# **Annual Financial Report**

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### Ocado Group plc Annual Financial Report 2021

Ocado Group plc ("Ocado") has today submitted to the Financial Conduct Authority's national storage mechanism its annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021 (as required by Listing Rules 9.6.1 and 9.6.3).

The annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021 is available to view on Ocado's website: www.ocadogroup.com (in compliance with Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule 6.3.5(3)).

Ocado's annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021 will also be available for viewing at the Financial Conduct Authority's national storage mechanism at https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism.

This announcement follows Ocado's announcement on 8 February 2022 of its preliminary results for the same period. A condensed set of Ocado's financial statements and information on important events that have occurred during the year and their impact on the financial statements and related information were included in Ocado's preliminary results announcement. That information together with the information set out below is the information provided in satisfaction of the requirements of Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule 6.3.5. The description of principal risks and uncertainties below is extracted in unedited full text from the annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021. Reading this announcement and/or the preliminary results announcement should not be a substitute for reading the full annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021. This announcement and the preliminary announcement are available to view on Ocado's website: www.ocadogroup.com.

# Principal risks and uncertainties

We have identified 12 principal risks and uncertainties facing Ocado. These risks, mitigations and changes during the year are summarised in the table below. They are not set out in priority order. Further information on risk is set out on pages 84 to 97 of the annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021.

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Principal Risks	What is the risk	How we manage it	Movement	Target tolerance	Emerging threats	Owner	ESG materiality reference	Strate refere
Talent and Capability	d Our business • Developing		enting ic and  sing ind ing the ipeline. ring oment omes rveying ee s. aking sion g, cally ng eration entives vely ting y and	maintain our leadership position, we will take strongly justified risks	environment and risk will continue from existing sources e.g. the	Chief People Officer	Social - Talent Attraction and Development	transfor
Cybersecurity and Data	We risk the loss of critical assets and sensitive information as a result of a cyber-attack, insider threat, or a data breach. This could result in business disruption, reputational damage, significant fines or the loss of confidential business information.	Structus system operates reliably secured.     Testing third particles an information security governation programe the Information Security incident dedicated i	s to e and y. g by arty. eeing rmation / ance mme by ation y ttee. ring / and ding to / ts by a eed ation / team. stomer at card held in	are extremely conservative in selecting options that impact this risk. We will only accept options that come with a limited	eCyber risk is constantly evolving, driven by technology advances and developments in the geopolitical environment. We anticipate continued risk from existing sources and incrementally from areas such as supply chain, an increasingly remote workforce, the use of Al and machine learning.	CEO Ocado Technology	Governance - Cybersecurity Data Privacy Management	;transfor

Overseeing the Group's privacy compliance programme by the Data Protection Officer.

 Planning Cyber incident contingency.

business and

			contingency.					
Safety and Wellbeing	Health, safety and wellbeing risks that can lead to the harm, injury, death, or illness of a worker in a workplace or to a retail customer of our product.	•	Overseeing a Health and Safety governance programme by the Safety Committee.  Monitoring and audit compliance by experienced technical experts against relevant safety regulations, policies and procedures in safety areas, including food, product, occupational health, fire and construction.  Preparing training, risk assessments and safe systems of work by qualified staff to raise awareness and knowledge.  Monitoring actively of regulatory changes supported by external expertise and advice.	$\rightarrow$	Minimal - WeWe anticipate are continued risk extremely from existing conservative sources, with in selecting options that impact this risk. We will only accept options that come with a limited proximity of possibility of failure.  Minimal - WeWe anticipate continued risk extremely from existing directly and indirectly from the Covid-19 pandemic, increasing proximity of possibility of human and robot operations, and as a result of significant increase in CFC construction and installation activity across our regions.		Social, Governance - Occupational Health and Safety	
Legal and Regulatory Non- Compliance	Ocado must comply with legislative and regulatory requirements both locally and internationally. Failure to comply could negatively impact our business model, our ability to conduct business and	•	Monitoring of regulatory developments to ensure that changes are identified.  Performing due diligence, territory research and seeking specialist advice for regulatory issues.	<b>→</b>	Minimal - WeListed company are compliance is extremely conservative in future as a in selecting options that impact this risk. We will only accept options that come with a limited possibility of failure.	General Counsel	Governance - Business Ethics and Governance	Develo scale-u capabil

the viability of our Solutions deals, and also risks damage to our reputation, loss of stakeholder support and financial penalties.

**Implementing** a compliance framework of policies and procedures and employee training.

#### **Supply Chain**

Risks causing disruption to our extended and complex supply chain. Impacting responsible sourcing and adversely affecting product availability, delivery, reliability and cost, resulting in delays to contractual commitments and loss of revenue.

- Reviewing the risk matrix by supply chain and procurement areas to manage key suppliers and components.
- Taking an agile approach to manufactured products, including the ability to divert any product to sites with the most pressing requirements.
- Undertaking supplier assessments, due diligence and site audits during the development process.
- Monitoring supply chain demand against supply capacity constraints by the steering group.

Flexible - WeThe threat is take strongly continuing to iustified increase, as a risks, accept result of the some uncertainty and manage pandemic, the impact. increasing

ongoing impact of the Covid 19 demand and complexity of the supply network and regulations, and shortages in key components.

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Business Interruption and Catastrophic **Events** 

Major service disruption. customer confidence and increased costs arising from a failure at key locations caused by physical events, such as fire, or technical events, such as an IT outage or mechanical failure through malicious or accidental means.

- Structuring IT systems to operate reliably and securely.
- Providina dedicated engineering teams on site with daily maintenance programmes to support the continued operation of equipment.
- Progressing and updating our disaster recovery and business

Flexible - WePotentially will only take arising from our risks that are operations, strongly suppliers, justified and customers or we expect service some periods of

uncertainty.

providers, with increased interdependence across multiple sites and geographies, there is an increased complexity and scope for disruption.

N/A Ocado Technology and Chief Operations Officer

CEO

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- continuity plans.
- Providing for a high level of protection for CFCs and equipment, combined with business interruption insurance to transfer residual risks.

#### **Product** (OSP) **Proposition** and Commercial Viability

Our OSP offer, • pricing and contractual terms do not provide adequate and sustainable returns for us and our shareholders and an attractive commercial proposition for our clients.

- Undertaking a full review of projected financial impact before signing any new partnerships.
  - Monitoring periodically the financial model and delivery costs plus close relationship with our partners. Controlling the capital invested in our platform to carefully manage costs.
- Reviewing regularly the rate of software development via platform steering meetings.
- Scaling and reallocating our resources and capabilities to help meet Ocado Solutions project deadlines.
- Ongoing programme of design improvements for the platform.

Cautious -Threat levels are CEO We accept a being heightened by limited tolerance for increasing raw uncertainty material and in the component managementscarcity, lead of our times and costs. Commercial This is Viability and compounded by the selection demand for incremental Ωf commercial functionality, terms. We risking early will only assumptions on accept risk if efficiency gains. limited and This is heavily compensated by outweighed increased by benefits. maturity of modelling and operational experience.

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**Product** (OSP) **Delivery** and Service

Implementation • and service delivery do not provide the client with timely, consistently reliable performance at

Ongoing monitoring of the key performance indicators and regular review meetings with Operational Management

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uncertainty, increasingly

Chief Operations evolves with our growth and the Officer requirement to improvements

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a level of
quality to meet
the needs of
their end
customers.
This could lead
to increased
costs, reduced
revenue and
penalties.

- and the end customer.
- Continuing initiatives to improve operational performance of the CFCs and scaling of operations.

in selecting balanced options that product risk our ability to deliver on our service levels. We will only accept change if heavily outweighed by benefits.

obsolescence, and a dependency on acquiring and retaining skilled employees in a compétitive recruitment market. This is balanced by our increased experience in delivery.

#### Product (OSP) Innovation, Quality and Safety

Failure to build • a quality product in terms of performance, security. availability. safety and overall OSP economic model. Failure to meet emerging client needs or support growth in client operational volumes. Risk that technological innovation supersedes our own and offers improved methods of distribution to consumers.

Establishing our identity as a technology business. international platform provider and innovation factory.

- Engaging with a wide number of international grocers to understand market needs.
- Understanding the current solutions and awareness of global alternatives used in other industries.

Open - We Threat levels are CEO will take rising with justified risks increased to maintain competition our pace of driving alternative innovation, and choose solutions, and options delivering balance highest headline returns, accepting

the drive to performance and financial improvements possibility of with reliability.

some failure.

Environment, Optimis Social -Product Quality and Safety, Equipment

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#### Intellectual **Property**

Failure to protect Ocado Group's own IP or risk of infringing a third party's IP (including the risk of an adverse outcome in current litigation or patent office opposition/ review proceedings), which could result in loss of use of the Group's assets, financial damages or harm to the Company's reputation or relationship.

- Conducting Freedom to Operate searches on relevant technologies and in selected jurisdictions.
- Monitoring IP filings and grants by a large number of competitor companies.
- Continuing to develop and innovate and protecting the results through specialist patent attorneys dedicated to individual

Cautious -The threat is We accept a increasing with limited increased tolerance for Ocado uncertainty development in the work and managementinvestment. The of our IP. We visibility of the will only Autostore accept risk if litigation also limited and raises our profile heavily with other outweighed competitors, by benefits. compensated by greater proactive protection at an

earlier stage.

Group N/A General Counsel

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- Expanding the IP team thereby helping to protect the output of research and development work and training of all staff.
- Protecting our IP from unauthorised use.
- Obtaining specialist or legal advice, including to help ensure our ability to use our IP is not restricted by infringement claims.
- Combining internal and external legal counsel management of litigation and other IP proceedings.

Our UK and international operations are dependent on access to a range of people, resources, markets and suppliers. Economic and political disruption and uncertainty could disrupt our business model, preventing the delivery of new capacity or undermining our operations.

- Performing extensive risk assessments prior to entering new geographic markets or undertaking new ventures.
- Scanning the horizon for emerging threats.
- Maintaining financial reserves to cushion the operational impact for an extended period.

Flexible - WeThis is an will only take externally driven risks that are risk and the strongly threat is justified and continually expect some changing, periods of increased uncertainty. operations in new territories compounds the risk.

Chief Financial Officer

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Develo scale-u capabil Climate Change -Transition and Physical Climate change and governmental actions to reduce such changes may increase our costs and/or disrupt our operations.

Further detail can be found on this risk within the TCFD disclosure section above.

- Overseeing our ESG and Climate programmes by our ESG Committee.
  - Reducing our climate change contributions through a roadmap of activities and achieving our emission reduction targets.
  - Monitoring governmental developments and taking proactive steps to minimise the impact on our operations.

Flexible - WeThe threat level take strongly is increasing, justified driven in the risks, accept short term by some increasing uncertainty regulation. Our and manage assessment of the impact. physical climate risk is in progress.

Chief Financial Officer, Group General Counsel Environment - Deliver Energy transfo Efficiency and technol Carbon Emissions Deliver client

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Key: ↑ Risk has increased ↓ Risk has decreased → No change

For further information on the financial risks see pages 278 to 282 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in the annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021.

#### **Directors' Responsibility Statement**

Ocado's annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021 contains the following statements regarding responsibility for the financial statements and the annual report in compliance with DTR 4.1.12. This responsibility statement is repeated here (below) solely for the purposes of complying with Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule 6.3.5. It is not connected to the extracted information presented in the preliminary results announcement or this announcement.

Each of the Directors who held office at the date of the approval of this Annual Report (included in the biographies of the Directors on pages 102 to 105) confirms, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

- the Group financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Group; and
- the "Management Report" (as defined in the Directors' Report on page 202) includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

The Directors of Ocado Group plc are listed on pages 102 to 105 of the annual report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 28 November 2021 and are listed on the Ocado Group's corporate website: www.ocadogroup.com. The Directors of Ocado Group plc as at the date of this announcement are as follows:

Rick Haythornthwaite; Tim Steiner; Neill Abrams; Stephen Daintith; Mark Richardson; Luke Jensen; Jörn Rausing; Andrew Harrison; Emma Lloyd; Julie Southern; Michael Sherman; Nadia Shouraboura; and John Martin.

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