7.1 SHARE CAPITAL AND SHAREHOLDING

7.1.1 General information on the share capital

7.1.1.1 Share capital - Type of shares

As of December 31, 2023, the share capital totaled \leq 401,605,640.80, divided into 286,861,172 fully paid-up shares each with a par value of \leq 1.40.

In accordance with Article 29 of the Company's bylaws, each share confers a single vote.

The shares may be held in either registered or bearer form, at the shareholder's discretion. The share capital may be modified under the conditions provided by law.

7.1.1.2 Delegations of authority and authorizations granted to the Executive Board

As of the date of this document, the Executive Board had been granted the following delegations of authority and authorizations that are in force:

General Meeting of April 26, 2022

Purpose of the resolution	Maximum nominal amount or percentage	Duration of the authorization	Utilization during fiscal year 2023
Authorization to allot free shares of the Company without preemptive subscription rights	1% of the share capital	38 months with effect from April 26, 2022	Allotment of 549,210 free shares representing 0.19% of the share capital as of December 31, 2023
		(20 th resolution)	

General Meeting of May 11, 2023

Purpose of the resolution	Maximum nominal amount or percentage	Duration of the authorization	Utilization during fiscal year 2023
Authorization for the Company to buy back its own shares	Maximum program amount: 10% of the share capital and €1,004,014,095	18 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
	Maximum purchase price: €35 per share with a par value of €1.40	(21 st resolution)	
Authorization to reduce the share capital by canceling treasury shares	10% of the share capital in a 24-month period	26 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
		(22 nd resolution)	
Capital increase with preemptive subscription rights through the issue of shares or securities giving rights to shares of the Company or its subsidiaries, or securities giving rights to debt securities ^(a)	Maximum nominal amount: €120 million and €1.5 billion for debt securities	26 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
		(23 rd resolution)	
Capital increase without preemptive subscription rights through the issue of shares or securities giving rights to shares of the Company or its subsidiaries, or securities giving rights to debt securities, by means of a public offering or private placement ^{(a)(b)}	Maximum nominal amount: €40,160,564 million and €1.5 billion for debt securities	26 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
		(24th and 25th resolutions)	
Increase in the number of securities to be issued in the event of an issue of ordinary shares or securities giving rights to shares of the Company, any subsidiary or any other company, with or without preemptive subscription rights ^(a)	At the same price as that decided for the initial issue, within the periods and limits specified by the applicable regulations as of the date of the issue ^(c)	26 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
		(26 th resolution)	
Capital increase without preemptive subscription rights through the issue of shares or securities giving rights to shares of the Company as consideration for contributions in kind in the form of equity securities or securities giving rights to shares of the Company ^(a)	Up to 10% of the share capital	26 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
		(27 th resolution)	
Capital increase by capitalizing premiums, reserves, profits or other items $^{\!\!(a)}$	€100 million	26 months with effect from May 11, 2023	None
		(28 th resolution)	

(a) Overall maximum nominal amount of the share capital increases, whether immediate or future, that may be carried out pursuant to the authorizations granted to the Executive Board: €120 million (29th resolution) (plus the nominal amount of any additional shares issued to protect the rights of the holders of securities giving rights to shares of the Company).

Overall maximum nominal amount of debt securities giving rights to shares of the Company: €1.5 billion (29th resolution).

(b) Private placement: issues may not exceed the limits specified by the applicable regulations as of the date of the issue (20% of the share capital per year, pursuant to Article L. 225-136-2 of the French Commercial Code).

(c) Within 30 days of the close of the subscription period and within the limit of 15% of the initial issue, pursuant to Article R. 225-118 of the French Commercial Code.