



**Additional information for the annual general meeting of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA („DWS“) on June 9, 2021 on item 5 on the agenda "Election of the auditor and group auditor, interim financial statements"**

With regards to the proposal to the Annual General Meeting to appoint KPMG Aktiengesellschaft Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft ("KPMG"), in Berlin, as auditor for the 2021 financial year, the company makes the following statement:

KPMG has been the auditor of DWS since the audit of the annual financial statements for the short financial year 2016.

Last year, the Supervisory Board, against the background of developments at short notice, proposed to the Annual General Meeting that KPMG's audit engagement should be extended for the 2020 financial year, thus deviating from its previous preference for Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, which was based on a selection process carried out voluntarily in 2018.

The proposal in favor of KPMG was based on the expertise of the auditing company and its responsible audit partner in the area of asset management. Against this background, the Supervisory Board again proposed KPMG for election for the 2021 financial year.

The succession for Mr Kuppler, the lead audit partner since 2016, has not been concluded yet. It is, however, ensured and decided that Mr Kuppler will not serve as the lead audit partner for any further full-year financial statements of DWS. As soon as the new lead audit partner has been selected, we will provide a respective update on our website.

Frankfurt am Main, May 20, 2021  
DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA