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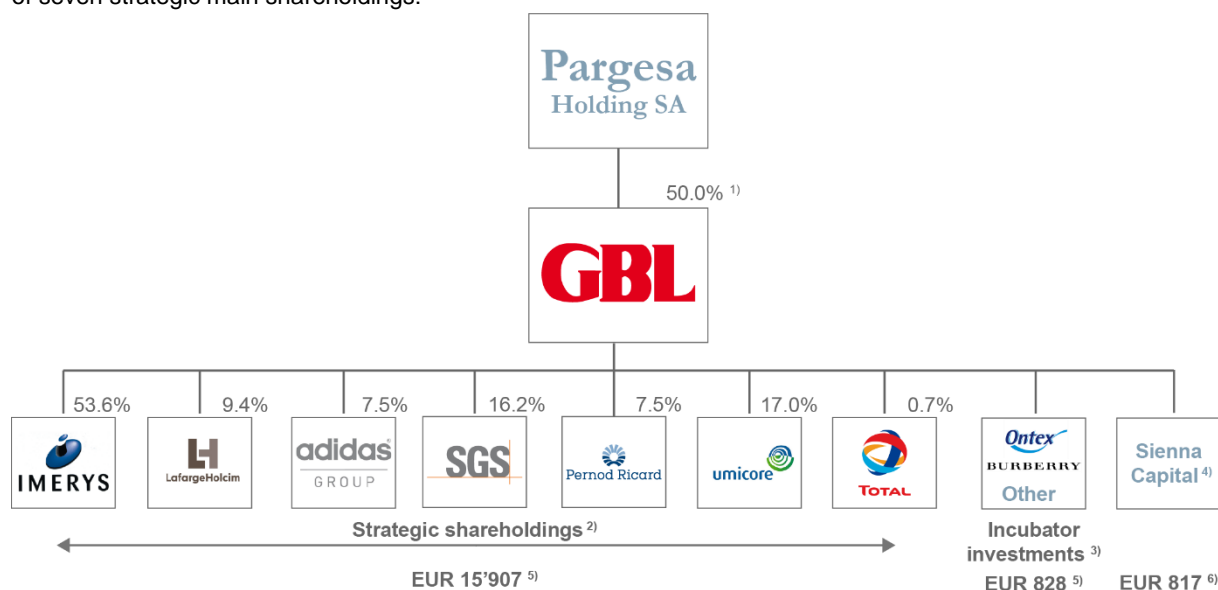
• **4 May 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

- Approval by the shareholders of a dividend of CHF 2.44 per bearer share, for a total distribution of CHF 206.6 million to be paid on 10 May 2017.
- All other resolutions approved by shareholders.

• **Q1 2017 financial results:**

- Economic operating income: CHF 117.8 million, compared with CHF 76.8 million in Q1 2016. Economic operating income in 2017 reflects:
 - the increased contributions from SGS (CHF 45.9 million, versus CHF 41.5 million in Q1 2016);
 - a contribution of CHF 56.6 million from private equity and other funds activities (Q1 2016: CHF -1.6 million), including an amount of CHF 62.0 million corresponding to Pargesa's share of the gain recorded by Sienna Capital from the sale of Golden Goose;
 - the non-cash impact of the derivative financial instruments embedded in the exchangeable and convertible bonds issued by GBL, for a net amount of CHF -6.2 million (Q1 2016: CHF +38.0 million). Excluding this impact, economic operating income would have stood at CHF 124.0 million in Q1 2017, compared with CHF 38.8 million in Q1 2016.
- Non-operating income: CHF 6.8 million, compared with a non-operating loss of CHF 448.1 million in Q1 2016. In 2016, Pargesa's non-operating loss included for CHF -818.3 million the impact of an impairment charge recorded by GBL on its investment in LafargeHolcim, partly offset by the CHF 398.8 million gain recorded at the level of Pargesa, resulting from the sale by GBL of 1.1% of Total's share capital in early 2016.
- As a result of the above, Pargesa's net income stands at CHF 124.6 million in Q1 2017, compared with a net loss of CHF 371.3 million in Q1 2016.

The organization chart below reflects the Group structure at 31 March 2017, with its portfolio composed primarily of seven strategic main shareholdings:



¹⁾ 51.9% of voting rights, taking into account the suspended voting rights relating to treasury shares.

²⁾ Investments generally larger than EUR 1 billion, primarily in listed companies, in which the Group can exercise clear influence. These represent the bulk of the adjusted net assets.

³⁾ Comprising a selection of listed or unlisted shareholdings that range in size from EUR 250 million to EUR 1 billion, having the potential to eventually become strategic.

⁴⁾ Comprising significant investments in private equity, debt or specific thematic funds.

⁵⁾ Market value in EUR millions of the investments held by GBL at 31 March 2017.

⁶⁾ Estimated value in EUR millions at 31 March 2017.

1. Highlights since the beginning of 2017

- As already reported, GBL sold since the beginning of the year 11.9 million shares of ENGIE (0.5% of the company's share capital), for net proceeds of EUR 145 million and generating an accounting gain of EUR 1 million for GBL. GBL's residual ownership in ENGIE, which is no longer considered a strategic investment since the end of 2016, was of 0.1% of the share capital on 31 March 2017.

Furthermore, the remaining balance (EUR 306 million) of the bonds exchangeable for ENGIE shares which were issued by GBL in 2013 was redeemed in cash at maturity, on 7 February 2017.

- « Incubator » portfolio:
 - As already reported, Burberry announced in February 2017 that GBL had crossed the 3% threshold of the voting rights of the company. The investment in Burberry is part of GBL's portfolio diversification strategy. As at 31 March 2017, GBL held 3.0% of Burberry's share capital, worth EUR 266 million;
 - In March 2017, GBL participated in the capital increase realized by Ontex, with the objective to refinance the company following the acquisition of the « hygienic consumables » activity of Hypermarchés. Following this operation, the GBL's ownership remains unchanged at 19.98%. Furthermore, the appointment of a GBL representative to the board of directors will be proposed to the general shareholders' meeting of Ontex of 24 May;
 - GBL announced on 12 April 2017 the acquisition of a 15.0% interest in the capital of Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales, S.A. (« Parques »), representing an investment of EUR 208 million. Parques, whose shares are listed on the Madrid Stock Exchange, is a leading global operator of leisure parks across Europe, North America and Asia. The company generated EUR 584 million in sales during its financial year ended 30 September 2016. On 25 April 2017, Parques co-opted a GBL representative on its board of directors.

- Sienna Capital (GBL's « Financial pillar »):
 - As already reported, in March 2017, ECP III sold its majority stake in Golden Goose, an Italian designer of shoes, clothes and contemporary accessories. This transaction generated in Q1 2017 a gain of EUR 112 million for GBL, or CHF 62.0 million at the level of Pargesa;
 - Also already reported was the acquisition by Sagard 3 in February 2017 of a majority stake in Ipackchem, a leading global manufacturer of « barrier » packaging whose products are mainly used in the transport and storage of aromas, fragrances and agrochemical products, for which permeability, contamination and evaporation constraints are critical;
 - It is also reminded that at the end of 2016, Kartesia launched a new investment fund, in which Sienna Capital made a commitment for EUR 150 million. The first closing of the fund took place on 22 February 2017, and as of 31 March 2017 total commitments amounted to EUR 457 million. Kartesia's objective is to raise an aggregate amount of EUR 750 million by July 2017.

At 31 March 2017, GBL's commitments under its Financial Pillar amounted to EUR 577 million (EUR 601 million at 31 December 2016).

2. Consolidated Q1 2017 financial results (unaudited)

The Board of Directors of Pargesa Holding SA met today and reviewed the unaudited Q1 2017 consolidated figures.

2.1. Presentation of results in accordance with IFRS

The simplified income statement in accordance with IFRS is as follows:

| CHF millions | Q1 2017 | Q1 2016 |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Operating income | 1'280.9 | 1'243.8 |
| Operating expenses | (1'152.9) | (1'122.4) |
| Other income and expenses | 139.4 | (859.1) |
| Operating profit (loss) | 267.4 | (737.7) |
| Dividends and interest from long-term investments | 88.5 | 63.1 |
| Other financial income and expenses | (28.9) | 33.2 |
| Taxes | (38.1) | (40.0) |
| Income from associates and joint ventures | 1.4 | 7.5 |
| Consolidated net profit (before minority interests) | 290.3 | (673.9) |
| Attributable to minority interests | (165.7) | 302.6 |
| Attributable to Pargesa shareholders (Group share) | 124.6 | (371.3) |
| <i>Basic earnings per share attributable to Pargesa shareholders (CHF)</i> | <i>1.47</i> | <i>(4.39)</i> |
| <i>Average number of shares in circulation (thousands)</i> | <i>84'659</i> | <i>84'659</i> |
| <i>Average EUR/CHF exchange rate</i> | <i>1.069</i> | <i>1.096</i> |

Operating income and expenses are primarily the revenues and operating expenses of Imerys, whose accounts are fully consolidated.

Other income and expenses includes net capital gains and losses as well as impairments and reversals of previous impairments on Group shareholdings and operations. In Q1 2017, this figure mainly comprised the gain realized on the sale by ECP III of its investment in Golden Goose (CHF 132.8 million). In Q1 2016, this item included primarily the impairment charge recorded as of 31 March 2016 by GBL on its investment in LafargeHolcim (CHF 1'575 million), and the gain recorded by GBL on the sale of 1.1% of Total's share capital (CHF 770 million).

The *dividends and interest from long-term investments* item comprises the net dividends recorded by the Group from its non-consolidated investments, and in particular the dividends from SGS recorded in the period.

The *other financial income and expenses* and *taxes* items provide consolidated figures for Pargesa, GBL and Imerys. *Other financial income and expenses* includes the non-cash impact of GBL's derivative financial instruments being marked to market.

Income from associates and joint ventures represents the share of the consolidated net profit contributed by shareholdings accounted for in the Pargesa financial statements using the equity method. These shareholdings are primarily held within Sienna Capital's portfolio (« Financial pillar ») or by Imerys.

The item *minority interests* mainly relates to the share of income due to the minority shareholders of GBL and Imerys, these two companies being fully consolidated into the Pargesa Group financial statements.

2.2. Economic presentation of Pargesa's financial results

In addition to the accounts drawn up in accordance with IFRS, Pargesa continues to publish an economic presentation of its results, in order to provide continuous information over the long term about the contribution of each of its major shareholdings to its results. IFRS require different accounting treatments depending on the Group's percentage holding in each of its investments (full integration for Imerys, with other major Group holdings being booked as financial investments), so this continuous view would be interrupted without this additional economic presentation of the Group's results.

The economic presentation shows, in terms of Pargesa's share of results, the operating contribution of the main shareholdings to Pargesa's consolidated income, together with the operating income from the holding companies (Pargesa and GBL), which highlight in particular the income from private equity activities and other investment funds (combined under Sienna Capital at GBL) and the impact of net financial income. The analysis also draws a distinction between the operating and non-operating items in the income, the non-operating part being composed of net capital gains and losses in connection with disposals and any restructuring costs and impairments or reversals of previous impairments.

According to this approach, the economic results at 31 March 2017 can be analysed as follows:

| CHF millions | Q1 2017 | Q1 2016 |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Operating contribution of the main shareholdings | | |
| - Consolidated: | | |
| Imerys share of operating income | 25.7 | 25.6 |
| - Non-consolidated: | | |
| SGS net dividend | 45.9 | 41.5 |
| Total net dividend | - | (8.7) |
| LafargeHolcim net dividend | - | - |
| ENGIE net dividend | - | - |
| Pernod Ricard net dividend | - | - |
| Umicore net dividend | - | - |
| adidas net dividend | - | - |
| Operating contribution of the main shareholdings | 71.6 | 58.4 |
| <i>per share (CHF)</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.69</i> |
| Contribution from private-equity activities and other investment funds | 56.6 | (1.6) |
| Net financial income and expenses | (2.8) | 26.3 |
| Other operating income from holding company activities | - | - |
| General expenses and taxes | (7.6) | (6.3) |
| Economic operating income | 117.8 | 76.8 |
| <i>per share (CHF)</i> | <i>1.39</i> | <i>0.91</i> |
| Non-operating income (loss) from consolidated shareholdings | (2.0) | (3.2) |
| Non-operating income (loss) from holding company activities | 8.8 | (444.9) |
| Net income (loss) | 124.6 | (371.3) |
| <i>per share (CHF)</i> | <i>1.47</i> | <i>(4.39)</i> |
| <i>Average number of shares in circulation (thousands)</i> | <i>84'659</i> | <i>84'659</i> |
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Most income comes from GBL, whose results are denominated in euros. In Q1 2017, the average EUR/CHF exchange rate was 1.069, compared with 1.096 in Q1 2016, a decrease of -2.4%.

Economic operating income:

Consolidated holdings:

Pargesa's share of **Imerys'** net income from current operations, in Swiss francs terms, was CHF 25.7 million in Q1 2017, compared with CHF 25.6 million in Q1 2016. The stability of Imerys' contribution primarily reflects the decrease in the average EUR/CHF exchange rate in 2017 compared with Q1 2016.

Imerys reported net income from current operations of EUR 85.3 million in Q1 2017, an increase of 3.1% over the corresponding period in 2016 (EUR 82.7 million). After taking into account non-recurring items of EUR -6.5 million¹ net of taxes, net income was EUR 78.8 million in Q1 2017, compared with EUR 72.4 million in Q1 2016 (which included non-recurring items net of taxes for EUR -10.3 million).

Non-consolidated holdings:

The non-consolidated holdings contribute to operating income through the net dividends recorded by GBL. Usually, the only contribution to operating income recorded in the 1st quarter of the financial year comes from SGS, as dividends from other shareholdings are recorded from the 2nd quarter on.

It is reminded that, as a result of the disposals of Total and ENGIE shares realized by GBL in 2016 and early 2017, and given the high dividend yield on these shareholdings, these transactions will have a significant impact on the contribution of non-consolidated holdings to Pargesa's economic operating income. However, the proceeds from the sales will be used over time to make investments that will gradually contribute to income depending on when the proceeds are reinvested and the level of return on the new investments.

In Q1 2017, Pargesa's share of the contribution from **SGS** was CHF 45.9 million, compared with CHF 41.5 million in Q1 2016. The year-over-year variance in the contribution results primarily from the increased dividend per share paid by SGS (CHF 70, versus CHF 68 in 2016), as well as from the increase of GBL's ownership in the company.

The negative contribution from Total in Q1 2016 reflected the impact of GBL's sale of Total shares during the period. Under accounting rules, interim dividends are recorded on the date they are announced by the Board of Directors and not on the effective payment date. In Q4 2015, GBL recorded the third interim dividend related to 2015 (which was announced in October 2015 but payable in 2016), on the basis of the number of shares held at 31 December 2015, i.e. before the Q1 2016 sales.

Contributions from holding company activities:

The contribution from **private equity activities and other investment funds** comes primarily from investments held by GBL through Sienna Capital, and also includes general expenses and management fees. In Q1 2017, the net contribution from these activities came in at CHF 56.6 million, and includes Pargesa's share of the gain recorded by ECP III on the sale of its investment in Golden Goose (EUR 112 million for GBL, or CHF 62.0 million at the level of Pargesa).

¹ In the economic presentation of results, Pargesa's share of non-recurring items recorded by Imerys appears under « non-operating income (loss) from consolidated shareholdings ».

Net financial income and expenses includes interest income and expenses as well as other financial income and expenses. This line item amounted to CHF -2.8 million in Q1 2017, compared with CHF +26.3 million in Q1 2016, and includes:

- The impact of the marking to market, at the end of each period, of the derivative instruments implicitly embedded in the outstanding exchangeable and convertible bonds issued by GBL. Pargesa's share of this impact, which in Q1 2017 relates only to GBL's convertible bonds, was CHF -1.9 million. In Q1 2016, the corresponding figure was CHF +38.0 million, including +CHF 25.8 million related to the bonds exchangeable for ENGIE shares, reflecting in particular the evolution in the price of the underlying shares over the period;
- The net CHF -4.3 million impact resulting from the cancellation of the derivatives embedded in the bonds exchangeable for ENGIE shares redeemed at maturity by GBL in February 2017;
- Pargesa's share of the realized and unrealized results recorded by GBL from trading activities (including dividends) and derivatives used by GBL in managing its portfolio. Pargesa's share of results from these activities was CHF 9.3 million in Q1 2017, compared with CHF -4.3 million in Q1 2016.

Other operating income from holding company activities represents Pargesa's share of net dividends recorded by GBL on its incubator-type investments. Dividends from these investments are usually paid later in the year.

The **general expenses and taxes** line item represents Pargesa's own general expenses and taxes as well as its share of those of GBL.

Non-operating income (loss):

Non-operating income (loss) from consolidated shareholdings represents Pargesa's share of Imerys' non-operating items.

The net **non-operating income from holding company activities** was CHF 8.8 million in Q1 2017, and included in particular the impact of the redemption by GBL of the outstanding balance of the bonds exchangeable for ENGIE shares.

In Q1 2016, the net non-operating loss from holding company activities of CHF -444.9 million included primarily:

- Pargesa's CHF -818.3 million share of the EUR 1'443 million impairment charge recorded by GBL on its holding in LafargeHolcim, in accordance with IFRS. As a reminder, this impairment charge was calculated on the basis of LafargeHolcim's share price at 31 March 2016 (EUR 41.28);
- Pargesa's CHF 398.8 million share of the capital gain recorded by GBL on the sale of 1.1% of Total's share capital in Q1 2016, including an historical exchange-rate gain of CHF 155.2 million at the level of Pargesa;
- A further impairment charge of CHF -25.2 million on GBL's holding in ENGIE.

3. Adjusted net asset value

Pargesa's flow-through adjusted net asset value per share was CHF 114.2 at 31 March 2017 (CHF 104.9 at 31 December 2016). Adjusted net asset value is calculated on the basis of the current market values and exchange rates for the listed shareholdings, and on the book value of consolidated shareholders' equity (or fair value for private equity and other funds) and current exchange rates for unlisted investments. It is broken down as follows:

| Pargesa's flow-through adjusted net asset value at 31 March 2017 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| CHF millions | % of capital | % of economic interest | Share price and currency | Flow-through value | Weighting as a % of total | |
| Imerys | 53.6% | 26.8% | EUR 79.6 | 1'824 | 19% | |
| LafargeHolcim | 9.4% | 4.7% | EUR 55.5 | 1'699 | 18% | |
| adidas | 7.5% | 3.8% | EUR 178.3 | 1'496 | 15% | |
| SGS | 16.2% | 8.1% | CHF 2'137 | 1'354 | 14% | |
| Pernod Ricard | 7.5% | 3.8% | EUR 110.9 | 1'180 | 12% | |
| Umicore | 17.0% | 8.5% | EUR 53.4 | 544 | 6% | |
| Total | 0.7% | 0.4% | EUR 47.4 | 411 | 4% | |
| Incubator | | | | | | |
| - Ontex | 19.98% | 10.0% | EUR 30.1 | 265 | 3% | |
| - Burberry | 3.0% | 1.5% | GBP 17.2 | 142 | 1% | |
| - Others | | | | 36 | 0% | |
| Financial Pillar | | | | 437 | 5% | |
| Other Pargesa | | | | 25 | 0% | |
| Total portfolio | | | | 9'413 | 97% | |
| GBL treasury assets | | | | 262 | 3% | |
| Net cash (debt) ⁽¹⁾ | | | | (10) | (0%) | |
| Adjusted net asset value | | | | 9'665 | 100% | |
| <i>per Pargesa share</i> | | | CHF 70.8 | 114.2 | | |
| EUR/CHF exchange rate | | | | 1.070 | | |

⁽¹⁾ This item notably includes Pargesa's share in the market value of GBL's trading portfolio. At 31 March 2017, it also includes Pargesa's share of the value of the remaining 0.1% stake in ENGIE (2 million shares).

The flow-through adjusted net asset value of Pargesa is published on a weekly basis on the website of Pargesa. It was CHF 116.0 per share on 28 April 2017.

4. Miscellaneous

The presentation to the Annual General Meeting held today can be found on Pargesa's website, under « Presentations ».