# COMPAGNIE DU BOIS SAUVAGE

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Consolidated and separate financial statements as at 31 December 2024 presented to the Ordinary General Meeting of 23 April 2025. This report is a translation from French. In the event of any discrepancy, the French version shall prevail. This English version is a summary of the annual report.

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Annual Report of the Board of Directors Compagnie du Bois Sauvage is an investment holding company, quoted on Euronext Brussels, with a stable 'family' principal shareholder.

There is a vision at the heart of Compagnie du Bois Sauvage: we want to be much more than an investment company. We are a **trusted partner**, offering stability, strong family roots and a track record of entrepreneurial success.

We are guided by long-term loyalty towards the entrepreneurs and visionaries we support and maintain relationships that are built on trust.

With a focus on a limited number of investments, mainly industrial in nature, we contribute actively to the success of these companies by making our expertise available and supporting them at every stage in their growth. We bring together investors who share our long-term vision and our prudent, responsible approach.

Our mission is to build **authentic growth** – growth that is sustainable, tangible and based on sound governance.



Benoit Deckers, General Manager, and Hubert Olivier, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at the Compagnie du Bois Sauvage site, Brussels.

# 1. Letter to shareholders

#### Building sustainable growth.

Dear Readers,

## The year 2024 was characterised by encouraging operating results in our three investment areas.

The very positive results of the Chocolate division, with an increase in both turnover and operating income, are a sign that our sector strategy and our productivity investments are paying off. Our Real Estate division began to benefit from the first signs of improvement in the market, and there was a strong increase in the profitability of the banking side of our Industry and services division.

However, the valuation of our assets took a hit in 2024. This was largely due to the fall in the share price of Umicore, and to a number of adjustments in the Industry and services and Real Estate divisions.

We are again indicating our confidence in the future by proposing payment of a dividend of EUR 8,40 per share for the 2024 financial year.

### 1. Chocolate: strong results in a context of sharply increasing commodity prices

The Group's Chocolate division, led by its headline brands Neuhaus and Jeff de Bruges, performed well in 2024. Turnover is up +6,8% to EUR 283,6 million, EBITDA (exclusive of IFRS 16) grew by +11,1% to EUR 51,9 million. The operating income, at EUR 38,1 million, is also 9,4% higher than in 2023. These results illustrate the success of our sector strategy. Our holding in Ecuadorcolat helped to protect our brands from excessively strong cocoa price fluctuations.

We continue our efforts to further develop our distribution network and reduce costs, through the automation of production lines or digitalization, as well as working on making the most of our customer knowledge.

# 2. Real Estate: strong performance on the residential market, rally yet to come in the other markets

Our Real Estate division is geographically diversified, with a spread between the residential, commercial and office markets.

In 2024, Eaglestone achieved a positive operational profit of EUR 3,4 million (Group share), at a time when we are starting to see the first signs of recovery on the property market. The residential and commercial sectors have done well. This, however, has not been sufficient to avoid the need for a value adjustment. Our other iconic projects, such as Praça de Espanha in Lisbon and Chmielna in Warsaw, being developed alongside major players, are close to completion. The initial figures are excellent and finalization of these projects in 2025 will enable us to take up other future opportunities.

# 3. Industry and services: increasing yield, downturn in value

Our holdings in listed and non-listed companies have had varying levels of success in recent months. Ageas and Berenberg have delivered very good results, with Berenberg showing a net result of EUR 81,6 million, i.e. growth of +74%. However, we are still following extremely closely the prospects soon to be presented by Umicore, the fall in whose share price strongly impacted the valuation of Compagnie du Bois Sauvage in 2024.

Regarding Futerro, we announced our participation at a 'tour de table' with Finasucre and Cybelle – a new industrial partner – to take the next steps towards the building of their biorefinery project in Normandy.

#### Detailed list of transactions concluded in 2024

In 2024, Compagnie du Bois Sauvage:

- repurchased 37.483 own shares for a total value of EUR 9,5 million, and on 10 December 2024 cancelled 39.516 own shares, including some acquired in 2023 (i.e. 2,3% of the share capital),
- received an earn-out of EUR 4 million related to the 2017 sale of its stake in Ogeda, following completion of the last milestone,
- received distributions from the FRI 2 fund for a gross total of EUR 7,5 million in capital and profits, confirming the valuation of the assets at the end of December 2023,
- paid up an additional EUR 3 million to the Merep 3 fund, bringing the amount paid to a total of 5 million, out of a commitment of EUR 20 million,
- subscribed to the capital increase of Futerro, for an amount of EUR 2,5 million, now fully paid up,
- subscribed to the capital increase of Maash, for an amount of EUR 2,5 million, of which EUR 2,37 million have been paid,
- subscribed to the capital increase of Noosa, for an amount of EUR 1 million, and paid EUR 0,324 million.

In 2025, Compagnie du Bois Sauvage will continue its efforts and investments in the Chocolate division and in its sector strategy. Regarding Real Estate, Eaglestone, in our view, is well placed to benefit from the market recovery, the first effects of which are now being felt. Compagnie du Bois Sauvage will also continue to review the performance and strategic relevance of its other assets. Faithful to our founder's values, we will aim to make thoughtful choices, based on the creation of sustainable value and on strong commitments.

Compagnie du Bois Sauvage would like to thank its shareholders for their trust and loyalty, and to express its gratitude to all the workers and partners in the Group for their commitment throughout 2024.

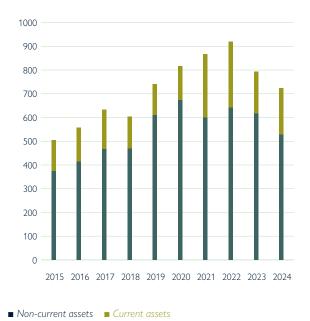
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Chairman of the Board of Directors Hubert Olivier General Manager Benoit Deckers COMPAGNIE DU BOIS SAUVAGE

# 2. Key Figures as at 31 December

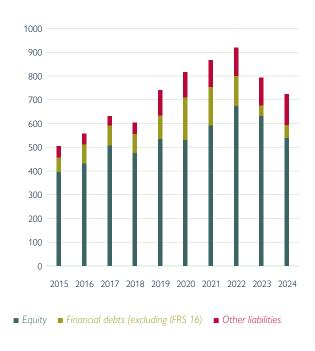
#### Assets - Historical Trend

Consolidated accounts (in millions of euros)



#### Liabilities - Historical Trend

Consolidated accounts (in millions of euros)



#### Change in equity and Net Asset Value





EUR 1,000	2024	2023	2022	2021
Group equity	505,529	597,070	642,555	562,096
Intrinsic 'in-the-money' value <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	807,686	898,861	926,766	899,445
Market capitalisation at year-end	370,749	461,065	550,169	558,556
Operating profit/loss before disposals, fair value adjustments and impairments	50,112	32,909	41,032	64,457
Consolidated net profit/loss (attributable to the Group)	-69,770	-27,842	108,077	71,263

Gross dividend per share	8.40	8.20	8.00	15.80 <sup>(3)</sup>			
Intrinsic value per share at year-end (EUR)	498.88	543.68	557.58	536.23			
Fully diluted	1,618,993	1,659,509	1,677,346	1,677,346			
In circulation	1,618,993 (4)	1,658,509	1,677,346	1,677,346			
Number of shares							
Diluted <sup>(2)</sup>	-42.71	-16.77	64.73	42.49			
Basic <sup>(2)</sup>	-42.71	-16.77	64.73	42.49			
Consolidated net earnings per share (attributable to the Group) (EUR)							

Average daily volume traded	702	332	369	459
Average daily capital (EUR)	179,700	100,942	122,200	162,061
Price (EUR)				
Year-end	229.00	278.00	328.00	333.00
Highest	285.00	350.00	369.00	395.00
Lowest	213.00	258.00	300.00	315.00

(1) The valuation method for calculating intrinsic value is explained in section 11.

(2) See calculation and definitions in note 25.

(3) Which comprised a dividend of EUR 7.90 for the 2021 financial year and an extraordinary dividend of EUR 7.90 per share.

(4) Including 3186 treasury shares held by Compagnie du Bois Sauvage as at 31 December 2024.

#### COMPAGNIE DU BOIS SAUVAGE

# Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements as at 31 December 2024

Presented to the General Meeting of 23 april 2025

### 3.1. Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December

#### Assets

€ 1,000	2024	2023
Non-current assets	527,151	617,218
Property, plant and equipment	68,078	56,021
Investment property	11,751	11,757
Goodwill	11,003	11,003
Intangible assets	25,339	24,289
Intangible assets right to use	59,516	53,163
Equity-accounted investments	129,093	151,530
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	136,446	216,739
Other assets	79,174	84,889
Deferred tax assets	6,751	7,827
Current assets	196,876	175,672
Stocks	29,528	27,824
Trade and other receivables	101,350	78,573
Current tax assets	5,389	5,660
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9,675	11,454
Other assets	9,576	5,843
Cash and cash equivalents	41,358	46,318
Non-current assets held for sale	0	0
Fotal assets	724,028	792,890

#### Liabilities

x € 1,000	2024	2023
Equity	538,220	630,223
Group equity	505,529	597,070
Capital	154,297	154,297
Retained earnings	344,366	439,042
Reserves	6,866	3,731
Non-controlling interests	32,691	33,153
Liabilities	185,808	162,667
Non-current liabilities	94,342	76,405
Borrowings	34,332	22,979
Debts linked to leases	54,017	48,345
Provisions	571	483
Deferred tax liabilities	3,082	4,134
Other non-current liabilities	2,340	464
Current liabilities	91,466	86,262
Borrowings	15,964	17,501
Debts linked to leases	11,290	9,307
Provisions	1,807	1,777
Suppliers and other creditors	50,993	48,196
Current tax liabilities	9,716	7,656
Other liabilities	1,696	1,825
Total equity and liabilities	724,028	792,890

### 3.2. Consolidated statement of comprehensive income as at 31 December

x € 1,000	2024	2023
Operating income	323,897	303,506
Sales	283,788	265,775
Interest and dividends	17,865	18,304
Rental income	704	636
Other income	21,540	18,791
Operating expenses	-271,309	-253,867
Raw materials and consumables used	-146,085	-133,410
Employee expenses	-71,150	-69,454
Depreciation, impairment losses and provisions	-30,140	-26,408
Financial costs	-6,505	-7,783
Other expenses	-17,429	-16,812
Share of profit/loss of equity-accounted investments	-2,476	-16,730
Operating profit/loss before disposals, fair value adjustments and impairments	50,112	32,909
Profit/loss on disposals	4,019	-1,000
Fair value adjustments and impairments	-103,894	-44,086
Profit/loss before tax	-49,763	-12,177
Income tax expense	-13,326	-9,320
Profit/loss of the period	-63,089	-21,497
Other comprehensive income	2,443	-1,928
Items not to be reclassified subsequent to profit or loss	0	0
Actuarial gains (and losses)		
Share of other comprehensive income of equity-accounted investments	0	0
Items to be reclassified subsequent to profit or loss	2,443	-1,928
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Fair value adjustments		0
Transferts to profit/loss on impairment		
Transfer to profit/loss on disposal		0
Exchange differences on the conversion of foreign operations	2,443	-1,975
Share of other comprehensive income of equity-accounted investments		47
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF THE PERIOD	-60,646	-23,425
Profit/loss of the period	-63,089	-21,497
Attributable to the Group	-69,770	-27,842
Non-controlling interests	6,681	6,345
Comprehensive income of the period	-60,646	-23,425
-	<b>-60,646</b> -67,367	<b>-23,425</b> -29,747

#### 3.2.1. Earnings (losses) per share as at 31 December

€	2024	2023
Basic	-42.71	-16.77
Diluted	-42.71	-16.77

### 3.3. Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Ca	pital	Reserves		Retained	Group	Non-	Equity	
x € 1,000	Share capital			Reserves Treasury Exchange shares differences		earnings equity		controlling interests	
Balance as at 1 January 2023	84,411	69,886	-52	-5,100	7,121	486,289	642,555	30,912	673,467
Share of hedging and actuarial reserves of equity-accounted investments			47				47		47
Changes in scope of consolidation							0		0
Foreign exchange translation differences					-1,952		-1,952	-23	-1,975
Other									
Other comprehensive income	0	0	47	0	-1,952	0	-1,905	-23	-1,928
Profit/loss of the period						-27,842	-27,842	6,345	-21,497
Comprehensive income of the period	0	0	47	0	-1,952	-27,842	-29,747	6,322	-23,425
Dividends paid						-13,268	-13,268	-4,080	-17,348
Share capital and share premium									0
Changes in scope of consolidation							0		0
Operations with treasury shares (purchase/ cancellation)				3,667		-6,295	-2,628		-2,628
Other						158	158	-1	157
Balance as at 31 December 2023	84,411	69,886	-5	-1,433	5,168	439,042	597,070	33,153	630,223
Balance as at 1 January 2024	84,411	69,886	-5	-1,433	5,168	439,042	597,070	33,153	630,223
Share of hedging and actuarial reserves of equity-accounted investments			-10				-10		-10
Changes in scope of consolidation							0		0
Foreign exchange translation differences					2,416		2,416	37	2,453
Other									
Other comprehensive income	0	0	-10	0	2,416	0	2,406	37	2,443
Profit/loss of the period						-69,771	-69,771	6,684	-63,087
Comprehensive income of the period	0	0	-10	0	2,416	-69,771	-67,365	6,721	-60,644
Dividends paid						-13,433	-13,433	-6,800	-20,233
Share capital and premiums									0
Changes in scope of consolidation							0		0
Operations with treasury shares (purchase/ cancellation)				730		-10,262	-9,532		-9,532
Other						-1,211	-1,211	-384	-1,595
Balance as at 31 December 2024	84,411	69,886	-15	-703	7,584	344,366	505,529	32,690	538,220

### 3.4. Consolidated cash-flow statement

x € 1,000	2024	2023
Profit/loss before tax	-49,763	-12,177
Adjustments		
Profit/loss on disposals	0	1,000
Fair value adjustments and impairments	103,787	46,222
Share of profit/loss of equity-accounted investments	2,476	16,730
Finance costs	6,504	7,783
Income from interest and dividends	-17,865	-18,302
Depreciation, impairment losses and provisions (excluding IFRS 16)	13,825	11,996
Depreciation of assets right of use (IFRS 16)	16,315	14,412
Other	-707	4,127
Changes in working capital requirements		
Current assets (1)	-29,304	-16,518
Current liabilities (2)	2,668	1,930
Interest paid	-6,504	-7,783
Interest received	4,980	3,571
Dividends received		
Equity-accounted investments	2,488	477
Other investments	11,687	10,533
Taxes paid	-10,971	-9,529
Cash flows relating to operating activities	49,616	54,472
(Acquisition) / disposal of equity-accounted investments	-5,971	-22,710
(Acquisition) / disposal of investments at fair value through profit or loss	0	-464
(Acquisition) / disposal of financial assets	2,778	-17,199
(Acquisition) / disposal of other financial instruments	5,731	16,435
(Acquisition) / disposal of investment property	54	-36
(Acquisition) / disposal of tangible assets	-23,095	-19,385
(Acquisition) / disposal of intangible assets	-4,213	-2,041
(Acquisition) / disposal of other non-current assets	4,603	649
Cash flows relating to investment activities	-20,114	-44,751
New loans (excluding IFRS 16)	28,194	7,818
Repayment of loans (excluding IFRS 16)	-18,378	-90,683
Repayment of debts linked to leases	-15,013	-13,116
Capital increase / (decrease)	0	0
Dividends paid to the Group's shareholders	-13,433	-13,268
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	-6,800	-4,080
Sale / (purchase) of treasury shares	-9,532	-2,628
Other	500	-430
Cash flows relating to financing activities	-34,462	-116,387
Net cash flows of the period	-4,960	-106,666
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning balance	46,318	152,984
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents, ending balance	41,358	46,318

(1) Changes in working capital requirements relating to inventories, accounts receivable

(2) Changes in working capital requirements relating to trade and other payables.



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