

# Getting started as an investor

**Research and choose the companies you want to invest in. As a shareholder, you will be able to vote on things like executive pay, board members and other ways they conduct business. Some companies grant stockholders one vote per share, thus giving those with a greater investment in the company a greater say in corporate decision-making.**

To be involved in our work, you cannot hold your shares through a major super fund, ETFs or custodian platforms. Look for CHESS sponsored online platforms & brokers.

Once you have set up an account, you will be issued with a unique Holder Identification Number (HIN) and you will be ready to buy into companies.

Your trades are settled 2 days after the trade execution date, so purchase early to ensure it is completed in time to participate in shareholder actions.

If you can afford to hold your shares for a long time, it would be great if you can keep them for ongoing engagement with the company. However, these investment decisions are absolutely at your discretion.

**For an ASX listed company the minimum order size for your first trade is \$500 worth of shares. This is known as the minimum marketable parcel. This holding will get you added to the company register and eligible to participate at the AGM.**

Once you own shares in Australian listed companies you can sign up on ACCR's **shareholder hub** and tell us which companies you hold. We'll email you each time we're planning a resolution to give you the chance to participate, or opt out.

- Registration is easy, costs you nothing and we don't need access to your shares. Just bring your entity/account name, address, the last 3 digits of your Holder Identification Number (HIN) and a list of companies you hold.
- You only need to hold a minimum of 1 share in a company in order to participate in resolutions. Signing up with us does NOT give us your proxy vote - you are still able to (and encouraged to) vote for resolutions as you see fit.

ACCR cannot advise you on the investment choices you wish to make with your money.

If you already have a financial adviser, we can speak with them about the easiest way for you to support our work.

If you don't have a financial adviser, we can provide you with information on some advisers that we already work closely with. Email us: [shareholders@accr.org.au](mailto:shareholders@accr.org.au)

Please take some time to explore the various ways you can trade and the fees that might be involved.

**You must own your shares directly to be able to exercise your shareholder rights. Here are some brokers to start your research.**

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## TOGETHER WE CAN TURN YOUR INVESTMENTS INTO CLIMATE ACTION

