# 4finance S.A.

Société anonyme

# Annual accounts For the financial year ended December 31, 2022

(with the Report of the Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé thereon)

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# MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON

# **December 31, 2022**

To the sole shareholder of **4finance S.A.** ("the Company"):

AS "4finance", having its registered office at Lielirbes iela 17a – 46, Riga LV – 1046, Latvia.

In accordance with our duties as Directors of 4finance S.A. we hereby submit the balance sheet as of December 31, 2022 and the related statement of profit or loss for the year then ended (the "Period").

During the year under review, the balance sheet amounts to EUR 378,4 million and the result of the year shows a loss of EUR 7,4 million which the Board of Directors proposes to allocate as follows:

Results brought forward:	EUR	(37.009.946,13)
Results of the Period	EUR	(7.404.875,36)
Results to be carried forward	EUR	(44.414.821,49)

4finance S.A., a Luxembourg based company, presents its audited annual financial report together with the annual accounts for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2022.

The share capital of 4finance S.A. as at December 31, 2022 is EUR 100.000.000.

The Company is part of a group of companies owned by 4finance Group S.A. (collectively, the "Group"). The Company has no branches. The Group is one of Europe's largest digital consumer lending groups and active in more than 9 countries globally. The Company lends to various entities within the Group to finance their operations. The Company is largely financed via bonds issued on European stock markets.

# Important events in 2022 and future developments

During the reporting period, the Company continued its lending activities to companies within the Group. It is the intention of the management of the Company to continue to lend to companies within the Group to support their operations in the future.

In 2022, the Company purchased EUR 36,9 million of EUR 2026 bonds and EUR 15,5 million EUR 2025 bonds.

Shareholder changes

Between February and April 2022, Vera Boiko, previously the largest beneficial owner with 49,05%, sold all of her shares in ultimate parent company Tirona Limited to new minority shareholders, each holding less than 10%. Following these transactions, the largest shareholder (29,47%) is Edgars Dupats, with all other shareholders holding less than 10%.

Sale of Polish business

In early April 2022, proposed legislation advanced in the Polish parliament ("Special Solutions Counteracting Supporting Aggression against Ukraine and Serving Protection of National Security in Poland") which would give the Ministry of the Interior sweeping powers to sanction entities directly or indirectly connected to or associated with Russian nationals. In light of this process, one of the 4finance S.A. bond guarantors, Polish business, Vivus Finance Sp. z o.o., was sold outside the 4finance Holding S.A. consolidation group to local management and in July 2022 was released from its bond guarantees. The loan granted by 4finance S.A. remains in place, with various amendments including additional covenants, increase in interest rate to 14% and maturity was amended to 30 September 2026.

# Review and development of the Company's business and financial position

Loss for the year amounted to EUR 7,4 million, compared with profit of EUR 23,6 million for the year 2021. Since its incorporation, the Company has granted various loans to operating companies within the

Group and to other parties. The Company acts as a lender and all loans bear interest at various rates. Interest income for the year amounted to EUR 34,6 million, compared to EUR 41,6 million for the same period in 2021.

As of December 31, 2022, the aggregate principal of the loans granted by the Company amounted to EUR 236,0 million and the related accrued interest amounted to EUR 66,6 million, compared to EUR 275,1 million and EUR 68,0 million, respectively, as at December 31, 2021.

4finance S.A. is mainly funded by issuance of bonds. It has issued EUR 175,0 million of 10,75% 5 year bonds maturing October 2026 and EUR 150,0 million of 11.25% bonds maturing February 2025. The EUR 2026 bonds were listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange in October 2022 and EUR 2025 bonds are listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. As of December 31, 2022 the Company has made bond repurchases and holds in treasury EUR 47,5 million notional of its EUR 2026 bonds and EUR 16,4 million of its EUR 2025 bonds.

The Company has no debt maturities in the next year. This supports the Company's assessment in presenting its accounts on a going concern basis.

# Principal risks and uncertainties

As part of the 4finance Group, the Company applies Group principles for overall risk management, and Group policies covering specific areas such as credit risk, liquidity risk, market risks, operational risks and reputational risks.

The principal risks and uncertainties of the Company relate to its main assets, ie loans to affiliated companies. Recoverability of these loans is dependent on the performance of the underlying companies. The Company is not exposed to interest rate risk as the loans and the bonds issued are at fixed rates. Most of the loans have maturities after more than one year, however, prior to maturity, the lender may request the repayment of the loan at any time, therefore these are presented under payables within one year. These loans are denominated in various currencies. In addition, liabilities largely consist of bonds denominated in EUR. The Company hedges this foreign currency risk through various financial instruments including swap, forward and option contracts.

# **Employees**

The Company had 3 part time employees during the financial year.

# Research and development

The Company does not undertake any research or development activities.

# **Corporate Governance**

Strong corporate governance is an integral part of the Group's core values, supporting the Group's vision of moving towards a sustainable future.

The executive committee of the Group is composed of a team that works with the senior leaders across the Group to evaluate the importance of the core values throughout the Group by promoting and fostering a corporate culture of the highest ethical standards, internal controls, and legal compliance.

In compliance with Luxembourg Company Law, this Corporate Governance Statement is presented below and constitutes an integral part of this report.

Capital structure of the Company / 4finance Group

The Company is part of the 4finance Group and is entirely held by AS 4finance (Latvia), a Latvian based company whose share capital is wholly owned by 4finance Holding S.A. ("Holdco"), a Luxembourg Société anonyme. The parent holding company of the Group and direct shareholder of Holdco is 4finance Group S.A. (Luxembourg). With a 100% shareholding in 4finance Group S.A., Tirona Limited (Cyprus) is the indirect shareholder of the Company. Tirona Limited largest shareholder (29,47%) is Edgars Dupats, with all other shareholders holding less than 10%. The Company has not acquired its own shares during the year.

Corporate governance, management, and control of the Company is apportioned between the sole shareholder and the Board of Directors (the "Board"), in accordance with all relevant provisions of Luxembourg laws and in particular the law of August 10, 1915 on commercial companies, as amended (the "Luxembourg laws") so as the Company's articles of association (the Articles of Association"). The Company does not apply additional requirements in addition to those required by the above.

Powers of the sole shareholder

The sole shareholder of the Company exercises all the powers granted by Luxembourg laws to the general meetings of shareholders, including (i) appointing and removing the directors (the "Directors") and the statutory or independent auditor of the Company as well as setting their remuneration and discharging them from liability, as the case may be, (ii) approving the annual financial statements of the Company, (iii) amending the Articles of Association, (iv) deciding on the dissolution and liquidation of the Company, and (v) changing the nationality of the Company.

General Powers of the Directors / the Board

The Company is currently managed by a Board composed of two directors of category A and two directors of category B, approved by the Company's sole shareholder. In accordance with Luxembourg laws, each Director may be removed by the sole shareholder at any time without cause.

Directors of each category are vested with the same individual powers and duties. Directors of category A are Luxembourg residents, whereas directors of category B are not Luxembourg residents and at the same time generally hold positions within the Group entities.

The Board is responsible for conducting and managing the business affairs of the Company in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles of Association. The Board is convened as often as required in the Company's interest.

The Directors participate in all discussions but may however not vote or deliberate on any items in which they have a conflict of interest. In such a case, the concerned Director(s) must declare the nature of such conflict, which declaration is recorded in the meeting minutes. Any conflicts of interest are further reported to the sole shareholder in accordance with Luxembourg laws.

The Board may delegate certain functions, but not their responsibility, to third parties, subject to the supervision and Directors, i.e. the managing directors(s), commit the management of the affairs of the Company to one or more Directors or give special powers for determined matters to one or more proxy holders.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, when composed of several categories of directors (as is currently the case), the Board is bound by the joint signatures of one Director of each category. Thus the "four eyes" principle is established.

Specific Powers of the Directors / the Board

# Financial Reporting Process

The Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control and risk management systems of the Company in relation to the financial reporting process. Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the Company's financial reporting objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. The Board has established processes regarding internal control and risk management systems to ensure its effective oversight of the financial reporting process. The Board is obliged to maintain proper books and records as required by Luxembourg laws. These include appointing Company management to maintain the accounting records and prepare for review and approval by the Board and annual accounts providing a true and fair view of the financial situation and result of the Company. The Board evaluates and discusses

significant accounting and reporting issues as the need arises. From time to time the Board also examines and evaluates the external auditor's performance, qualifications and independence.

#### Risk Assessment

The Board is fully responsible for assessing the risk of irregularities whether caused by fraud or error in financial reporting and ensuring processes are in place for the timely identification of internal and external matters with a potential effect on financial reporting. The Board has also put in place processes to identify changes in accounting rules and recommendations and to ensure that these changes are accurately reflected in the Company's Annual Accounts.

The risk appetite of the Company is set by the Board of Directors. In line with the principles of the 3 lines of defence, the Company has a governance process enabling the business to understand, assess and manage risks in accordance to its defined risk appetite. The Company ensures a formal process of regular portfolio reviews, enabling the identification of risks associated with the portfolio, the definition and implementation of any corrective action, whenever required, consistent with the risk/reward approach set by the Board.

# Monitoring

The Board is directly responsible for establishing a sound control environment.

The Board has an annual process to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to consider and address any shortcomings identified and measures recommended by the independent auditor(s).

The internal audit department of the Group currently reports directly to the Group's audit committee (the "Audit Committee") and regularly performs an independent assessment of the Group's processes. The assessment is designed to ensure that all key aspects of risk management are of a high quality.

The Audit Committee oversees the Group's financial reporting process to ensure the transparency and integrity of published financial information, the effectiveness of the Group's internal control and risk management systems, the effectiveness of the internal audit function, the effectiveness of independent audit processes including recommending the appointment and assessing the performance of the external auditor, and the effectiveness of the process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations affecting financial reporting codes of business conduct (where applicable).

# Control Activities

The Board is responsible for designing and maintaining control structures to manage the risks which are significant for internal control over financial reporting. These control structures include appropriate divisions of responsibilities and specific control activities aimed at detecting or preventing the risk of significant deficiencies in financial reporting for all significant captions written in the Annual Accounts and related notes therein.

#### Important events since the balance sheet date

There are no significant subsequent events.

# Statement in respect to the annual accounts

To the best of our knowledge, the 4finance S.A. 2022 audited annual accounts, prepared in accordance with Luxembourg GAAP accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of 4finance S.A. and the management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of 4finance S.A., together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Company faces.

# We recommend that you:

- 1. Approve the annual accounts as of December 31, 2022 as presented to you.
- 2. Grand discharge to the Directors of the exercise of their mandate through December 31, 2022.
- 3. Allocate the loss to the next financial year.

Luxembourg, April 21, 2023

On behalf of the Board of Directors

**James Alexander Etherington** 

Category B director

	Notes		
	110005	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
ASSETS		EUR	EUR
A. Subscribed capital unpaid		_	_
I. Subscribed capital not called		_	_
II. Subscribed capital called but unpaid		_	_
B. Formation expenses		_	_
C. Fixed assets		57.122.311,83	8.316.381,00
I. Intangible fixed assets		_	_
II. Tangible assets		_	_
III. Financial assets	3	57.122.311,83	8.316.381,00
1. Shares in affiliated undertakings		_	_
2. Loans to affiliated undertakings		_	_
3. Participating interests		_	_
4. Loans to undertakings with which the Company is linked by virtue of participating interests		_	_
5. Investments held as fixed assets		57.122.311,83	8.316.381,00
6. Other loans		_	_
D. Current assets		317.218.611,83	373.004.516,23
I. Stocks			
II. Debtors	4	302.989.976,68	343.603.616,99
2. Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	4	272.676.447,42	343.053.154,60
a) becoming due and payable within one year		272.676.447,42	343.053.154,60
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year	_	_	
4. Other debtors	5	30.313.529,26	550.462,39
a) becoming due and payable within one year		396.166,46	515.261,27
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year		29.917.362,80	35.201,12
III. Investments		_	_
1. Shares in affiliated undertakings and undertakings with which the Company is linked by virtue of participating interests		_	_
2. Own shares		_	_
3. Other investments		_	_
IV. Cash at bank and cash in hand	6	14.228.635,15	29.400.899,24
E. Prepayments	7	4.099.798,41	5.239.396,89
TOTAL (ASSETS)		378.440.722,07	386.560.294,12

I. Subscribed capital       100.000.000,00       100.000.000,00         II. Share premium and similar premiums       —       —         III. Revaluation reserve       —       —         IV. Reserves       51.865,70       51.865,70         1. Legal reserve       51.865,70       51.865,70         2. Reserve for own shares       —       —		Notes	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
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II. Share premium and similar premiums       —       —         III. Revaluation reserve       —       —         IV. Reserves       51.865,70       51.865,70         1. Legal reserve       51.865,70       51.865,70         2. Reserve for own shares       —       —	Capital and reserves	8	55.637.044,21	63.041.919,57
III. Revaluation reserve       —       —         IV. Reserves       51.865,70       51.865,70         1. Legal reserve       51.865,70       51.865,70         2. Reserve for own shares       —       —	Subscribed capital		100.000.000,00	100.000.000,00
IV. Reserves       51.865,70       51.865,70         1. Legal reserve       51.865,70       51.865,70         2. Reserve for own shares       —       —	. Share premium and similar premiums		_	_
1. Legal reserve       51.865,70       51.865,70         2. Reserve for own shares       —       —	I. Revaluation reserve		_	_
2. Reserve for own shares —	V. Reserves		51.865,70	51.865,70
	. Legal reserve		51.865,70	51.865,70
3 Reserve provided for by the articles of association — — — —	2. Reserve for own shares		_	_
3. Reserve provided for by the districts of association	3. Reserve provided for by the articles of association		_	_
4. Other reserves — —	1. Other reserves		_	_
V. Profit or loss brought forward (37.009.946,13) (60.592.188,9	. Profit or loss brought forward		(37.009.946,13)	(60.592.188,97)
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(7.404.875,36)	23.582.242,84
VII. Interim dividends — -	II. Interim dividends		_	_
VIII. Capital investment subsidies — -	III. Capital investment subsidies		_	_
B. Provisions —	Provisions		_	_
1. Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	. Provisions for pensions and similar obligations			_
2. Provisions for taxation — —	2. Provisions for taxation		_	_
3. Other provisions — —	3. Other provisions		_	_
C. Creditors 322.803.677,86 323.518.374,5	Creditors		322.803.677,86	323.518.374,55
1. Debenture loans 322.432.217,50 322.327.564,4	I. Debenture loans		322.432.217,50	322.327.564,45
a) Convertible loans — -	a) Convertible loans		_	_
i) becoming due and payable within one year — — —	i) becoming due and payable within one year		_	_
ii) becoming due and payable after more than one year — — — —	ii) becoming due and payable after more than one year		_	_
b) Non-convertible loans 9 322.432.217,50 322.327.564,4	b) Non-convertible loans	9	322.432.217,50	322.327.564,45
a) becoming due and payable within one year 5.032.217,50 4.927.564,4	a) becoming due and payable within one year		5.032.217,50	4.927.564,45
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year 317.400.000,00 317.400.000,00	b) becoming due and payable after more than one year		317.400.000,00	317.400.000,00
2. Amounts owed to credit institutions — — —	2. Amounts owed to credit institutions		_	_
3. Payments received on accounts of orders as far as they are not shown separately as deductions from stocks — — — —	3. Payments received on accounts of orders as far as they are not shown separately as deductions from stocks		_	_
a) becoming due and payable within one year — — —	a) becoming due and payable within one year		_	_
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year — — —	b) becoming due and payable after more than one year		_	_
4. Trade creditors — —	4. Trade creditors		_	_
a) becoming due and payable within one year — — —	a) becoming due and payable within one year		_	_
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year — — —	b) becoming due and payable after more than one year		_	_
5. Bills of exchange payable — —	5. Bills of exchange payable		_	_
a) becoming due and payable within one year — — —	a) becoming due and payable within one year		_	_
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year — — —			_	_
		10	63.076,03	268.973,54
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				268.973,54
b) becoming due and payable after more than one year — — — — —			<del></del>	
7. Amounts owed to undertakings with which the company is linked by virtue of participating interests — — — —	7. Amounts owed to undertakings with which the company is linked by virt	tue	_	_
a) becoming due and payable within one year — — — —			_	_

b) becoming due and payable after more than one year		_	_
8. Other creditors	11	308.384,33	921.836,56
a) Tax authorities		236.277,62	527.314,89
b) Social security authorities		_	_
c) Other creditors		72.106,71	394.521,67
i) becoming due and payable within one year		72.106,71	394.521,67
ii) becoming due and payable after more than one year		_	_
D. Deferred income		_	_
TOTAL (CAPITAL, RESERVES AND LIABILITIES)		378.440.722,07	386.560.294,12

Luxembourg, April 21, 2023

On behalf of the Board of Directors

James Alexander Etherington

Category B director

	Notes		
PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT		2022 EUR	2021 EUR
1. Net turnover		_	_
2. Variation in stocks of finished goods and work in progress		_	_
3. Work performed by the undertaking for its own purposes and capitalised		_	_
4. Other operating income		_	_
<ul><li>5. Raw materials and consumables and other external expenses</li><li>a) Raw materials and consumables</li><li>b) Other external expenses</li></ul>	12	(2.383.972,45) — (2.383.972,45)	(2.151.632,09) — (2.151.632,09)
6. Staff costs  a) Wages and salaries b) Social security costs i) relating to pensions ii) other social security costs c) Other staff costs	13	(40.921,38) (36.380,43) (4.540,95) — (4.540,95) —	(45.847,04) (41.365,62) (4.481,42) — (4.481,42)
<ul><li>7. Value adjustments</li><li>a) in respect of formation expenses and of tangible and intangible fixed assets</li><li>b) in respect of current assets</li></ul>	4	(3.004.691,70) — (3.004.691,70)	(3.328.690,41) — (3.328.690,41)
8. Other operating expenses		_	_
<ul><li>9. Income from participating interests</li><li>a) derived from affiliated undertakings</li><li>b) other income from participating interests</li></ul>		_ _ _	_ _ _
<ul><li>10. Income from other investments and loans forming part of the fixed assets</li><li>a) derived from affiliated undertakings</li><li>b) other income not included under</li></ul>		_ _ _	_ _ _
<ul><li>11. Other interest receivable and similar income</li><li>a) derived from affiliated undertakings</li><li>b) other interest and similar income</li></ul>	14	<b>42.639.091,91</b> 31.803.432,64 10.835.659,27	<b>84.621.403,25</b> 41.592.493,60 43.028.909,65
12. Share of profit or loss of undertakings accounted for under the equity method		_	_
13. Value adjustments in respect of financial assets and of investments held as current assets	3	(1.062.347,29)	_

<ul><li>14. Interest payable and similar expenses</li><li>a) concerning affiliated undertakings</li><li>b) other interest and similar expenses</li></ul>	15	(42.937.722,59) — (42.937.722,59)	(55.154.525,87) (1.015.021,12) (54.139.504,75)
15. Tax on profit or loss	16	_	_
16. Profit or loss after taxation		(6.790.563,50)	23.940.707,84
17. Other taxes not shown under items 1 to 16	16	(614.311,86)	(358.465,00)
18. Profit or loss for the financial year		(7.404.875,36)	23.582.242,84

Luxembourg, April 21, 2023

On behalf of the Board of Directors

**James Alexander Etherington** 

Category B director

#### NOTE 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

4finance S.A. (B173403) – hereafter the "Company" – was incorporated on 6 December, 2012 as a "Société anonyme" within the definition of the Luxembourg Law of 10 August, 1915, as amended, on commercial companies for an unlimited period of time.

The Company is part of a group of companies ultimately owned by 4finance Group S.A. (collectively, the "Group").

The Company's registered office is established in Luxembourg.

The financial year of the Company runs from 1 January until 31 December, of each year.

The purpose of the Company is to finance the activities of 4finance Group S.A. and subsidiaries. The Company may in particular acquire by subscription, purchase, and exchange or in any other manner any stock, shares and other securities, bonds, debentures, certificates of deposit and other debt instruments and more generally any securities and financial instruments issued by any public or private entity whatsoever, including partnerships. It may participate in the creation, development, management and control of any company or enterprise. It may further invest in the acquisition and management of a portfolio of patents or other intellectual property rights of any nature or origin whatsoever.

The Company may borrow in any form. It may issue notes, bonds and debentures and any kind of debt which may be convertible and/or equity securities. The Company may lend funds including the proceeds of any borrowings and/or issues of debt securities to its subsidiaries, affiliated companies or to any other company. It may also give guarantees and grant security interests in favor of third parties to secure its obligations or the obligations of its subsidiaries, affiliated companies or any other company. The Company may further mortgage, pledge, and transfer, encumber or otherwise hypothecate all or some of its assets.

The Company may generally employ any techniques and utilize any instruments relating to its investments for the purpose of their efficient management, including techniques and instruments designed to protect the Company against currency fluctuations, interest rate fluctuations and other risks.

The Company may carry out any commercial, financial or industrial operations and any transactions with respect to real estate or movable property, which directly or indirectly further or relate to its purpose.

The Company is included in the consolidated accounts of 4finance Group S.A. RCS Luxembourg: B195.643, forming the largest body of undertakings of which the Company forms a part as a subsidiary undertaking. The registered office of 4finance Group S.A. is 8-10 Avenue de la Gare, L-1610, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, where the consolidated accounts are available.

The Company is included in the consolidated accounts of 4finance Holding S.A. RCS Luxembourg: B171.059, forming the smallest body of undertakings of which the Company forms a part as a subsidiary undertaking. The registered office of 4finance Holding S.A. is 8-10 Avenue de la Gare, L-1610, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, where the consolidated accounts are available. Consolidated accounts are also published on the 4finance Holding S.A. website.

# NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# General principles

The Company maintains its books and records in Euro ("EUR") and prepares its annual accounts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations in Luxembourg as well as with the generally accepted accounting principles in force in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

# Going concern

The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the going concern principle.

This conclusion is based on management's review of potential forecasted scenario which demonstrates ability of the Company to continue operations and maintain adequate liquidity. Management is confident of the continuation of operations in the next 12 months.

# Impact on business operations from Russia-Ukraine war

The Management considers the impact of the geopolitical and economic situation, caused by Russia's aggression on Ukraine, on the Company's operations and has not so far experienced any material business impact, although risks remain given the volatility of the situation.

#### Main valuation rules

The main valuation rules applied by the Company are the following:

# Financial assets

Long term investments into debt instruments (bonds) are disclosed under item Investments held as fixed assets. These investments are valued at cost. In case of durable depreciation in value, according to the opinion of the management, value adjustments are made in respect of financial assets, so that the lower value is attributed to them at the balance sheet date. These value adjustments are reversed if the reason for which they were made have ceased to exist.

#### **Debtors**

Debtors are stated at their nominal value.

A value adjustment is recorded when the recoverable value is lower than the nominal value. The recoverable value is estimated on the basis of the information available to the Board of Directors. These value adjustments are not continued if the reasons for which the value adjustments were made have ceased to apply.

#### Derivative financial instruments

The Company is engaged in hedging activities, in particular the hedging of foreign currency exposure. Derivative financial instruments are initially recorded at cost. In the case of hedging of an asset or a liability that is not recorded at fair value, unrealized gains or losses are deferred until the recognition of the realized gains or losses on the hedged item.

Margin requirements of the hedge deals are accounted for in other debtors.

# Foreign currency translation

The Company maintains its accounting records in EUR and the annual accounts are prepared in this currency. Transactions made in another currency than EUR are translated into EUR at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date.

- cash and cash equivalents are valued at the exchange rate applicable at the balance sheet date, considering exchange rate differences as realized;
- all other assets expressed in another currency than EUR are valued individually at the lower of the value determined using the historical exchange rate or the value determined using the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date;
- all liabilities expressed in another currency than EUR are valued individually at the higher of the value determined using the historical exchange rate or the value determined using the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date;
- income and expenses expressed in currencies other than EUR are converted at the exchange rate applicable at the date of the transactions.

Consequently only realized foreign exchange gains and losses and unrealized foreign exchange losses are taken into account in the profit or loss account.

# **Prepayments**

This asset item includes payments incurred during the financial year but relating to a expenditure subsequent financial year. Company accounts bond issuing and extension costs paid in prepayments and amortise linearly to Other external expenses over the period of time until bond maturity.

# Creditors

Creditors are recorded at their reimbursement value. Where the amount repayable on account is greater than the amount received, the difference is recorded in the profit and loss account when the debt is issued.

# **Provisions**

Provisions are intended to cover losses or debts, the nature of which is clearly defined and which, at the date of the balance sheet, are either likely to be incurred or certain to be incurred but uncertain as to their amount or the date on which they will arise.

Provisions may also be created to cover charges that have originated in the financial year under review or in a previous financial year, the nature of which is clearly defined, and at the date of the balance sheet, are either likely to be incurred or certain to be incurred but uncertain as to their amount or the date on which they will arise.

# Current tax provision

Provisions for taxation corresponding to the tax liability estimated by the Company for the financial years are recorded under the caption "Other creditors".

# NOTE 3 FINANCIAL ASSETS

The investments held as fixed assets represent re-purchased own EUR 2025 Notes of EUR 15,8 million and EUR 2026 Notes of EUR 36,5 million presented at initial cost (see Note 9) and EUR 4,8 million high-grade liquid long-term bonds issued by third parties. The notes are not expected to be cancelled during 2023. The portfolio of the third party bonds consists of diversified investments where each is not higher than EUR 0,5 million. During year 2022 the Company recognised a loss of EUR 1,1 million in relation to investment sold.

# NOTE 4 AMOUNTS OWED BY AFFILIATED UNDERTAKINGS

	a) Becoming due and payable within one year	b) Becoming due and payable after more than one year	Total 31.12.2022 EUR	Total 31.12.2021 EUR
Principal of the loans granted Accrued interest	206.116.473,57 66.559.973,85	_	206.116.473,57 66.559.973,85	275.045.536,28 68.007.618,32
Total	272.676.447,42		272.676.447,42	343.053.154,60

Since its incorporation, the Company granted various loans to the operating entities of the Group. The Company acts as a lender and all the loans bear interest at various rates. Most of the loans have maturities after more than one year, however, prior to maturity, the lender may request the repayment of the loan at any time, therefore these are presented under payables within one year.

Amounts presented above are net of value adjustment recognized. In 2022 value adjustments in respect of current assets are EUR 3,0 million (2021: EUR 3,3 million) which consist of loan and interest value adjustments.

# NOTE 5 OTHER DEBTORS

	a) Becoming due and payable within one year	b) Becoming due and payable after more than one year	Total 31.12.2022 EUR	Total 31.12.2021 EUR
Principal of the loan granted	_	29.877.255,80	29.877.255,80	_
Other debtors	366.525,00	_	366.525,00	_
Payments for derivative agreements	_	_	_	490.000,00
Receivable from tax and social security	_	40.107,00	40.107,00	35.201,12
Interest receivable from investment in bonds	29.641,46	_	29.641,46	25.261,27
Total	396.166,46	29.917.362,80	30.313.529,26	550.462,39

Principal of loan granted consists of loan with interest of 14% maturing on 30 September 2026.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had the following foreign exchange hedge contracts outstanding presented as off balance sheet. The fair value of hedge contracts are presented below:

Currency	Amount purchased	Currency	Amount sold	Maturity date	Fair value EUR	Variation recorded in profit or loss account EUR
EUR	10,000,000.00	PLN	47,997,000.00	08.03.2023	(130,090.00)	_
EUR	5,000,000.00	PLN	23,830,000.00	13.03.2023	(25,605.00)	_
EUR	5,000,000.00	PLN	24,342,500.00	27.01.2023	(170,357.00)	_
EUR	5,000,000.00	SEK	54,310,000.00	28.02.2023	123,774.00	_
EUR	5,000,000.00	CZK	126,997,500.00	10.02.2023	(233,013.00)	_
EUR	3,000,000.00	CZK	74,160,000.00	21.02.2023	(51,899.00)	_
EUR	4,000,000.00	CZK	98,680,000.00	23.02.2023	(60,006.00)	_
EUR	5,000,000.00	CZK	123,600,000.00	28.02.2023	(82,184.00)	
Total					(629,380.00)	

# NOTE 6 CASH AT BANK AND CASH IN HAND

	Total 31.12.2022	31.12.2021
	EUR	EUR
EUR	12.228.719,09	26.618.285,67
USD	912.971,69	2.433.077,13
Other currencies	1.086.944,37	349.536,44
Total	14.228.635,15	29.400.899,24

# NOTE 7 PREPAYMENTS

	Total 31.12.2022	Total 31.12.2021
	EUR	EUR
Bond issuing costs	4.042.879,85	5.196.251,65
Subscription fees	_	39.125,23
Consultancy fee	_	3.474,88
Legal fees	56.918,56	_
Listing fee		545,13
Total	4.099.798,41	5.239.396,89

The Company has prepaid EUR 2026 bond issuing costs and EUR 2025 bond extension costs amounting to EUR 5,2 million. The bond issuing costs are being booked as prepayments and are being amortised linearly over the period till the bond maturity. The expense amortisation is presented in Other external expenses.

# NOTE 8 CAPITAL AND RESERVES

# Subscribed capital

As of December 31, 2022 subscribed capital amounted to EUR 100.000.000,00, represented by 100.000.000 shares of nominal value of EUR 1,00 each. The share capital is fully paid up. The Company's net assets are more than half of its share capital.

#### Legal reserve

In accordance with Luxembourg Law of 10 August, 1915, as amended, on commercial companies, the Company is required to transfer a minimum of 5% of its net profit for each financial year to a legal reserve. This requirement ceases to be necessary once the balance of the legal reserve reaches 10% of the issued share capital. The legal reserve is not available for distribution to the sole shareholder.

# Movements for the year on profit or loss items

	Profit or loss brought forward	Profit or loss for the financial year	Total
As at the beginning of the year 2022	(60.592.188,97)	23.582.242,84	(37.009.946,13)
Allocation of the prior year's result:	23.582.242,84	(23.582.242,84)	_
Appropriation to the legal reserve	_	_	_
Dividend distribution	_	_	_
Other movements	_	_	_
Result for the Period		(7.404.875,36)	(7.404.875,36)
As at the end of the year 2022	(37.009.946,13)	(7.404.875,36)	(44.414.821,49)

#### NOTE 9 DEBENTURE LOANS

# b) Non-convertible loans:

			Principal an	nount EUR	Accrued into	erest EUR
Loan provider/type of loan	Maturity	Interest rate	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Notes:						
EUR 2025 Notes	February 2025	11,25%	150.000.000,00	150.000.000,00	1.551.499,72	1.731.898,70
EUR 2026 Notes	October 2026	10,75%	167.400.000,00	167.400.000,00	2.478.390,41	3.195.665,75
Bendura loan	September 2023	1,95%	1.000.000,00	<u> </u>	2.327,37	
Total			318.400.000,00	317.400.000,00	4.032.217,50	4.927.564,45

In May 2016, 4finance S.A. issued EUR 100,0 million of 11,25% notes (the 'EUR 2025 Notes') which are senior to all of the Companies's future subordinated debt. The 2021 Notes are listed on the Prime Standard regulated market segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. In November 2016, a further EUR 50,0 million of EUR Notes were issued at par. Following a bondholder vote, in August 2021 the maturity of the EUR 2025 bonds was extended to February 2025, with other changes including a call structure that declines to par over time (currently callable at 102%) and interest to become payable quarterly from November 2021 onwards.

In October 2021, 4finance S.A. issued EUR 175,0 million of 10,75% 5 year notes (the 'EUR 2026 Notes'). The Notes are listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange and will be mature in October 2026. The proceeds from the new issue were used to repay the Company's outstanding USD 200 million USD bonds. The Company also closed out its USD/EUR hedges alongside the refinancing.

In 2021 there were re-purchased net EUR 2025 Notes with nominal value of EUR 0,9 million and EUR 2026 Notes with nominal value of EUR 3 million. These bonds are accounted at initial cost less impairment and presented in the assets under Investments held as fixed assets (see Note 3) without recognising net loss of EUR 0,01 million from re-purchase with premium. In addition the Company holds EUR 7,6 million of EUR 2026 Notes in treasury from the bond issue process therefore these are presented net in liabilities. In 2022 the Company purchased in addition nominal EUR 36,9 million of EUR 2026 Notes and EUR 15,5 million EUR 2025 Notes without recognising the net profit of EUR 4 million from a re-purchase with discount.

i) Becoming due and payable	ii) Becoming due and payable after	Total 31.12.2022	Total 31.12.2021
within one year	more than one year	EUR	EUR
_	317.400.000,00	317.400.000,00	317.400.000,00
4.032.217,50	_	4.032.217,50	4.927.564,45
1.000.000,00		1.000.000,00	<u> </u>
5.032.217,50	317.400.000,00	322.432.217,50	322.327.564,45
	and payable within one year  4.032.217,50 1.000.000,00	and payable within one year and payable after more than one year 317.400.000,00 4.032.217,50 — 1.000.000,00 —	and payable within one year         and payable and payable after more than one year         31.12.2022           —         317.400.000,00         317.400.000,00           4.032.217,50         —         4.032.217,50           1.000.000,00         —         1.000.000,00

As at December 31, 2022 the EUR 2025 and EUR 2026 bond notional is due after less than five years. Certain related parties guarantee the validity and enforceability of the Notes.

#### NOTE 10 AMOUNTS OWED TO AFFILIATED UNDERTAKINGS

	a) Becoming due and payable after less than one year	Total 31.12.2022 EUR	Total 31.12.2021 EUR
4finance AS	63.076,03	63.076,03	263.289,98
Other		<u> </u>	5.683,56
Total	63.076,03	63.076,03	268.973,54

Amounts owed to 4finance AS represent services related to IT system administration, telecommunication costs and management fee.

#### NOTE 11 OTHER CREDITORS

Other creditors consist of:

- Tax amounting to EUR 236.277,62 (2021: EUR 527.314,89)
- Other creditors as follows:

	i) Becoming due and payable after less than one year	Total 31.12.2022 EUR	Total 31.12.2021 EUR
Other creditors	72.106,71	72.106,71	394.521,67
Total	72.106,71	72.106,71	394.521,67

Other creditors mainly consist of amounts owed to financial advisors, lawyers and auditors.

# NOTE 12 OTHER EXTERNAL EXPENSES

	2022	2021
	EUR	EUR
Other professional fees	1.489.946,10	533.027,44
Management and consulting fees	513.843,48	700.034,64
Bank fees	225.818,24	512.433,24
Audit and accounting fees	60.009,47	64.588,04
Legal fees	21.609,10	186.042,19
Rental charges	39.924,52	36.131,45
Tax advisory fees	10.321,90	75.619,19
Administration fees	18.192,45	24.769,75
IT expenses	4.307,19	1.322,81
Directors fees		17.663,34
Total	2.383.972,45	2.151.632,09
Total	2.303.372,43	2.131.032,09

In 2021 bond issuing and extension costs are prepaid and presented in the balance sheet position Prepayments. Prepayments are amortised linearly to Other external expenses position 'other professional fees' until the bond maturity. In 2022 amortisation amounted to EUR 1,2 millions (2021: EUR 0,3 millions).

Other professional fees also include credit rating services and market research services.

Audit and accounting fees includes 42 194.94 EUR audit fees.

# NOTE 13 STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	EUR	EUR
Wages and salaries	36.380,43	41.365,62
Social security costs	4.540,95	4.481,42
Total	40.921,38	45.847,04

The Company had 3 part time employees during the year (2021: 3).

# NOTE 14 OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2022	2021
	EUR	EUR
a) Derived from affiliated undertakings	31.803.432,64	41.592.493,60
b) Other interest and similar income	10.835.659,27	43.028.909,65
Total	42.639.091,91	84.621.403,25

Other interest and similar income for year 2022 mainly consist of interest from not affiliated undertakings of EUR 2,8 millions, gains from derivative agreements in amount of EUR 1,3 millions and foreign exchange gains of EUR 6,7 millions.

# NOTE 15 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

	2022	2021
	EUR	EUR
Interest expense on bonds	31.408.882,66	35.559.993,38
Loss on exchange differences	7.026.044,08	16.458.411,66
Loss on derivatives	4.502.795,85	2.075.558,14
Interest expense concerning affiliated undertakings	_	1.015.021,12
Loss on financial assets sold	<u> </u>	45.541,57
Total	42.937.722,59	55.154.525,87

# NOTE 16 TAXES

The Company is subject to the general tax regulation applicable to commercial companies residing in Luxembourg.

The tax charges consist of the following:

# Other taxes

	2022	2021
	EUR	EUR
Withholding tax on interest received	375.770,24	_
Net Wealth Tax	238.541,62	358.495,00
	614.311,86	358.495,00

# NOTE 17 ADVANCES, LOANS, EMOLUMENTS AND COMMITMENTS GRANTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT

During the year, the Company did not grant any loans and advances to the Board of Directors (2021: nil) and did not grant any emoluments to the Board of Directors nor were any commitments arisen in respect of retirement pensions for former members of those bodies.

# NOTE 18 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There are no significant subsequent events.



# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Sole Shareholder of 4finance S.A 8-10, Avenue de la Gare L-1610 Luxembourg

# **Report on the Audit of the Annual Accounts**

# **Opinion**

We have audited the annual accounts of 4finance S.A. (the "Company") which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022, and the profit and loss account for the year then ended, and notes to the annual accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 on the audit profession ("Law of 23 July 2016") and with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs") as adopted for Luxembourg by the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier" ("CSSF"). Our responsibilities under the EU regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF are further described in the « Responsibilities of "Réviseur d'Entreprises Agréé" for the audit of the annual accounts » section of our report. We are also independent of the Company in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards, issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the annual accounts, and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities under those ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the annual accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of the audit of the annual accounts as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Recovery of amounts owed by affiliated undertakings

a) Why the matter was considered to be one of most significant in our audit of the annual accounts

We refer to Note 2 Summary of significant accounting policies and Note 4 Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings to the annual accounts. Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings of EUR 273 million represent 72% of the total assets of the Company as at 31 December 2022.

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The Company issued bonds, presented under Debenture loans as at 31 December 2022. The funds generated from these bonds have been lent to affiliated undertakings. The ability of the Company to repay the bonds issued depends on the recoverability of the amounts owed by affiliated undertakings. The identification of indicators of impairment and the determination of any applicable impairment charge requires significant judgment applied by the management in assessing the recoverability of the amounts owed by affiliated undertakings. There is a risk that management fails to identify an impairment event, or the impairment charge is incomplete. This may have a material impact on the recoverability of the amounts owed by affiliated undertakings.

b) How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures concerning the recoverability of the amounts owed by affiliated undertakings included, but were not limited to the following:

- We understood the process of valuation of amounts owed by affiliated undertakings by inquiring management and evaluate the design and implementation of relevant controls.
- We obtained the financial information as of 31 December 2022 of the affiliated undertakings and we assessed whether there is a need and objective evidence for impairment. We compared our results to the assessment made by management.
- When impairment losses were identified, we further assessed and challenged the conclusions reached by management regarding the valuation of the corresponding amounts owed by affiliated undertakings by considering contradictory and other supporting evidence.
- We assessed the completeness and adequacy of disclosures required in Note 2 and Note 4 to the annual accounts pursuant to the relevant accounting and financial reporting standards.

# **Other Information**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information stated in the annual report including the Directors' report and the governance statement but does not include the annual accounts and our report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" thereon.

Our opinion on the annual accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the annual accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the Annual Accounts

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the annual accounts in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and



using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible for presenting the annual accounts in compliance with the requirements set out in the Delegated Regulation 2019/815 on European Single Electronic Format ("ESEF Regulation").

# Responsibilities of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" for the Audit of the Annual Accounts

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" to the related disclosures in the annual accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé". However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the annual accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other



matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the annual accounts of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter.

# Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We have been re-appointed as "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" by the General Meeting of the Sole Shareholder on 14 April 2022 and the duration of our uninterrupted engagement, including previous renewals and reappointments, is five years.

The Directors' report is consistent with the annual accounts and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

The Corporate Governance Statement is included in the Directors' report. The information required by Article 68ter paragraph (1) letters c) and d) of the law of 19 December 2002 on the commercial and companies register and on the accounting records and annual accounts of undertakings, as amended, is consistent with the annual accounts and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We confirm that the audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to those charged with governance.

We confirm that the prohibited non-audit services referred to in the EU Regulation N° 537/2014 were not provided and that we remained independent of the Company in conducting the audit.

We have checked the compliance of the annual accounts of the Company as at 31 December 2022 with relevant statutory requirements set out in the ESEF Regulation that are applicable to annual accounts.

For the Company it relates to:

Annual accounts prepared in valid XHTML format.

In our opinion, the annual accounts of 4finance S.A. as at 31 December 2022, identified as 4financeSAFS2022HTML, have been prepared, in all material respects, in compliance with the requirements laid down in the ESEF Regulation.

Our audit report only refers to the annual accounts of 4finance S.A. as at 31 December 2022, identified as 4financeSAFS2022HTML, prepared and presented in accordance with the requirements laid down in the ESEF Regulation, which is the only authoritative version.

Luxembourg, 24 April 2023

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Jean Medernach