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# DEUTSCHE BÖRSE ANNOUNCES THE PRELIMINARY RESULT OF THE ALL-CASH VOLUNTARY RECOMMENDED PUBLIC TAKEOVER OFFER WITH ACCEPTANCES COMPRISING 91.11 PER CENT OF THE SHARES AND VOTING RIGHTS IN SIMCORP A/S

Deutsche Börse AG ("Deutsche Börse") announced on 27 April 2023 its decision to make an all-cash voluntary recommended public takeover offer (the "Offer") to the shareholders of SimCorp A/S ("SimCorp"). The offer document related to the Offer was published on 25 May 2023 (the "Offer Document") and supplements thereto were published and approved by the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority on 7 July 2023 and on 28 July 2023, respectively (the "Supplements").

Deutsche Börse today announces the preliminary result of the Offer pursuant to section 21(3) of the Danish Executive Order no. 636 of 15 May 2020 on Takeover Offers (the "Danish Takeover Order").

# **Preliminary result**

According to the terms and conditions of the Offer Document and the Supplements, the offer period expired yesterday, 19 September 2023 at 23:59 (CEST).

Based on Deutsche Börse's preliminary and non-binding summation of acceptances, the Offer has received preliminary acceptances representing 36,899,488 shares corresponding to approximately 91.11 percent of the share capital and voting rights of SimCorp. Excluding 1,099,419 treasury shares held by SimCorp, Deutsche Börse has received acceptance representing approximately 93.65 percent of the share capital and voting rights in SimCorp.

The calculation of the number of SimCorp shares tendered in the Offer is preliminary and remains subject to potential adjustments through a verification process currently being undertaken by Nordea Danmark, Filial af Nordea Bank Abp, Finland which is appointed as the settlement agent for the Offer.

Since 23 August 2023, all relevant competition and other relevant authorities have either approved the Offer and/or issued the necessary permits or declared that they do not have any objections to the Offer, as conditioned in the Offer Document. As a result of the preliminary acceptances received in the Offer, the minimum acceptance condition has also been satisfied. Accordingly, as of the date of this announcement, Deutsche Börse considers all conditions to completion pursuant to the Offer Document and the Supplements as satisfied. Consequently, the Offer is hereby concluded and will be completed on the terms set forth in the Offer Document and the Supplements.

# Compulsory acquisition and delisting

As more than 90 percent of the SimCorp shares and the attaching voting rights (excluding treasury shares) has been obtained in the Offer, Deutsche Börse will as soon as possible seek to initiate and complete a compulsory acquisition of the SimCorp shares held by the remaining minority shareholders of SimCorp in accordance with section 70 of the Danish Consolidated Act No. 1451 of 9 November 2022 and the VP rule book.

In addition, Deutsche Börse will seek to have the SimCorp shares removed from trading and official listing on Nasdaq Copenhagen A/S and Deutsche Börse will in due course propose appropriate amendments to the articles of association of SimCorp to reflect such delisting.

Information in regard to the compulsory acquisition of the remaining minority shareholders of SimCorp and the removal from trading and official listing of the SimCorp shares will follow in separate announcements.

# **Final result**

In accordance with section 21(3) of the Danish Takeover Order, Deutsche Börse will, no later than 22 September 2023, announce the final result of the Offer.

# **Settlement**

The Offer will be settled in cash through the selling SimCorp shareholder's own accounting holding institution, no later than five (5) business days after announcement of the final result which will be on 29 September 2023 if the final result is announced on 22 September 2023.

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Its business areas cover the entire financial market transaction process chain. This includes the provision of indices, data and analytical solutions as well as admission, trading and clearing. Additionally, it comprises services for funds, the settlement and custody of financial instruments as well as the management of collateral and liquidity. As a technology company, the Deutsche Börse Group develops state-of-the-art IT solutions and offers IT systems all over the world. With more than 11,000 employees, the Deutsche Börse Group has its headquarters in the financial centre of Frankfurt/Rhine-Main, as well as a strong global presence in locations such as Luxembourg, Prague, London, New York, Chicago, Hong Kong, Singapore, Beijing, Tokyo and Sydney.

For more information, please visit www.deutsche-boerse.com/dbq-en/.

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SimCorp offers an industry-leading front-to-back investment management platform and ecosystem used by some of the world's top asset owners and managers.

SimCorp's proprietary technology and its eco-system comprising partners, services, and third-party connectivity provides their customers with the efficiency and flexibility needed to succeed.

With over 25 offices around the world, and more than 2,200 employees, SimCorp is a truly global, collaborative team that connects clients from every continent and across the industry seamlessly.

For more information, visit www.simcorp.com.

# **Versions**

This announcement is prepared in both a Danish and an English version. In case of any inconsistencies, the Danish version shall prevail.

# **DISCLAIMER**

This announcement does not constitute an offer or invitation to purchase any securities in SimCorp or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in SimCorp, pursuant to the Offer or otherwise. The Offer is made solely by means of the Offer Document and the Supplements as approved by the Danish FSA, which contain the full terms and conditions of the Offer, including details of how the Offer may be accepted. The SimCorp shareholders are advised to read the Offer Document, the Supplements and the related documents as they contain important information.

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# **Forward-Looking Statements**

This announcement contains forward-looking statements and statements of future expectations that reflect Deutsche Börse's current views and assumptions with respect to future events. Such statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied and that are beyond Deutsche Börse's ability to control or estimate precisely. In addition to statements which are forward-looking by reason of context, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the words "believes", "anticipates", "intends", "expects", "may", "will", "shall", "potential", "continue" and other similar expressions. The absence of such terminology does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those statements due to, without limitation, (i) general economic conditions, (ii) future performance of financial markets, (iii) interest rate levels, (iv) currency exchange rates, (v) the behaviour of other market participants, (vi) general competitive factors, (vii) changes in laws and regulations, (viii) changes in the policies of central banks, governmental regulators and/or (foreign) governments, (ix) the ability to successfully integrate acquired and merged businesses and achieve anticipated synergies, (x) reorganisation measures, in each case on a local, national, regional and/or global basis, and (xi) litigations or other legal proceedings. The forward-looking statements included in this announcement speak only as of the date hereof.

Although Deutsche Börse believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date of this announcement, such forward-looking statements are based on Deutsche Börse's current expectations, estimates, forecasts, assumptions and projections about the Deutsche Börse Group's business, SimCorp's business and, following completion of the Offer, including settlement of the Offer in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in the Offer Document and the Supplements, the combined Deutsche Börse Group and SimCorp's (the "**Combined Group**") business and the industry in which the Deutsche Börse Group and SimCorp operate as well as on information which Deutsche Börse has received from SimCorp (including with respect to forecasts prepared by SimCorp's management with respect to expected future financial and operating performance of SimCorp) and/or which has been extracted from publications, reports and other documents prepared by SimCorp and/or the Deutsche Börse Group and are not guarantees of future performance or development and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and

other important factors beyond the Deutsche Börse Group's, SimCorp's and/or the Combined Group's control that could cause the Deutsche Börse Group's, SimCorp's or the Combined Group's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Except as may be required by law or regulation, neither Deutsche Börse nor any of its advisors assume any obligation to update such forward-looking statements contained herein or to reflect any change in their respective expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based and to adapt them to future events or developments.

#### **Restricted Jurisdictions**

The Offer is not being made, and the SimCorp shares will not be accepted for purchase from or on behalf of persons, in any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities or other laws or regulations of such jurisdiction (the "**Restricted Jurisdictions**"). Persons obtaining this announcement and/or into whose possession this announcement comes are required to take due note and observe all such restrictions and obtain any necessary authorisations, approvals or consents. Neither Deutsche Börse nor any of its advisors accepts any liability for any violation by any person of any such restriction. Any person (including, without limitation, custodians, nominees and trustees) who intends to forward this announcement to any jurisdiction outside Denmark should inform themselves of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction, before taking any action. The distribution of this announcement in jurisdictions other than Denmark may be restricted by law, and, therefore, persons who come into possession of this announcement should inform themselves about and observe such restrictions. Any failure to comply with any such restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws and regulations of any such jurisdiction.

# Notice to SimCorp's Shareholders in the United States of America

The Offer is subject to the laws of Denmark. The Offer relates to the securities of a Danish company and is subject to the disclosure requirements applicable under Danish law, which may be different in material aspects from those applicable in the United States of America ("**U.S.**").

The Offer is being made in the U.S. in compliance with Section 14(e) of, and applicable provisions of Regulation 14E promulgated under, the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), subject to the "Tier II" exemptions provided by Rule 14d-1(d) under the Exchange Act and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of Danish law. In this case, the Offer is not subject to Section 14(d)(1) of, or Regulation 14D promulgated under, the Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Offer is subject to disclosure requirements that may be different than those under applicable U.S. law, procedures and practice. In addition, the financial information contained in this announcement has not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. and thus may not be comparable to financial information relating to U.S. companies.

The Offer is being made to SimCorp shareholders residing in the U.S. on the same terms and conditions as those made to all other SimCorp shareholders to whom the Offer is made. Any information documents, including this announcement, are being disseminated to SimCorp shareholders whose place of residence, seat or habitual residence is in the U.S. (the "**U.S. SimCorp Shareholders**") on a basis reasonably comparable to the method that such documents are provided to other SimCorp shareholders.

U.S. SimCorp Shareholders must be aware that this announcement, the Offer Document and the Supplements and any other documents regarding the Offer have been prepared in accordance with Danish laws and standards, which laws and standards may differ from U.S. laws and standards. In addition, the procedures for the tender of SimCorp shares and settlement of the consideration due to each SimCorp shareholder who accepts the Offer will be carried out in accordance with the rules applicable in Denmark, which may differ in material aspects from the rules and procedures applicable to a tender offer for the securities of a domestic U.S. company, in particular with respect to withdrawal rights, offer timetable, settlement procedures and the payment date of the securities.

It may be difficult for U.S. SimCorp Shareholders to enforce certain rights and claims they may have arising in connection with the Offer under U.S. securities laws, since Deutsche Börse and SimCorp are located in non-U.S. jurisdictions, and some or all of their respective officers and directors are residents of non-U.S. jurisdictions. U.S. SimCorp Shareholders may not be able to sue Deutsche Börse or SimCorp and/or their respective officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of U.S. securities laws. Further, it may not be possible to compel Deutsche Börse and SimCorp or their respective affiliates, as applicable, to subject themselves to the judgment of a U.S. court.

In accordance with customary Danish practice and to the extent permitted by applicable law, including Rule 14e-5(b) of the Exchange Act, Deutsche Börse or any affiliate of Deutsche Börse or nominees or brokers of the foregoing (acting as agents or in a similar capacity), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, SimCorp shares outside the U.S., other than pursuant to the Offer, before or during the period in which the Offer remains open for acceptance. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. If, prior to the completion of the Offer, Deutsche Börse or any affiliate of Deutsche Börse or any nominee or broker of the foregoing acquires SimCorp shares at a higher price than the Offer Price, Deutsche Börse will increase the Offer Price correspondingly as required by applicable law, rules or regulation. Any information about such purchases will be announced through Nasdaq Copenhagen A/S and relevant electronic media if, and to the extent, such announcement is required under applicable law, rules or regulation. In addition, in the ordinary course of business, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Deutsche Bank AG and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements and actively trade debt and equity financial instruments (or related derivative financial instruments) and other types of financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and financial instrument activities may involve securities and/or instruments of SimCorp.