

Accenture plc  
Form DEFA14A  
December 15, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**  
**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
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**Accenture plc**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to be Held on February 4, 2015.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual General Meeting of Shareholders  
**For holders as of:** December 9, 2014  
**Date:** February 4, 2015 **Time:** 12:00 pm, local time  
**Location:** Accenture New York Office  
1345 Avenue of the Americas, 6th floor  
New York, New York 10105, USA  
For directions to the meeting, please contact:  
General Counsel, Secretary & Chief Compliance Officer  
c/o Accenture, 161 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601, USA

*C/O GENERAL COUNSEL,*

*SECRETARY & CHIEF COMPLIANCE  
OFFICER*

*161 N. CLARK STREET*

*CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601*

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Accenture plc.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice for instructions  
to obtain proxy materials and vote.**

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Before You Vote

*How to Access the Proxy Materials*

**Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

The 2014 Proxy Statement and Notice of Annual Meeting, Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2014 and 2014 Letter to Our Shareholders (the Proxy Materials ) and our Irish financial statements are available.

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), or scan the QR Barcode below.

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the Proxy Materials and the proxy card, or proxy materials for future shareholder meetings, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) *BY INTERNET:* [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:* 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:* [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* To request a paper copies of the Proxy Materials for the current meeting, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line. Please note that this e-mail will not register your preferences for future shareholder meetings. In addition, requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor.

Please make all requests as instructed above on or before January 21, 2015 to facilitate timely delivery in advance of the meeting.

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How To Vote

*Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods*

**Vote By Internet:** Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or, from a smart phone, scan the QR Barcode above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the Proxy Materials, which will also include a proxy card.

**Vote In Person:** You may attend the meeting, or send a personal representative with an appropriate proxy, to vote by poll card at the meeting. Please follow the instructions below under Shareholder Meeting Registration. Please contact: General Counsel, Secretary & Chief Compliance Officer, c/o Accenture, 161 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, USA, for additional information about sending a personal representative on your behalf.

**Shareholder Meeting Registration:** At the entrance to the meeting, we will request to see your admission ticket and valid photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport. We encourage you to request an admission ticket in advance of the meeting. You may request admission tickets by visiting [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and following the instructions provided. You will need the 16-digit control number printed in the box marked by the arrow .. If you do not request an admission ticket in advance, we will request to see proof of share ownership at the entrance to the meeting. Please refer to the proxy statement for additional details.

**Voting Items**

**Accenture plc ( Accenture )**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the director nominees in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8:**

1. Re-appointment of the following nominees to the Board of Directors:

**Nominees:**

1a. Jaime Ardila

1b. Dina Dublon

1c. Charles H. Giancarlo

1d. William L. Kimsey

1e. Marjorie Magner

1f. Blythe J. McGarvie

1g. Pierre Nanterme

1h. Gilles C. Pélisson

1i. Paula A. Price

1j. Wulf von Schimmelmann

1k. Frank K. Tang

2. To approve, in a non-binding vote, the compensation of our named executive officers.
3. To ratify, in a non-binding vote, the appointment of KPMG LLP ( KPMG ) as the independent auditors of Accenture and to authorize, in a binding vote, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to determine KPMG 's remuneration.
4. To grant the Board of Directors the authority to issue shares under Irish law.
5. To grant the Board of Directors the authority to opt-out of statutory pre-emption rights under Irish law.
6. To authorize holding the 2016 annual general meeting of shareholders of Accenture at a location outside of Ireland.
7. To authorize Accenture and its subsidiaries to make open-market purchases of Accenture Class A ordinary shares under Irish law.
8. To determine the price range at which Accenture can re-issue shares that it acquires as treasury shares under Irish law.



## **WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS ( NOTICE )?**

Companies are now permitted to send the enclosed **Notice** instead of a full printed set of proxy materials. The **Notice** gives you instructions on how to view Accenture's proxy materials and vote online or how to receive a full set of printed materials by mail.

## **HOW DO I VIEW THE PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE?**

Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and follow the instructions to view the materials. It is necessary to provide the information printed in the box marked by the arrow located on the **Notice**.

## **WHAT IF I PREFER TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS?**

You can easily request a paper copy at no cost. You will need the information on the **Notice** that is printed in the box marked by the arrow and select one of the three options below.

- i By **INTERNET** at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).
- i By **TELEPHONE**, toll-free at 1-800-579-1639.
- i By sending an **E-MAIL** to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com); simply enter the information in the box marked by the arrow from the **Notice** in the subject line. No other information is necessary.

## CAN I REQUEST TO RECEIVE A FULL SET OF PRINTED PROXY MATERIALS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS RATHER THAN RECEIVING A NOTICE?

Yes, you may request to receive proxy materials for all future meetings by going to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or dialing 1-800-579-1639 and following the specific instructions.

## HOW CAN I VOTE MY SHARES?

- i You may vote your shares via the **INTERNET** at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or by scanning the QR Barcode in the box marked by the arrow on the Notice.
  - i If you vote by going to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), you will need to provide the information printed in the box marked by the arrow located on the **Notice**. You are encouraged to read all of the proxy materials before voting your shares as they contain important information for making an informed voting decision.
  - i You may vote your shares **BY MAIL** by requesting a paper copy of the proxy materials that include a proxy card or voting instruction form.
  - i You may vote your shares **BY PHONE** by viewing the proxy materials online first at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), or by requesting a copy of the proxy materials, and then by using the toll-free number provided on the proxy card or voting instruction form.
  - i You may also vote your shares **IN PERSON** at our annual general meeting of shareholders. Please refer to the proxy statement for specific instructions on how to register to attend the meeting.
- You MAY NOT use your Notice to vote your shares, it is NOT a form for voting. If you send the Notice back your vote will not count.**

For more information please visit, [www.sec.gov/spotlight/proxymatters/e-proxy.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/spotlight/proxymatters/e-proxy.shtml)