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**Information Memorandum of 27 April 2022**  
**with respect to the optional dividend**  
**Option period from 2 May 2022**  
**up to and including 13 May 2022 (04:00 pm CET)**

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The annual general meeting (hereinafter, the **Annual General Meeting**) of **Warehouses De Pauw**, a limited liability company (NV/SA) under Belgian law, a public regulated real estate company under Belgian law (hereinafter, **WDP** or the **Company**) on 27 April 2022 has decided to pay out a total dividend over 2021 of EUR 0.88 gross (EUR 0.616 net, being the net dividend per share after deduction of 30% withholding tax) per share. The board of directors of WDP, also on 27 April 2022, has decided in this context to offer the shareholders of WDP, by way of **optional dividend**, the possibility to contribute their claim, which results from the dividend declaration, in the Company's capital in consideration for the issue of new shares (in addition to the option to receive the dividend in cash, and the choice to opt for a combination of both previous options).

This **Information Memorandum** is intended for the shareholders of WDP and provides information regarding the number and nature of the new shares and the reasons for and terms and specifications of this optional dividend. It is prepared pursuant to article 1.4 (h) and article 1.5 (g) of the Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market, and repealing Directive 2003/71/EC (**Prospectus Regulation**).

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A shareholder must investigate himself if he can subscribe for the optional dividend. It is his responsibility to fully comply with the laws of the jurisdiction of the country where he is domiciled or in which he resides, of which he has the nationality (including the granting of any permits of a government, regulatory authority or any other that could be required). No government has expressed an opinion about this Information Memorandum.

No government has assessed the opportunity and the quality of this transaction, nor the condition of the persons that effectuate it.

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## **I. OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OPTIONAL DIVIDEND**

### **1. OPTIONS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER**

The shareholder has, in the context of the optional dividend, the option to choose between:

- the contribution of his dividend rights in the capital of the Company, in consideration for new shares;
- payment of the dividend in cash; or
- a combination of both previous options.

### **2. ISSUE PRICE AND RATIO**

The issue price per new share is EUR 36,34.

In order to obtain one new share, the net dividend rights attached to 59 coupons no. 3 need to be contributed.

### **3. OPTION PERIOD**

- Start option period: Monday 2 May 2022
- Closing option period: Friday 13 May 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (CET)

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2022, WDP has published the results of the first quarter of 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Shareholders who have not expressed their choice during the option period in the manner provided for, will in any case receive the dividend in cash.

### **4. NUMBER OF NEW SHARES TO BE ISSUED**

A maximum number of 3.151.377 new shares will be issued.

### **5. AMOUNT OF THE CAPITAL INCREASE**

The maximum capital increase amounts to EUR 3.610.564,77. The total maximum issue price of the new shares to be issued amounts to EUR 114.521.040,18.

### **6. WHO CAN SUBSCRIBE?**

Each shareholder who has a sufficient number of coupons no. 3, attached to shares of the same form. Shareholders that do not dispose of the required number of dividend rights, attached to shares of the

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<sup>1</sup> See also the press release dated 22 April 2022 7 am (<https://www.wdp.eu/news/press-releases>).

same form to subscribe for at least one new share, will receive their dividend rights in cash. It is not possible to acquire additional coupons no. 3. The contribution of dividend rights cannot be supplemented by a contribution in cash. The coupons attached to shares of a different form cannot be combined.

## **7. HOW TO SUBSCRIBE?**

Shareholders who wish to contribute (all or part of) their dividend rights in the capital of the Company in consideration for new shares, should during the choice period turn to:

- the Company, with regard to registered shares; and
- the financial institution that keeps the shares, with regard to dematerialized shares.

## **8. CAPITAL INCREASE AND PAYMENT**

On Wednesday 18 May 2022, the realization of the capital increase and the issue of new shares will be determined. As from that date the cash dividend will also be paid out.

Coupons no. 3, attached to shares of the same form, which have not been contributed on Friday 13 May 2022 4:00 p.m. (CET) at the latest in the manner provided for, with a view to participating in the capital increase, will afterwards no longer entitle the holder thereof to new shares.

## **9. LISTING**

From Wednesday 18 May 2022, the new shares, with coupon no. 4 attached thereto, will be admitted to trading on Euronext Brussels and Euronext Amsterdam.

## **10. PARTICIPATION IN THE RESULT**

The new shares, with coupon no. 4 attached thereto, issued in the context of the capital increase, will share in the results as from 1 January 2022.

# **II. DETAILED INFORMATION**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Annual General Meeting of WDP of 27 April 2022 approved a dividend of EUR 0.88 gross (EUR 0.616 net, being the net dividend per share after deduction of 30% withholding tax) per share.

The board of directors of WDP on 27 April 2022 decided to offer the shareholders the possibility to contribute their claim, which results from the dividend declaration, in the capital of the Company, in consideration for the issue of new shares (in addition to the option to receive the dividend in cash, and the choice to opt for a combination of both previous options).

The board of directors will, in the context of the authorized capital (as hereinafter further illustrated), proceed to an increase of the share capital by contribution in kind of the net dividend claim by shareholders who have opted to receive shares in consideration for the contribution of (all or part of) their dividend rights. The specific terms and conditions of this transaction are described hereunder.

On 28 April 2021, the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company granted an authorisation to the board of directors within the constraints of the mandatory provisions contained in the applicable company law, to increase the share capital on the dates and subject to the conditions that it specifies, in one or more increments, up to a maximum amount of:

- I. EUR 104,202,599.66, if the capital increase to be realised is a capital increase in cash with the option of the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation); and
- II. EUR 104,202,599.66, if the capital increase to be realised involves the distribution of an optional dividend; and
- III. EUR 20,840,519.93, if the capital increase to be realised (a) is a capital increase in kind, or (b) a capital increase in cash without the option of the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Act), or (c) any other kind of capital increase;

with the understanding that the capital will not be allowed to increase within the context of this mandate by an amount that exceeds the amount of the capital on the date of the extraordinary general meeting that approves the mandate.

This mandate is valid for a period of five years as from 6 May 2021, being the date of publication of the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting of 28 April 2021 (up to 6 May 2026).

The existing authorization has been used a first time in the context of the capital increase by contribution in kind of real estate by DPG Media Services NV by means of a deed drawn up by Tim Carnewal, notary in Brussels, on 7 October 2021<sup>2</sup>. The total issue price of the 769,186 shares amounted to EUR 25,674,968.01, of which (i) EUR 881,264.25 was allocated to the item capital and (ii) EUR 24,793,703.76 was allocated to the item issue premium.

This authorisation was then used a second time by the board of directors on 10 March 2022<sup>3</sup> for the contribution in kind of 100% of the shares of Sigo NV by Grafilux NV and as established by notarial deed of the same date by master Tim Carnewal, notary in Brussels. The total issue price of the 1,159,074 new shares without nominal value issued in this context amounted to EUR 36,847,697.12 of which (i) EUR 1,327,962.91 was allocated to the item capital and (ii) EUR 213,023,348.64 was allocated to the item issue premium.

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<sup>2</sup> See also the press release dated 7 October 2021 (<https://www.wdp.eu/news/press-releases>).

<sup>3</sup> See also the press release dated 10 March 2022 (<https://www.wdp.eu/news/press-releases>).

At present, the available balance of the authorized capital still amounts to:

- I. EUR 104,202,599.66, if the capital increase to be realized is a capital increase in cash with the option of the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation);
- II. EUR 104,202,599.66, if the capital increase to be realized involves the distribution of an optional dividend; and
- III. EUR 18,631,292.77, if the capital increase to be realized (a) is a capital increase in kind, or (b) a capital increase in cash without the option of the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Act), or (c) any other kind of capital increase;

with the understanding that the capital will not be allowed to increase within the context of this mandate by an amount that exceeds EUR 208,405,199.33.

As a consequence, at the moment EUR 206,195,972.17 remains available under the global authorized capital, of which EUR 104,202,599.66 can be used within the authorization given to the board of directors referred to under point II.

The capital increase by contribution in kind of the net dividend claim by the shareholders who have opted to receive shares in return for the (full or partial) contribution of their dividend claims, falls within the scope of the authorisation to the board of directors as mentioned in section II above.

## **2. OFFER**

In the context of the dividend over financial year 2021, the Company offers the following options to its shareholders:

- contribution of the net dividend claim in the capital of the Company, in consideration for new shares; or
- payment of the dividend in cash; or
- a combination of both previous options.

## **3. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION**

The shareholders who wish to opt for the contribution of (all or part of) their dividend rights in the capital of the Company in consideration for new shares, can subscribe to the capital increase during a certain option period (see below).

The dividend claim attached to a certain number of existing shares of the same form, will give right to one new share, at an issue price per share which is described below in this Information Memorandum.

The title which gives right to the dividend is coupon no. 3.

Only shareholders who have a sufficient number of coupons no. 3 attached to shares of the same form, can subscribe to the capital increase. Shareholders who do not have the required number of dividend rights to subscribe for at least one share, will get their dividend rights paid in cash.

It is not possible to acquire additional coupons no. 3. Coupon no. 3 will neither be listed and traded on the stock exchange.

Neither is it possible to supplement the contribution of dividend rights by a contribution in cash. If a shareholder does not hold the required number of shares of the same form to subscribe for a whole number of new shares, the shareholder thus will not have the possibility to “supplement” his contribution in kind with a contribution in cash in order to be able to subscribe for the next whole number of new shares. In such case the (by definition extremely limited) remaining balance will be paid out in cash.

If a shareholder holds shares in various forms (e.g. a number of registered shares and a number of shares in dematerialized form), the dividend claims attached to these different types of shares cannot be combined with a view to acquiring a new share.

#### **4. THE ISSUE PRICE**

The issue price per share amounts to EUR 36,34.

This issue price of the new shares to be issued is calculated as follows:

$\text{Issue price} = (\text{applicable share price} - \text{gross dividend}) * (1 - \text{discount})$
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Where :

- **Applicable share price**  
= the volume-weighted average price of the WDP share (the ‘VWAP’ or the “Volume-Weighted Average Price” as posted on the website of Euronext Brussels and Euronext Amsterdam) during 2 trading days prior to the date of the decision of the board of directors to offer an optional dividend (i.e. Wednesday 27 April 2022)  
= EUR 38,5532
- **Gross dividend**  
= gross dividend over 2021, as determined on the Annual General Meeting of Wednesday 27 April 2022  
= EUR 0.88
- **(1 – discount)**  
= the “factor” to be multiplied with the result of the previous calculation (applicable share price – gross dividend), in order to apply the discount hereon, which was decided by the board



of directors  
= 0.9646 (= 1 – 3.54%)

- Issue price  
= the issue price as calculated with the formula as mentioned above. The result of this calculation is rounded with the normal rounding rules to two decimal places.
- ➔ The issue price per new share to be issued amounts to EUR 36.34.

The discount vis-à-vis the closing price of the WDP share on Tuesday 26 April 2022, after deduction of the gross dividend, amounts to 3.56%. The NV of the WDP share on 31 March 2022 (IFRS) amounts to EUR 20.7, in order that the issue price of the new shares is also higher than the IFRS NV.

A shareholder who does not wish to proceed to a contribution of (all or part of) its dividend rights in consideration for new shares, will undergo a dilution of the financial rights (including dividend rights and participation in the liquidation balance) and membership rights (including voting rights and preferential subscription rights) attached to its existing participation.

## **5. THE OPTION PERIOD**

The option period, during which shareholders can subscribe to the capital increase, starts on Monday 2 May 2022 and ends on Friday 13 May 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (CET).

Shareholders who have not expressed their choice during this option period in the manner provided for, will in any case receive the dividend in cash.

## **6. CAPITAL INCREASE AND PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND**

On Wednesday 18 May 2022, the realization of the capital increase and the issue of new shares will be determined.

Taking into account the aforementioned issue price, each new share to be issued can be subscribed for, and such new share will be fully paid up, by contribution of net dividend rights attached to 50 existing shares of the same form (represented by coupon no. 3). Thus, for each subscription of net dividend rights attached to 59 shares, the shareholder who will subscribe to the capital increase will receive one share.

For the shareholders who benefit from a reduced withholding tax or exemption from withholding tax, the contribution of the dividend claim, as is the case for the shareholders who do not benefit from such reduction or exemption, will amount to EUR 0.616 per share (more precisely: 1 new share will be acquired by contribution of the net dividend rights attached to 59 existing shares of the same form (represented by coupon no. 3) and the balance, which results from the reduction or exemption from withholding tax, will also be paid out in cash as from Wednesday 18 May 2022. The shareholders who

benefit from such reduction or exemption will have to deliver the usual certificate through their financial institution to ING Belgium (i.e. the person charged with the financial services).

The total amount of the capital increase amounts (in the hypothesis that each shareholder holds an exact number of shares of the same form that entitles him to a whole number of new shares) to a maximum of EUR 3,610,564.77, through the issue of a maximum number of 3,151,377 new shares. The total maximum issue price of the new shares to be issued amounts to EUR 114,521,040.18.

The (total) amount of the capital increase will be equal to the number of new shares to be issued multiplied by the (exact) fractional value of the existing WDP shares (i.e. approximately (rounded up) EUR 1.15 per share), where the result of this calculation will be rounded up. The capital representing value of all (new and currently existing) shares of the Company will then be equalized. The difference between fractional value and the issue price (i.e. share premium) will be recorded in a separate account "available share premium" under equity in the liabilities on the balance sheet of the Company. The capital will only be increased with the amount of the (capital value of the) subscriptions actually received. If the issue is not fully subscribed for, the Company thus reserves the right to increase the capital by the amount of the (capital value of the) subscriptions made.

The allotted new shares will have the same form as the already existing shares held. The shareholders can at any time after the issue, in writing and at their own expense, request the conversion of shares into dematerialized shares or vice versa.

As from Wednesday 18 May 2022, the cash dividend will also be paid out to shareholders who: (i) have chosen to contribute their dividend rights in consideration for the issue of new shares but who did not reach the next whole number of shares (in which case the remaining balance will be paid out in cash), (ii) have chosen to receive their dividend in cash, (iii) have chosen for a combination of both or (iv) did not express any choice.

The new shares, with coupon no. 4 attached thereto, issued as a result of this capital increase, share in the result as of 1 January 2022.

As from Wednesday 18 May 2022, the new shares, with coupon no. 4 attached thereto, will be admitted to trading, and can be traded on Euronext Brussels and Euronext Amsterdam.

## **7. JUSTIFICATION OF THE TRANSACTION**

The contribution in kind of the claims against WDP in the context of the optional dividend, and the capital increase connected to it, strengthens the equity of the Company and therefore decreases its (legally limited) debt ratio. This offers the Company the possibility, as the case may be, to execute additional transactions financed with debt in the future, and to continue to realise its growth intentions. The optional dividend also leads to (*a ratio* of the contribution of the dividend rights in the capital of the Company) retention of resources within the Company that will strengthen the equity position.

Moreover, this way, the ties with the shareholders are strengthened.

## **8. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

The board of directors reserves the right (which can be exercised at its own discretion) to withdraw the offer if between the date of the decision of the board of directors of Wednesday 27 April 2022 and Friday 13 May 2022, the price of the WDP share on Euronext Brussels and Euronext Amsterdam significantly rises or falls vis-à-vis the average price on the basis of which the issue price was determined by the board of directors.

The board of directors also reserves the right (which can be exercised at its own discretion) to withdraw the offer if between Wednesday 27 April 2022 and Friday 13 May 2022 an extraordinary event of political, military, economic or social nature occurs, that could significantly disturb the economy and/or securities markets.

The withdrawal, if any, of the offer will immediately be communicated to the public by way of a press release. The exercise or non-exercise of this right can never give rise to any liability of WDP.

## **9. FINANCIAL SERVICE**

Shareholders who wish to contribute (all or part of) their dividend rights in the capital of the Company in consideration for new shares, during the option period, need to turn to:

- the Company, with regard to registered shares;
- the financial institution that keeps the shares, with regard to dematerialized shares; and

This service is free of charge for the shareholder.

The paying agent of WDP is ING Belgium.

## **10. COSTS**

All legal and administrative costs relating to the capital increase will be borne by the Company.

Certain costs, such as the cost for conversion of the form of shares, will have to be borne by the shareholder. Shareholders are advised to consult their financial institution in this respect.

## **11. TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The paragraphs below summarize the Belgian tax treatment with respect to the optional dividend, and are only included for information purposes. They are based on Belgian tax laws and administrative interpretations in effect at the date of this Information Memorandum and are subject to the

amendment of the law which may effect after this date (or even before with retroactive effect). This summary does not take into account, and does not relate to, tax laws in other countries and does not take into account the individual circumstances of individual investors. The information contained in this Information Memorandum cannot be considered as investment, legal or tax advice. The shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisors with regard to the tax consequences in Belgium and other countries, with regard to their particular situation.

### *Withholding tax*

The choice for shareholders (i.e. the payment of the dividend in cash, the contribution of their dividend rights in consideration for the issue of new shares or a combination of both) has no impact on the calculation of the withholding tax. In other words, a withholding tax of 30 % will be withheld from the gross dividend of EUR 0.88 (unless an exemption or reduction of withholding tax is applicable).

For private investors who are Belgian residents, in principle the withholding tax on their dividend income is in Belgium the final taxation. The dividend income does not need to be declared in the personal tax declaration. Nevertheless, if a private investor chooses to declare the dividend income in his personal tax declaration, he/she will be taxed on this income at (the lowest of) the exceptional tax rate of 30 % or on the progressive rate in the personal tax taking into account the other declared income of the taxpayer. In principle, it is only interesting to declare the dividend income when the declaration together with the other declared income of the taxpayer would lead to a tax rate lower than 30 %. Private Investors who do not have any or few other income, can obtain a reimbursement of the withholding tax.

For residents and non-residents who benefit from an exemption or reduction of withholding tax pursuant to Belgian law or an (applicable) convention for the avoidance of double taxation, the standard withholding tax of 30 %, which is in principle withheld from the declared gross dividend, is not (in case of exemption) or not totally (in case of reduced withholding tax) withheld, provided that the necessary documents are submitted.

The shareholders who are exempted from withholding tax or who benefit from a reduction of withholding tax, receive this tax advantage in cash as from Wednesday 18 May 2022.

The shareholders who benefit from an exemption or a reduced withholding tax, receive therefore a surplus in cash (see above, II.6 "Capital increase and payment of dividend").

## 12. INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE

In principle, in the context of a public offer of shares on Belgian territory, and for the admission of these shares to trading on a Belgian regulated market (Euronext Brussels) and on a Dutch regulated market (Euronext Amsterdam) a prospectus must also be published pursuant to the Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market, and repealing Directive 2003/71/EC (**Prospectus Regulation**).

However, given the publication of this Information Memorandum, no prospectus must be published in the context of the optional dividend pursuant to Article of art. 1.4 (h) and article 1.5 (g) of the Prospectus Regulation.

This Information Memorandum is, subject to certain customary restrictions, available on the website of WDP ([www.wdp.eu](http://www.wdp.eu)).

The report of the board of directors of 28 April 2021 on the contribution in kind prepared in accordance with Article 7:179 to 7:197 of the Belgian Code of companies and associations, and the report of the Statutory Auditor on the contribution in kind prepared in accordance with Article 7:197 of the Belgian Code of companies and associations is also made available on the website of WDP ([www.wdp.eu](http://www.wdp.eu)). On Friday 22 April 2022 WDP has published the results of the first quarter of 2022 as well<sup>4</sup>.

## 13. CONTACT

For more information regarding the transaction, shareholders with dematerialized shares can turn to the financial institution that keeps the shares or ING Belgium (acting as paying agent of WDP).

Holders of registered shares can turn to the Company for more information (on the following number +32 (0) 52 338 400 or by e-mail on [shareholdersmeetings@wdp.eu](mailto:shareholdersmeetings@wdp.eu)).

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<sup>4</sup> See also the press release dated 22 April 2022 7 am (<https://www.wdp.eu/news/press-releases>)

### III. APPENDIX: EXAMPLE

The below is an example in the context of the declaration of the optional dividend. It does not take into account any potential exemption or reduction of withholding tax.

The example assumes a shareholder who owns 250 shares of the same form (e.g. 250 dematerialized shares).

The issue price is EUR 36.34. Each new share to be issued, can be subscribed for through the contribution of the net dividend rights attached to 59 existing shares of the same form, represented by coupon no. 3.

In other words, for each contribution of the net dividend rights attached to 59 shares, the shareholder will receive one new share.

The shareholder can exchange the net dividend rights attached to 250 shares represented by coupon no. 3 for:

– **Cash:**  $250 \times \text{EUR } 0.616 = \text{EUR } 154$ ;

OR

– **Shares:**

- 4 new shares (in consideration for 236 coupons no. 3); and
- the balance of EUR 8.62 in cash (in consideration for the remaining 14 coupons no. 3, which do not suffice to subscribe for additional shares);

OR

– **Combination:**

- (for example) 2 new shares (in consideration for 118 coupons no. 3); and
- EUR 81,31 cash (in consideration for the remaining 132 coupons no. 3).