be registered as a member (or joint member as the case may be) upon notice in writing to the company.

## **13. WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS**

13.1 (a) Subject to Article 13.1 (a), a written resolution of members passed in accordance

with Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006 is as valid and effectual as a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company.

(b) The following may not be passed as a written resolution and may only be passed at a general meeting:-

(i) a resolution under section 168 of the Companies Act 2006 for the removal of a director before the expiration of his period of office; and

(ii) a resolution under section 510 of the Companies Act 2006 for the removal of an auditor before the expiration of his period of office.

13.2 On a written resolution, a member has one vote in respect of each unit held by him.

13.3 No member may vote on a written resolution unless all moneys currently due and payable by (i) that member to the Company or (ii) any Unitholder from whom that member acquired unit have been paid.

## **14. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

14.1 (a) Every notice convening a general meeting of the Company must comply with the provisions of:-

(i) section 31 1 of the Companies Act 2006 as to the provision of information regarding the time, date and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the meeting; and

(ii) section 325(1) of the Companies Act 2006 as to the giving of information to members regarding their right to appoint proxies.

- (b) Every notice of, or other communication relating to, any general meeting which any member is entitled to receive must be sent to each of the directors and to the auditors (if any) for the time being of the Company.

## **15. QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 15.1 (a) If and for so long as the Company has one member only who is entitled to vote on the business to be transacted at a general meeting, that member present at the general meeting in person or by one or more proxies or, in the event that the member is a corporation, by one or more corporate representatives, is a quorum.
- (b) If and for so long as the Company has two or more members entitled to vote on the business to be transacted at a general meeting, two of such members, each of whom is present at the meeting in person or by one or more proxies or, in the event that any member present is a corporation, by one or more corporate representatives, are a quorum.

## **16. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 16.1 a) Subject to Article 16.2 below, on a vote on a resolution at a general meeting on a show of hands:-
  - (i) each member who, being an individual, is present in person has one vote;
  - (ii) if a member (whether such member is an individual or a corporation) appoints one or more proxies to attend the meeting, all proxies so appointed and in attendance at the meeting have, collectively, one vote; and
  - (iii) if a corporate member appoints one or more persons to represent it at the meeting, each person so appointed and in attendance at the meeting has, subject to section 323(4) of the Companies Act 2006, one vote.
- (b) Subject to Articles 16.2 below, on a resolution at a general meeting on a poll, every member (whether present in person, by proxy or authorised representative) has one vote in respect of each unit held by him.
- 16.2 No member may vote at any general meeting unless all moneys currently due and payable by (i) that member to the Company or (ii) any Unitholder from whom that member acquired his membership have been paid.
- 16.3 If no Unitholder exists in respect of any unit, those members who are subscribers to the Memorandum of Association or who became members as a result of having been nominated under Article 12.1 above or, if there is only one such member or person nominated under Article 12.1 above, that member, shall, either jointly if there is more than one such member, or alone, if there is only one such member, have three votes in respect of every unit in addition to their own vote or votes as members.
- 16.4 (a) Model Article 30(2) is amended by the deletion of the word "or" in Model Article 30(2)(c), the deletion of the "." after the word "resolution" in Model Article 30(2)(d) and its replacement with "; or".
  - (b) A demand for a poll made by a person as proxy for a member is the same as a demand made by the member.
- 16.5 Polls must be taken at the general meeting at which they are demanded and in such manner as the chairman directs.

## **17. DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES**

- 17.1 Model Article 31(1) is modified, such that a "proxy notice" (as defined in Model Article 31(1)) and any authentication of it demanded by the directors must be received at an address specified by the Company in the proxy notice not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy appointed pursuant to the proxy notice proposes to vote; and any proxy notice received at such address less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting shall be invalid.

## **18. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 18.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, a document or information may be sent or supplied by the Company to a person by being made available on a website.

- 18.2 (a) A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be sent to him or an address to which notices may be sent by electronic means is entitled to have notices sent to him at that address, but otherwise no such member is entitled to receive any notices from the Company.

- (b) If any membership is registered in the name of joint members, the Company may send notices and all other documents to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and the Company is not required to serve notices or other documents on any of the other joint holders.

- 18.3 (a) If the Company sends or supplies notices or other documents by first class post and the Company proves that such notices or other documents were properly addressed, prepaid and posted, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents 48 hours after posting.

- (b) If the Company sends or supplies notices or other documents by electronic means and the Company proves that such notices or other documents were properly addressed, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents 24 hours after they were sent or supplied.

- (c) If the Company sends or supplies notices or other documents by means of a website, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents when such notices or other documents first appeared on the website or, if later, when the intended recipient first received notice of the fact that such notices or other documents were available on the website.

- (d) For the purposes of this Article 18.3, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

## **19. COMPANY SEALS**

- 19.1 Model Article 35(1) is modified, such that any common seal of the Company may be used by the authority of the directors or any committee of directors.

## **20. WINDING UP**

- 20.1 If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by law, divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the

like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he may determine, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is a liability.

## **21. RULES**

- 21.1 (a) The directors may make such rules as they consider necessary or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Company. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the directors may make rules regulating:-
- (i) the conduct of members of the Company in relation to one another, and to the Company's officers and employees;
  - (ii) the setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of any property managed or administered by the Company at any particular time or times or for any particular purpose or purposes;
  - (iii) the procedure at general meetings and meetings of the directors and committees of the Company (in so far as such procedure is not governed by these Articles); and
  - (iv) any and all other matters as are commonly the subject matter of company rules.
- (b) The directors must adopt such means as they consider sufficient to bring to the notice of members of the Company all rules made under this Article.
- (c) Any rules made by the directors under this Article will be valid and binding as against all members of the Company for so long as such rules are in force.
- (d) The Company in general meeting may alter or repeal any rules made by the directors in accordance with this Article.
- 21.2 Nothing in this Article permits the directors of the Company to make any rules which are inconsistent with or affect or repeal anything in these Articles or in any resolution passed by members of the Company or agreement to which Chapter 3 of Part 3 of the Companies Act 2006 applies.