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# PRESS RELEASE

# EGM and AGM 2023

The Extraordinary General Meeting (the "**EGM**") and the Annual General Meeting (the "**AGM**") of Sofina SA were held on Thursday 4 May 2023 at the registered office of the Company.

More than 50 shareholders were present and all voting items of the EGM and the AGM were approved with a near unanimity of the votes. During the AGM, the Board and management also reiterated their belief in and commitment to the Company's strategy which was shared orally<sup>1</sup>.

# EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE AUTHORISED CAPITAL

The Extraordinary General Meeting approved the introduction in the Articles of Association of a clause giving the Board of Directors the authority to increase the share capital of the Company subject to certain conditions.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTORY DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Extraordinary General Meeting approved moving the statutory date of the Annual General Meeting to the second Thursday of May as from 2024 to allow the time for additional compliance requirements (such as the issuance of an XBRL format) in the preparation of the Annual report.

<sup>1</sup> This presentation is available on the Company's website: <u>www.sofinagroup.com/governance/shareholders-meetings</u>

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### APPROVAL OF A GROSS DIVIDEND OF EUR 3.24 PER SHARE

The Annual General Meeting approved the statutory annual accounts of the Company relating to the financial year 2022 including the appropriation of the result and the distribution of a gross dividend of EUR 3.24 per share.

The dividend will be payable by Euroclear against detachment of coupon nr. 25 on 16 May 2023 ("ex-date": 12 May 2023 and "record date": 15 May 2023).

#### **REMUNERATION REPORT**

The Annual General Meeting approved the Remuneration report for the financial year 2022.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW DIRECTORS**

Mr. Jacques Emsens, Mr. Robert Peugeot and Mr. Guy Verhofstadt whose term of office expired at the end of the Annual General Meeting of 4 May 2023 informed the Company they did not seek reappointment. We are grateful to Mr. Jacques Emsens, Mr. Robert Peugeot and Mr. Guy Verhofstadt for their substantial contributions as Board members during the numerous years they served as Directors.

The Annual General Meeting approved the appointment of three new Board members: Mr. Leslie Teo and Mr. Rajeev Vasudeva as independent Directors for a period of three years and Mr. Felix Goblet d'Alviella as Director for a period of three years.

#### RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE STATUTORY AUDITOR

The Annual General Meeting approved the renewal of the mandate of its Statutory Auditor, EY Réviseurs d'Entreprises SRL, represented by its permanent representative Mr. Jean-François Hubin, for a period of three years ending at the end of the Annual General Meeting that will take place in 2026.

#### ESTIMATED NAV PER SHARE AT 31 MARCH 2023 (UNAUDITED)

In response to questions raised at the Annual General Meeting, the Company stated that the NAV per share at 31 March 2023, excluding dividends and directors' fees, was estimated at EUR 274.79<sup>2</sup>. This amount has not been audited by the Statutory Auditor.

<sup>2</sup> Based on 33,337,072 shares outstanding. The unlisted investments in the Long-term minority investments and Sofina Growth portfolios are included at fair value at 31 December 2022, while the listed investments in these same portfolios are valued at the stock market price at 31 March 2023. The investments in the Sofina Private Funds portfolio are generally evaluated on the basis of reports at 31 December 2022, obtained from the Managers of these investment funds. However, these values are adjusted to take into account capital calls and distributions that have occurred since the date of issue of the last report, as well as the stock price of listed companies held by these funds at 31 March 2023.

### DOCUMENTS PRESENTED DURING THE MEETINGS

The documents presented at the meetings, including the minutes of the meetings as well as the video recording of the AGM will be made available to the shareholders on the Company's website<sup>3</sup>.

#### Financial calendar

Dividend ex-date	12 May 2023
Dividend record date	15 May 2023
Dividend payable	16 May 2023
Newsletter #12	24 July 2023
Half-year report 2023	5 September 2023
Newsletter #13	January 2024

#### Company profile

Sofina is a Belgian investment company, listed on Euronext Brussels. Sofina's mission is to partner with leading entrepreneurs and families, backing them with patient capital and supportive advice to foster sustainable growth of their businesses. Relationships and alignment are at the heart of what we do. Sofina has investments in Europe, Asia and the United States in various sectors, with a particular focus on Consumer and retail, Digital transformation, Education as well as Healthcare and life sciences. For more information, please visit <u>www.sofinagroup.com</u>

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<sup>3</sup> These materials will be available on the Company's website: <a href="http://www.sofinagroup.com/governance/shareholders-meetings">www.sofinagroup.com/governance/shareholders-meetings</a>