

**NON-BINDING CONVENIENCE TRANSLATION**

In the event of any inconsistencies between the German and the English wording,  
the German wording shall therefore prevail.

Articles of Association

of

**Medios AG**

with its registered office in Berlin

## **General Articles**

### **Article 1**

- (1) The name of the corporation is

**Medios AG**

- (2) Its principal registered office shall be in Berlin.

### **Article 2**

- (1) The corporate purpose shall be the wholesale, brokerage, and manufacturing of all goods and items required for pharmacy operations or other pharmaceuticals companies and the performance of services that are directly or indirectly connected or associated with the aforementioned business activity. The corporate purpose shall also include research and development, particularly analytics, and the digitalization of business operations in this sector. Furthermore, the corporate purpose shall also include the purchase, holding, and management of equity interests in companies that directly or indirectly conduct the business described above. The corporation may perform any business transactions that are related to the corporate purpose or that are suited to supporting the corporate purpose directly or indirectly. It may limit its activity to one or more of the purposes set out here in paragraph 1. The corporation is authorized to establish branch offices in Germany and internationally.
- (2) The corporate purpose shall also include the establishment, purchase, holding, management, and sale of equity interests in other domestic and foreign companies, particularly in the health care and pharmaceuticals sectors. These activities shall also include supplementary transactions such as:
- Performance of services for portfolio companies and third parties in relation to finance and capital market activities, corporate strategy, and corporate planning;
  - Conclusion of corporate contracts, especially control and profit transfer agreements and leases, and occupation of leadership roles at portfolio companies;
  - Realization of infrastructure projects such as office and production buildings and provision of them for use by portfolio companies and third parties.
- (3) Furthermore, the corporation is authorized to perform its activity, whether in whole or in part, indirectly through branch offices and subsidiary, portfolio, and joint-venture companies in Germany and internationally. In particular, it can leave its business operations, whether in whole or in part, to companies dependent on the corporation and/or outsource its business operations, whether in whole or in part, to companies dependent on the corporation. The corporate purpose of subsidiary and portfolio companies may also include objects beyond the limits set out in paragraph 1. The corporation may limit itself to the activity of a managing holding company and/or other management of its assets.

- (4) The corporation may realize all or part of its purpose indirectly and over the Internet.
- (5) Excluded are transactions that require approval under the German Banking Act (*Kreditwesengesetz*, KWG) or German Investment Companies Act (*Gesetz über Kapitalanlagegesellschaften*, KAGG).

### **Article 3**

The corporation's announcements shall be published exclusively in the German Federal Gazette.

## **II. Share Capital and Shares**

### **Article 4**

- (1) The share capital shall be €25,505,723.00 (written: twenty-five million, five hundred and five thousand seven hundred and twenty-three euros).
- (2) It shall be divided into 25,505,723 (written: twenty-five million, five hundred and five thousand seven hundred and twenty-three) no-par-value shares.
- (3) The Executive Board is authorized, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, to increase the corporation's share capital on one or more occasions on or before August 13, 2029 by up to €2,550,572.00 by issuing up to 2,550,572.00 new no-par-value bearer shares, each representing €1.00 of the share capital, against contributions in cash or in kind (Authorized Capital 2024/I). Common shares and/or non-voting preferred shares may be issued in each case. The new shares may also be underwritten by one or more banks or companies operating pursuant to Section 53 (1) first sentence or Section 53b (1) first sentence or (7) of the German Banking Act (KWG) designated by the Executive Board with the obligation to offer them to the shareholders (indirect subscription right). The Executive Board is authorized, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, to exclude shareholders' subscription rights in the following cases:
  - for the settlement of fractional amounts;
  - if the issue price of the new shares in the case of capital increases against cash contributions is not significantly lower than the stock market price of the shares already listed at the time the issue price is finally fixed and the shares issued do not exceed a total of 10% of the share capital, either at the time this authorization becomes effective or at the time it is exercised. Shares sold or issued or to be issued during the term of this authorization up to the time of its exercise on the basis of other authorizations in direct or corresponding application of Section 186 (3) fourth sentence of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) with exclusion of subscription rights shall be counted toward this limit;

- to the extent necessary to grant holders of convertible bonds, convertible profit participation rights, or option rights a subscription right to the extent to which they would be entitled as shareholders after exercising their conversion or option rights;
- to fulfill a greenshoe option agreed with underwriting banks in connection with an issue of shares in the corporation;
- in the case of capital increases against contributions in kind, in particular to grant shares in connection with business combinations or for the purpose of acquiring companies, businesses, parts of businesses or equity interests in companies or other assets, including receivables from the corporation or its affiliated companies.

When utilizing (on one or several occasions) the Authorized Capital 2024/I and the authorization to issue convertible bonds and bonds with warrants under the 9th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025 (or a combination of both), a maximum of up to 2,550,572 new no-par value bearer shares with a nominal value of €1.00 each or convertible bonds and bonds with warrants with conversion or option rights for up to 2,550,572 no-par value bearer shares in the corporation with a nominal value of €1.00 each may be issued in total. This is irrespective of whether the issue is made with subscription rights or excluding the subscription rights of shareholders.

The Executive Board is authorized, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, to determine the further details and conditions of capital increases from authorized capital and the issue of shares. In this context, the profit entitlement of the new shares may also be structured in deviation from Section 60 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG); in particular, the new shares may also carry profit entitlement from the beginning of the financial year preceding their issue if, at the time of issue of the new shares, a resolution by the Annual General Meeting on the appropriation of profits for this financial year has not yet been adopted.

The Supervisory Board is authorized to amend the wording of the Articles of Association accordingly when the authorization is utilized or expires.

- (4) The corporation's share capital is conditionally increased by up to €2,550,572.00 (written: two million five hundred and fifty thousand five hundred and seventy-two) by issuing up to 2,550,572 new no-par-value bearer shares in the corporation with a nominal value of €1.00 per share (Conditional Capital 2025/II). The conditional capital increase serves to grant shares upon the exercise of conversion or option rights or upon the fulfilment of conversion or option obligations or upon tender to the holders or creditors of convertible bonds, bonds with warrants, profit participation rights and/or participating bonds (or combinations of these instruments) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Bonds") issued on the basis of the authorization resolution under the 9th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025. The new

shares shall be issued at the conversion or option price to be determined in each case in accordance with the authorization resolution of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025. The conditional capital increase shall only be implemented to the extent that the holders or creditors of Bonds issued or guaranteed by the corporation or a company dependent on it or in which it holds a direct or indirect majority interest on the basis of the authorization resolution of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025 until May 26, 2030, exercise their conversion or option rights or fulfill conversion or option obligations arising from such Bonds, or shares are tendered, or to the extent that the corporation grants shares in the corporation instead of paying the cash amount due and to the extent that the conversion or option rights or conversion or option obligations are not serviced by treasury shares, by shares from authorized capital or by other considerations.

The new shares shall participate in the profits from the beginning of the financial year in which they are created and for all subsequent financial years; in deviation hereof, the Executive Board may, to the extent legally permissible and subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board, determine that the new shares shall participate in the profits from the beginning of the fiscal year for which, at the time of the exercise of conversion or option rights, the fulfillment of conversion or option obligations or the granting instead of the cash amount due, no resolution of the Annual General Meeting on the appropriation of the net income has yet been adopted.

The Executive Board is authorized to determine the further details of the implementation of the conditional capital increase. The Supervisory Board is authorized to amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the respective utilization of the Conditional Capital 2025/II and after the expiration of all option and conversion periods.

- (5) The corporation's share capital is conditionally increased by €270,500.00 through the issue of up to 270,500 no-par-value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2018). The conditional capital increase shall serve solely to fulfill subscription rights that are granted based on the authorization given pursuant to the seventh item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on July 13, 2018. The conditional capital increase shall only be performed to the same extent that the holders of the subscription rights issued as part of the "2018 Stock Option Plan" utilize their right to acquire the corporation's shares and the corporation does not provide any of its own shares to fulfill the options. The new shares shall start receiving dividends from the beginning of the financial year for which a resolution has not yet been passed for appropriation of profit as at the time of their issue.
- (6) The corporation's share capital is conditionally increased by €899,697.00 through the issue of up to 899,697 no-par-value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2025/I). The conditional capital increase shall serve solely to satisfy subscription rights that are granted based on the authorization given pursuant to the 8th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025. The conditional capital increase shall only be performed to the same

extent that the holders of the subscription rights issued as part of the “2025 Stock Option Plan” utilize their right to acquire the corporation’s shares and the corporation does not provide any of its own shares to fulfill the options. The new shares shall start receiving dividends from the beginning of the financial year for which a resolution has not yet been passed for appropriation of profit as at the time of their issue. The Supervisory Board is authorized to alter the wording in Article 4 of the Articles of Association respectively in accordance with the issue of new shares. This also applies if and to the extent that the stock options can no longer be satisfied.

- (7) The corporation’s share capital is conditionally increased by €834,000.00 through the issue of up to 834,000 no-par-value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2023/I). The conditional capital shall serve solely to satisfy subscription rights that are granted based on the authorization given pursuant to the 10th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on June 21, 2023, amended by resolution passed pursuant to the 8th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025. The conditional capital increase shall only be performed to the same extent that the holders of the subscription rights issued as part of the “2023 Stock Option Plan” utilize their right to acquire the corporation’s shares and the corporation does not provide any of its own shares to fulfill the options. The new shares shall start receiving dividends from the beginning of the financial year for which a resolution has not yet been passed for the appropriation of profit at the time of their issue. The Supervisory Board is authorized to alter the wording of Article 4 of the Articles of Association respectively in accordance with the issue of new shares. This also applies if and to the extent that the stock options can no longer be satisfied.
- (8) The corporation’s share capital is conditionally increased by €427,375.00 through the issue of up to 427,375 no-par-value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2020/I). The conditional capital increase shall serve solely to satisfy subscription rights that are granted based on the authorization given pursuant to the 8th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on October 26, 2020, amended by a resolution passed pursuant to the 13th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on June 21, 2022. The conditional capital increase shall only be performed to the same extent that the holders of the subscription rights issued as part of the “2020 Stock Option Plan” utilize their right to acquire the corporation’s shares and the corporation does not provide any of its own shares to fulfill the options. The new shares shall start receiving dividends from the beginning of the financial year for which a resolution has not yet been passed for appropriation of profit as at the time of their issue. The Supervisory Board is authorized to alter the wording in Article 4 of the Articles of Association respectively in accordance with the issue of new shares. This also applies if and to the extent that the stock options can no longer be satisfied.
- (9) The corporation’s share capital is conditionally increased by €119,000.00 through the issue of up to 119,000 no-par-value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2022/II). The conditional capital increase shall serve solely to satisfy subscription rights that are granted based on the

authorization given pursuant to item of business 13d) on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on June 21, 2022, amended by a resolution passed pursuant to the 10th item of business of the Annual General Meeting on June 21, 2023 and by a further resolution passed pursuant to the 8th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2025. The conditional capital increase shall only be performed to the same extent that the holders of the subscription rights issued as part of the “2022 Stock Option Plan” utilize their right to acquire the corporation's shares and the corporation does not provide any of its own shares to fulfill the options. The new shares shall start receiving dividends from the beginning of the financial year for which a resolution has not yet been passed for appropriation of profit as at the time of their issue. The Supervisory Board is authorized to alter the wording in Article 4 of the Articles of Association respectively in accordance with the issue of new shares. This also applies if and to the extent that the stock options can no longer be satisfied.

- (10) Profit distribution benefits may be attached to primary shares from a future capital increase.
- (11) The corporation's share capital is conditionally increased by up to €10,202,289.00 (written: ten million two hundred two thousand two hundred eighty-nine) by issuing up to 10,202,289 new no-par-value bearer shares in the corporation with a nominal value of €1.00 per share (Conditional Capital 2024/II). The conditional capital increase serves to grant shares upon the exercise of conversion or option rights or upon the fulfillment of conversion or option obligations or upon tender to the holders or creditors of convertible bonds, bonds with warrants, profit participation rights and/or profit participation bonds (or combinations of these instruments) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Bonds”) issued on the basis of the authorization resolution under the 12th item of business on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting on 14 August 2024. The new shares shall be issued at the conversion or option price to be determined in each case in accordance with the authorization resolution of the Annual General Meeting on August 14, 2024. The conditional capital increase shall only be implemented to the extent that the holders or creditors of Bonds issued or guaranteed by the corporation or a company dependent on it or in which it holds a direct or indirect majority interest on the basis of the authorization resolution of the Annual General Meeting on August 14, 2024 until August 13, 2029, exercise their conversion or option rights or fulfill conversion or option obligations arising from such Bonds, or shares are tendered, or to the extent that the corporation grants shares in the corporation instead of paying the cash amount due and to the extent that the conversion or option rights or conversion or option obligations are not serviced by treasury shares, by shares from authorized capital or by other considerations. The new shares shall participate in the profits from the beginning of the financial year in which they are created and for all subsequent financial years; in deviation hereof, the Executive Board may, to the extent legally permissible and subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board, determine that the new shares shall participate in the profits from the beginning of the fiscal year for which, at the time of the exercise of conversion or option rights, the fulfillment of conversion or option obligations or the granting instead of the cash amount due, no resolution of the Annual General Meeting on the appropriation of the net income has yet been

adopted. The Executive Board is authorized to determine the further details of the implementation of the conditional capital increase. The Supervisory Board is authorized to amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the respective utilization of the Conditional Capital 2024/II and after the expiration of all option and conversion periods.

#### **Article 5**

- (1) The shares are bearer shares.
- (2) If a resolution for a capital increase does not specify whether the new shares are to be bearer shares or registered shares, they shall be bearer shares.
- (3) The format and content of dividend warrants and renewal certificates shall be specified by the Executive Board in agreement with the Supervisory Board. The same shall apply to bonds and coupons.
- (4) The corporation may issue certificates for a number of shares (multiple shares) in the place of share certificates for a single share. The shareholders' entitlement to securitization of their shares shall be void.

### **III. The Executive Board**

#### **Article 6**

- (1) The Executive Board shall consist of one or more members. The Supervisory Board shall specify the number of members.
- (2) The Supervisory Board shall appoint the members of the Executive Board. It may appoint deputy members to the Executive Board. The Supervisory Board may appoint a chief executive officer to the Executive Board from among the Board's members.
- (3) The resolutions of the Executive Board shall be passed by a simple majority. If a chief executive officer has been appointed, he or she shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

#### **Article 7**

- (1) The Executive Board shall be fully responsible for managing the corporation. It shall conduct the corporation's business in accordance with legislation, the Articles of Association, and the rules of procedure for the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall independently manage the business area that he or she has been assigned, without prejudice to the overall responsibility borne by the Executive Board.

- (2) If only one member has been appointed to the Executive Board, he or she shall represent the corporation by himself or herself. If the Executive Board should be comprised of multiple individuals, the corporation shall be represented by two Executive Board members or one Executive Board member in conjunction with an authorized officer. The Supervisory Board shall have the power to authorize individual Executive Board members to represent the corporation solely. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board shall have the power to exempt all or individual members of the Executive Board from the prohibition on acting as an agent for others under Section 181, second option, of the German Civil Code (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*, BGB) in general or for specific situations. Section 112 of the German Stock Corporation Act (*Aktiengesetz*, AktG) shall not be affected by this provision.

#### **IV. The Supervisory Board**

##### **Article 8**

- (1) The Supervisory Board shall consist of five members. The tenure of the Supervisory Board members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting at the time of appointment in accordance with the following paragraph. Reelection shall be permitted.
- (2) Special elections shall take place for members leaving prior to the expiration of their term to appoint a replacement serving the remainder of the term of the former Supervisory Board member unless another arrangement is made for the replacement's tenure at the Annual General Meeting. This shall apply accordingly if a special election is required due to a disputed election. Appointments may simultaneously be made at an Annual General Meeting for replacements for the Supervisory Board members elected at a meeting, with these replacements taking the place of Supervisory Board members who lose their place prematurely or because of a disputed election; replacements shall take up their position in an order defined at the time of election. If a replacement takes the place of a former member, his or her position shall expire at the end of the Annual General Meeting during which a special election pursuant to this paragraph is held, though no later than when the term of the former Supervisory Board member expires. If a replacement loses his or her position as a result of a special election and was appointed for multiple Supervisory Board members, his or her status as a replacement shall be revived.
- (3) Each Supervisory Board member and replacement may resign from his or her position without cause after giving one month's written notice to the chairperson of the Supervisory Board – or, if the chairperson seeks to resign his or her position, to the deputy chairperson. The chairperson of the Supervisory Board or, if he or she is resigning, the deputy chairperson may shorten the notice period or choose not to apply it altogether. The right to resignation for cause shall not be affected by this.

##### **Article 9**

The Supervisory Board shall elect a chairperson and a deputy chairperson from among its members at a meeting held without special invitation after the Annual General Meeting during which it was constituted; this meeting shall be chaired by the Supervisory Board member most senior in age. The chairperson and deputy chairperson of the Supervisory Board shall be elected for the term of the Supervisory Board. Should the chairperson or deputy chairperson of the Supervisory Board leave before their tenure expires, the Supervisory Board shall immediately elect a replacement.

#### **Article 10**

- (1) The Supervisory Board shall meet at least twice in every six-month period. Supervisory Board meetings shall be called by the chairperson, or the deputy chairperson if the chairperson is prevented from doing so, with at least fourteen days' notice, not including the day on which the invitations are sent and the day on which the meeting is held. Meetings may be called in writing, by fax, by email, or through other customary methods of communication. The chairperson or deputy chairperson may shorten the notice period in urgent situations and call meetings verbally or by telephone. Otherwise, statutory provisions and the rules of procedure for the Supervisory Board shall apply when calling Supervisory Board meetings. Meetings of the Supervisory Board shall be led by the chairperson or the deputy chairperson if the former is prevented from doing so.
- (2) The Supervisory Board shall normally pass its resolutions at its meetings. If arranged by the chairperson or approved by all members of the Supervisory Board, meetings may also take place by conference call or through other electronic methods of communication (particularly video conference) and individual Supervisory Board members may join by telephone or through electronic methods of communication (particularly video transmission); in these cases, the Supervisory Board may pass resolutions by conference call or other electronic methods of communication (particularly video conference). Supervisory Board members who are absent or not participating in or connected to a conference session may also participate in the Supervisory Board's passing of resolutions by having another Supervisory Board member cast a written vote on their behalf. Furthermore, they may cast their vote before a meeting, during a meeting, or after a meeting verbally, by telephone, by fax, by email, or by other customary methods of communication by a deadline set by the chairperson of the Supervisory Board. There shall be no right to appeal a method of vote-taking ordered by the chairperson.
- (3) A vote on an item of business not included in an invitation and not announced up to three days prior to a meeting shall only be permitted if there is no Supervisory Board member who objects to it. In such cases, absent members shall be afforded an opportunity to object to the vote or to cast their vote in writing, verbally, by telephone, by fax, by email, or through other customary methods of communication by a reasonable deadline set by the chairperson of the Supervisory Board. Resolutions shall only take effect if there is no absent Supervisory Board member who

has objected by the deadline. Supervisory Board members who join meetings by telephone or through electronic methods of communication shall be deemed present.

- (4) Votes on resolutions may also be taken outside meetings in writing, by fax, by email, or through other comparable methods of communication or in a combination of the above forms if the chairperson of the Supervisory Board orders this and provides reasonable notice or if all Supervisory Board members participate in the vote on the resolution. Members who abstain from voting on a resolution shall be deemed to have participated in that vote for these purposes. There shall be no right to appeal a method of vote-taking ordered by the chairperson.
- (5) The Supervisory Board shall be quorate if at least three members participate in the voting. Supervisory Board members who are absent or not participating or connected by telephone or other electronic methods of communication (particularly video conference) and who cast their vote based on Article 10.2 or 10.4 and members who abstain from voting on a resolution shall be deemed to have participated in that vote for these purposes.
- (6) Supervisory Board resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority unless other binding arrangements are imposed by law. Abstentions shall not count as cast votes for these purposes. Should a vote result in a tie, the vote of the chairperson of the Supervisory Board shall decide the result. If the chairperson of the Supervisory Board is prevented from doing this, the deputy chairperson shall enjoy this right provided he or she is a shareholder representative.
- (7) Minutes shall be kept of the resolutions and meetings of the Supervisory Board (within the meaning of Article 10.2) and of the resolutions passed during these meetings; the chairperson shall sign these minutes. The minutes shall include the location and date of the meeting, the attendees, the items of business on the agenda, the key content of negotiations, and the resolutions passed by the Supervisory Board. The chairperson shall keep a written record of resolutions passed outside Supervisory Board meetings (within the meaning of Article 10.2) and forward such records to all Supervisory Board members.
- (8) Declarations of intent from the Supervisory Board and its committees shall be submitted by the chairperson or deputy chairperson in the name of the Supervisory Board.

#### **Article 11**

The Supervisory Board may appoint one or more committees from among its members. The committees' tasks, powers, and procedures shall be specified by the Supervisory Board.

#### **Article 12**

The Supervisory Board shall set rules of procedure for the Executive Board. These rules shall provide that business of fundamental importance be subject to approval by the Supervisory Board. Such business includes decisions or actions that fundamentally alter the corporation's position regarding assets, finances, or earnings.

**Article 13**

Each member of the Supervisory Board shall receive compensation of an amount set at the Annual General Meeting. If a Supervisory Board member is only a member for part of a year, his or her compensation shall be paid pro rata. Furthermore, Supervisory Board members shall receive reimbursement of their expenses as well as any value added tax due on their Supervisory Board compensation, provided they are entitled to invoice the value added tax to the corporation separately and they exercise this right.

**V. Annual General Meeting**

**Article 14**

The Annual General Meeting at which resolutions are passed to grant formal approval to the Executive and Supervisory Boards, on the appropriation of profit, on the selection of the auditors, and on the potential adoption of the annual financial statements (ordinary Annual General Meeting) shall be held within the first eight months of each financial year.

**Article 15**

- (1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the corporation's principal place of business, a stock exchange in Germany, or in another German city with a population of at least 100,000. The Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Executive Board or, in the situations specified by law, by the Supervisory Board.
- (2) The Annual General Meeting shall be called through an announcement in the Federal Gazette at least thirty days in advance of the day of the Meeting unless a shorter notice period is permitted by law (an invitation deadline). The invitation deadline shall be brought forward by the number of days provided to respond to the invitation in accordance with Article 16.1.
- (3) The corporation may transmit information to shareholders and to intermediaries, associations of shareholders, and other third parties, to the extent that this is legally permissible, by means of remote data transmission. This also applies to the transmission of such information to shareholders via intermediaries, associations of shareholders, and other third parties.
- (4) The Executive Board is authorized to determine that the Annual General Meeting can be held without the physical presence of the shareholders or their proxies at the venue of the Annual

General Meeting (virtual Annual General Meeting). This authorization applies for the holding of virtual Annual General Meetings for a period up to August 31, 2029.

#### **Article 16**

- (1) Eligibility to attend the Annual General Meeting and to exercise voting rights shall be extended to shareholders who confirm their attendance with the corporation prior to the Annual General Meeting and provide evidence of their entitlement to participate in the Annual General Meeting and exercise their voting right. Confirmation of attendance must be communicated in writing (BGB Section 126) or by text (BGB Section 126) in German or English; confirmation of attendance may also be sent by fax or email if the invitation allows this. Confirmation of attendance must be received by the Executive Board at the corporation's principal place of business or another location advertised in the invitation at least six days before the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Board is entitled to set a shorter deadline in the invitation. Statutory provisions shall apply when determining whether the confirmation of attendance is timely.
- (2) Shareholders shall provide evidence of their entitlement to attend the Annual General Meeting with a certificate of their share ownership from the custodian institution produced in text form (BGB Section 126b) in German or English and obtained for the close of business of the 22nd day preceding the meeting; evidence issued by the last intermediary in accordance with Section 67c (3) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) will be sufficient in all cases. The evidence must be received by the corporation at the address communicated for this purpose in the invitation at least six days prior to the meeting. The Executive Board is authorized to set a shorter deadline in the invitation.
- (3) The Executive Board is authorized to provide that shareholders may also participate in the Annual General Meeting without being present at the venue and without sending a proxy by exercising all or some of their rights wholly or partially through electronic communication (online attendance). As part of this, the Executive Board is also authorized to determine conditions regarding the extent of and procedures for participating and exercising rights pursuant to the first sentence here in paragraph 3. Any usage of this procedure and the conditions set out for it shall be announced when calling the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) The Executive Board is authorized to provide that shareholders may also cast their votes in writing or through electronic communication (absentee vote) without participating in the Annual General Meeting. As part of this, the Executive Board is also authorized to determine conditions regarding the procedures pursuant to the first sentence here in paragraph 4. Any usage of this procedure and the conditions set out for it shall be announced when calling the Annual General Meeting.
- (5) In agreement with the chairperson of the Supervisory Board, members of the Supervisory Board, with the exception of the chairperson of the Annual General Meeting, are exceptionally permitted

to participate in the Annual General Meeting by means of audiovisual transmission if the Supervisory Board member concerned is prevented from physically attending at the venue of the Annual General Meeting, if the Supervisory Board member has their place of residence abroad, if it would be impossible for the Supervisory Board member to physically attend at the venue of the Annual General Meeting, or only possible to do so with considerable effort, due to legal restrictions, a stay abroad, or necessary stay elsewhere in Germany, or due to an unreasonable travel time, or in the event that the Annual General Meeting is held as a virtual Annual General Meeting without the physical presence of the shareholders or their proxies at the venue of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Article 17**

- (1) Each individual share shall provide one vote.
- (2) The voting right may be exercised by a proxy. The appointment of a proxy, the recall of a proxy, and evidence of the proxy's authorization shall be in text form (BGB Section 126b) and communicated to the corporation. A proxy may be recalled by way of the shareholder appearing in person at the Annual General Meeting. The invitation may provide a requirement less strict than text form. Section 135 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) shall remain unaffected.

#### **Article 18**

- (1) The chairperson of the Supervisory Board shall lead the Annual General Meeting. If he or she is prevented from doing so, the Annual General Meeting shall be led by another Supervisory Board member or third party specified by the chairperson of the Supervisory Board. Should the chairperson of the Supervisory Board not make such a specification, a Supervisory Board member or third party shall be elected chairperson of the meeting by simple majority of the Supervisory Board members present directly before the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) The chairperson of the meeting shall lead the Annual General Meeting and determine the order of the items of business on the agenda, the order in which votes are cast on motions, and the nature of the voting process.
- (3) The chairperson of the meeting is authorized to put reasonable time limits on the shareholders' entitlements to questioning and speaking.

#### **Article 19**

- (1) Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority at the Annual General Meeting and, where a majority of voting shares is required, with a simple majority of voting shares unless otherwise required by law or these Articles of Association.

- (2) Resolutions to increase the corporation's capital (Section 182 AktG) shall be passed by a simple majority of votes cast and by a simple majority of the share capital represented at the time of voting on the resolution.
- (3) The Supervisory Board is authorized to alter the Articles of Association in ways that only affect their wording.

## **VI. Annual Financial Statements and Appropriation of Profit**

### **Article 20**

The corporation's financial year shall be the calendar year.

### **Article 21**

- (1) The Executive Board shall prepare the annual financial statements and management report and, where legally required, the consolidated annual financial statements and consolidated management report for the previous financial year; the Executive Board shall present these documents to the Supervisory Board and auditor without delay. Likewise, the Executive Board shall present to the Supervisory Board the proposal it wishes to make at the Annual General Meeting for the appropriation of the net profit.
- (2) If the Executive and Supervisory Boards approve the annual financial statements, they may keep up to half of the annual net income as retained earnings. They are furthermore authorized to keep further amounts up to 100 percent of the net income as other retained earnings if and to the extent that the other retained earnings do not exceed half of the share capital and will not exceed half of the share capital after the net income is retained.

### **Article 22**

- (1) The net profit shall be distributed to the shareholders unless another form of appropriation is decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) If new shares are issued, a different dividend entitlement may be defined for them.

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