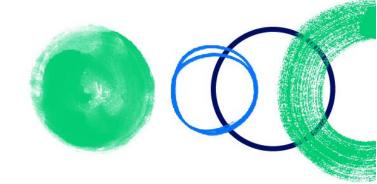
# Sonae Announcement



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A Consortium led by Sonae SGPS, SA ("Sonae") in partnership with two Directors and the CEO of Musti Group Plc ("Musti" or "Company") has announced today a voluntary public tender offer (the "Offer") for all the outstanding shares of Musti aiming to acquire the control of the Company.

As part of the strategy to grow and internationalise its retail portfolio, Sonae has decided to reinforce its presence in the pet care retail sector via the acquisition of Musti, where it already holds a minority position built over the past few months. Musti is the leading pet care retailer in the Nordic region with a successful omnichannel strategy leveraged by its own and exclusive product offering and a distinctive physical and digital footprint.

Sonae is leading the Consortium through its subsidiary Sonae Holdings, SGPS, SA, in partnership with Jeffrey David, the Chair of Musti Board of Directors, Johan Dettel, a member of Musti Board of Directors, and David Rönnberg, the Chief Executive Officer of Musti, who together hold a long experience and a successful track record in the pet care retail sector.

Pet care is a rapidly growing retail segment, benefiting from strong tailwinds fostered by pet parenting and premiumisation trends, increased spending per pet and resilience due to the non-discretionary pattern of pet food consumption.

Musti, listed in the Helsinki stock exchange, Nasdag Helsinki Ltd ("Nasdag Helsinki"), under the code ISIN FI4000410758, and with a market capitalisation of approximately EUR 683 million<sup>1</sup>, is the leading pet care retailer and services provider in the Nordics, operating a solid omnichannel proposition supported by a network of over 340 stores complemented by e-commerce operations specialised in pet care and pet food products, and offering its customers a strong range of own and exclusive brands. In its last fiscal year<sup>2</sup>, Musti turnover amounted to EUR 426 million (CAGR<sup>3</sup><sub>2018-2023</sub> of 15%) with EBITDA reaching EUR 74 million (CAGR<sub>2018-2023</sub> of 22%).

Musti's core Nordic markets of Finland, Sweden and Norway have a solid macroeconomic context characterized by households' high disposable income when compared to European average, and a positive growth outlook in the pet retail segment, with increasing consumer preference for specialised retail and online channels for pet-related purchases.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> based on the closing price at Nasdaq Helsinki as of 28 November 2023;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> from October 2022 to September 2023:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Compounded Annual Growth Rate

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The Consortium intends to initiate the next development phase of Musti by further enhancing its value proposition and catering to the needs of an increasing number of *pet parents*. To accomplish this, the Consortium relies on the combination of (i) Sonae's expertise in omnichannel retail, resources and geographic outreach, which have enabled the successful development of leading retail businesses in different markets, (ii) the experience and know-how of the Consortium partners in the pet care retail business together with Musti's strong management team, ensuring continuity with its core values and culture, and (iii) Musti's differentiated value proposition underpinned by its own and exclusive brands and complementary services, coupled with a deep consumer knowledge leveraging its unique loyalty program with over 1.5 million active and recurrent customers.

The Offer is being made through Flybird Holding Oy ("Offeror"), a company incorporated in Finland, pursuant to the terms outlined on the Offeror's announcement attached as exhibit 1 and available at <a href="https://view.news.eu.nasdaq.com/view?id=bb4fcc280234439384977eeb6951a5324&lang=en&src=notices.">https://view.news.eu.nasdaq.com/view?id=bb4fcc280234439384977eeb6951a5324&lang=en&src=notices.</a>

The price offered amounts to EUR 26.00 (twenty-six euros) per share, to be settled in cash and represents a premium of:

- +27.1 per cent compared to EUR 20.46, i.e., the closing price of the Musti share on Nasdaq Helsinki on 28 November 2023, the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Offer; and
- +40.4 per cent compared to EUR 18.51, i.e., the six-month volume-weighted average trading price of the Musti share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Offer.

The Offer values Musti's total equity at approximately EUR 868 million (excluding 147,566 shares held in treasury by Musti).

The Board of Directors of Musti, represented by a quorum comprising the members of the Board of Directors who are not part of the Consortium, has unanimously decided the recommendation to the shareholders of Musti of the Offer's acceptance and tender of their shares.

The Offeror expects to publish the complete document with detailed information on the Offer on or about 15 December 2023. The Offer period is expected to commence on or about 18 December 2023, and to expire on or about 12 February 2024, unless it is extended by the Offeror to satisfy the conditions to the completion of the Offer.

The completion of the Offer is also subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the Offeror of certain customary conditions on or prior to the Offeror's announcement of the final results of the Offer including, among others, that approvals by all necessary competition and other regulatory authorities have been received and the Offeror gained control to more than 90 per cent of the shares and votes in Musti.

Further announcements will be made as and when deemed appropriate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the recommendations of the Portuguese and Finnish market regulators.

Sonae will hold a conference call today at 15h00 (GMT) to address this matter. To listen to the call, please check the details at Sonae website (<a href="https://www.sonae.pt/en/">https://www.sonae.pt/en/</a>).

The Representative for Market Relations,



### **EXHIBIT 1**

Offeror's announcement - Flybird Holding Oy

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Inside information: A consortium comprising Sonae, Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg announces a recommended public tender offer through Flybird Holding Oy for all shares in Musti

Flybird Holding Oy II

INSIDE INFORMATION

29 November 2023 at 9:00 a.m. EET

- Sonae Holdings, S.A. (a subsidiary wholly-owned and controlled by Sonae SGPS, S.A. ("Sonae")) and Jeffrey David, the Chair of Musti Group Plc's Board of Directors, Johan Dettel, a member of Musti Group Plc's Board of Directors, and David Rönnberg, the Chief Executive Officer of Musti Group Plc, have formed a consortium (the "Consortium") for the purpose of making a recommended voluntary public cash tender offer through Flybird Holding Oy for all the issued and outstanding shares in Musti Group Plc, a public limited company incorporated and existing under the laws of Finland ("Musti" or the "Company").
- The Consortium intends to initiate the next development phase of Musti supported by increased long-term investments, strong operating know-how and experience in the retail business and the pet care sector as well as by the Consortium's complementary network of relationships and geographical outreach.
- Opportunity for Musti's existing shareholders to realise value from their holdings in Musti at a premium above current and last twelve months volume-weighted average share price, surpassing all analysts' share price targets of Musti<sup>1</sup>.
- The Board of Directors of Musti, represented by a quorum comprising the non-conflicted members
  of the Board of Directors who are not members of the Consortium, has unanimously decided to
  recommend that the shareholders of Musti accept the tender offer.

Flybird Holding Oy (the "Offeror"), a private limited company incorporated and existing under the laws of Finland that will be directly and indirectly owned by the Consortium, hereby announces a recommended voluntary public cash tender offer for all the issued and outstanding shares in Musti that are not held by Musti or its subsidiaries (the "Shares" or, individually, a "Share") (the "Tender Offer"). The shareholders of Musti (other than Musti or its subsidiaries) will be offered a cash consideration of EUR 26.00 for each Share validly tendered in the Tender Offer (the "Offer Price").

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND SUMMARY OF THE TENDER OFFER**

On 29 November 2023, the Offeror and Musti entered into a combination agreement (the "Combination Agreement") pursuant to which the Offeror will make the Tender Offer for all of the Shares in Musti. Sonae Holdings, S.A. together with Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg have formed the Consortium for the purpose of making the Tender Offer through the Offeror, which the Consortium will directly and indirectly own following the completion of the Tender Offer.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg.

- The Offer Price under the Tender Offer is EUR 26.00 in cash for each Share validly tendered in the Tender Offer, subject to any adjustments as set out in the section "The Tender Offer in Brief" below.
- The Offer Price represents a premium of approximately:
  - 27.1 per cent compared to the closing price EUR 20.46 of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki
     Ltd ("Nasdaq Helsinki") on 28 November 2023, the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer;
  - 39.3 per cent compared to EUR 18.66, i.e. the three-month volume-weighted average trading price of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer;
  - 40.4 per cent compared to EUR 18.51, i.e. the six-month volume-weighted average trading price of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer; and
  - 49.5 per cent compared to EUR 17.39, i.e. the twelve-month volume-weighted average trading price of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer.
- The Tender Offer values Musti's total outstanding equity at approximately EUR 868 million (excluding 147,566 shares held in treasury by Musti).
- The Board of Directors of Musti, represented by a quorum comprising the non-conflicted members
  of the Board of Directors who are not members of the Consortium, has unanimously decided to
  recommend that the shareholders of Musti accept the Tender Offer. No Consortium member has
  participated in the consideration or the decision-making relating to the Tender Offer in the Board
  of Directors of Musti.
- The Consortium believes that Musti is approaching its next development phase which would be supported by Sonae's strong operating know-how, experience of fostering successful retail businesses into leading positions in their respective markets, exemplary track-record of establishing successful partnerships, and a complementary network of relationships and geographical outreach. Moreover, through Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg, the Consortium possesses exceptional operational experience, know-how and track-record both in the pet care sector as well as in the operations of Musti, ensuring continuity with the core values and culture of Musti.
- The completion of the Tender Offer is not expected to have any immediate material effects on the
  operations, or the position of the management or employees, of Musti. However, as is customary,
  the Offeror intends to change the composition of the Board of Directors of Musti after the
  completion of the Tender Offer.
- As at the date of this announcement, the Consortium holds in aggregate 1,412,642 Shares in Musti representing approximately 4.2 per cent of all the Shares and votes in Musti.
- The Offeror has secured the financing required to finance the Tender Offer at completion in accordance with its terms and conditions, and compulsory redemption proceedings, if any, in

accordance with the Finnish Companies Act (624/2006, as amended, the "Finnish Companies Act"), and the possible payment of a termination fee by the Offeror.

- The Offeror expects to publish a tender offer document (the "Tender Offer Document") with detailed information on the Tender Offer on or about 15 December 2023. The offer period under the Tender Offer is expected to commence on or about 18 December 2023, and to expire on or about 12 February 2024, unless the Offeror extends the offer period in order to satisfy the conditions to completion of the Tender Offer, including, among others, receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals (or expiry of regulatory waiting periods, as the case may be). The Tender Offer is currently expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2024.
- The completion of the Tender Offer is subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the Offeror of certain customary conditions on or prior to the Offeror's announcement of the final results of the Tender Offer including, among others, that approvals by all necessary competition authorities and other regulatory authorities have been received (or regulatory waiting periods have expired, as the case may be) and the Offeror having gained control to more than 90 per cent of the Shares and votes in Musti on a fully diluted basis.

## Comments on the Tender Offer, Cláudia Azevedo, Board member and Chief Executive Officer, Sonae:

"After a thorough analysis of consumer trends, market dynamics and Musti's positioning and business performance, we have given careful consideration to our proposal and are enthusiastic about the prospect of acquiring the leading pet retailer in the Nordics. Our offer, which represents a premium valuation, reflects our profound belief in the company, the pet retail industry and the Nordic region, as well as in the strong and experienced management team of Musti. We are convinced that the consortium led by Sonae, together with Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg, is the ideal owner to enable the company to further expand and focus on meeting the evolving needs of Musti's pet parents, while delivering long-term value creation; we are confident that our strong operating know-how, that successfully fostered retail businesses into leading positions in their respective markets, combined with our complementary network of relationships and geographical outreach, unlocks a winning combination to support Musti in its next growth stage."

## Comments on the Tender Offer, David Rönnberg, Chief Executive Officer of Musti and Consortium member:

"We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to, together with Sonae, focus on the next chapter of Musti's journey, a development phase which will need to be supported by further investments and a different capital structure, and hence we believe is best executed in an unlisted environment. We believe that the company, its employees and stakeholders will benefit from a committed and long-term strategic shareholder that provides capital, support and agility for further market share gains in the Nordics and materialise the potential for broader international expansion."

# Comments on the Tender Offer, Ingrid Jonasson Blank, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Musti Group Plc and Chair of the Independent Committee:

"The non-conflicted members of Musti's Board of Directors have thoroughly and carefully assessed the consortium's tender offer and its terms and conditions. In our view, the tender offer shows the consortium's appreciation of Musti's leading position in the Nordic region, its successful omnichannel strategy and its own and exclusive product offering. The transaction structure provides strong operational

experience and know-how as well as enables continuity with the core values and culture of Musti. Based on our assessment, and all relevant information we consider the tender offer and the offer price fair to Musti's shareholders and have unanimously decided to recommend that the shareholders of Musti accept the tender offer."

#### **ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM**

Sonae Holdings, S.A. is owned and controlled by Sonae. Founded in 1959, Sonae is a Portuguese-headquartered, multinational group with market-leading positions in its key markets across several sectors, including retail (food and non-food), health, wellness and beauty, real estate, telecom, technology and financial services. Sonae has a long-term view on economic and social value creation, which is pursued through an active portfolio management strategy and a strong social and environmental mindset. Through the strong performance of Sonae's businesses and the respective synergies within its portfolio, Sonae has shown a solid track-record of value creation and financial performance over the years, supported by a stable shareholder structure and several successful longstanding partnerships in its key portfolio companies. In 2022, Sonae's consolidated group revenue reached EUR 7.7 billion and consolidated EBITDA surpassed EUR 900 million. With a global footprint, Sonae's current portfolio includes leading and best in class companies such as MC, Worten, NOS, Sierra, Brightpixel, Zeitreel and Universo. Sonae currently holds 1.7 per cent of the Shares and votes in Musti.

Jeffrey David has been a member of the Board of Directors of Musti since 2016 and Chair of the Board of Directors of Musti since 2017. Johan Dettel has been a member of the Board of Directors of Musti between 2014 and 2018 and since 2022. David Rönnberg has been the CEO of Musti since 2017. Therefore, all the above individuals have exceptional operational experience and know-how both in the pet care and retail sectors as well as in the operations of Musti, which also forms the basis for their inclusion in the Consortium by Sonae. The aggregate holding of the above persons is 2.5 per cent of the Shares and votes in Musti.

Sonae Holdings, S.A. together with Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg have formed the Consortium for the purpose of making the Tender Offer through the Offeror and have committed to contribute or tender all Shares held by them or their affiliates to the Offeror in connection with the Tender Offer. A total of 534,860 Shares owned by Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg will be contributed to the Offeror at the completion of the Tender Offer and the remaining 311,121 Shares shall be tendered in the Tender Offer. As at the date of this announcement, the Offeror is indirectly owned by Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg, and it is expected that Sonae Holdings, S.A. will hold approximately 98 per cent and Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg indirectly approximately in aggregate 2 per cent of the shares in the Offeror immediately after the completion of the Tender Offer (assuming that the Offeror holds 100 per cent of the Shares in Musti).

#### **ABOUT MUSTI**

Musti is the leading Nordic pet care specialist operating in Finland, Sweden and Norway and it employs over 1,500 employees. Musti serves Nordic customers in all channels through store chains Musti ja Mirri, Musti, Arken Zoo and Djurmagazinet, comprising a network totalling 342 stores (as per Musti's financial statements release), and through online-first retail brands such as Peten Koiratarvike and Vetzoo. Musti's mission is to make the life of pets and their owners easier, safer and more fun throughout the whole lifespan of the pet.

#### **BACKGROUND AND STRATEGIC RATIONALE**

The Consortium is assured of the stable market position of Musti in the Nordic region and is impressed with Musti's leadership and employees, who have successfully established the Company as the leading Nordic pet retailer and solidified its position as a leader across the full pet retail offering. The Consortium is particularly appreciative of Musti's own and exclusive product offering and successful omnichannel strategy.

The Consortium intends to leverage Sonae's strong operating know-how, experience of fostering successful retail businesses into leading positions in their respective markets and a complementary network of relationships and geographical outreach to further expand the operations of Musti. Moreover, through Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg, the Consortium possesses exceptional operational experience and know-how both in the pet care sector as well as in the operations of Musti ensuring continuity with the core values and culture of Musti, also forming the basis for their inclusion in the Consortium by Sonae. Together with the management, employees and other stakeholders of Musti, the Consortium would provide capital, support and agility for further market share gains in the Nordics and foster Musti in its next growth stage.

The completion of the Tender Offer is not expected to have any immediate material effects on the operations, or the position of the management or employees, of Musti. However, as is customary, the Offeror intends to change the composition of the Board of Directors of Musti after the completion of the Tender Offer.

#### THE TENDER OFFER IN BRIEF

The Offeror and Musti have on 29 November 2023, entered into the Combination Agreement pursuant to which the Offeror will make the Tender Offer. A summary of the Combination Agreement has been provided below in the section "The Combination Agreement".

The Consortium, the Offeror and Musti have undertaken to comply with the Helsinki Takeover Code issued by the Finnish Securities Market Association (the "Helsinki Takeover Code").

As at the date of this announcement, Musti has 33,535,453 issued shares, of which 33,387,887 are outstanding Shares and 147,566 of which are held in treasury.

As at the date of this announcement, Sonae holds 566,661 Shares, representing 1.7 per cent of the Shares and votes in Musti. As at the date of this announcement, Jeffrey David holds 217,136 Shares, Johan Dettel holds 14,095 Shares and David Rönnberg holds 614,750 Shares, representing in aggregate approximately 2.5 per cent of the Shares and votes in Musti. As at the date of this announcement, the Offeror holds no Shares in Musti.

The Offeror, Sonae and Sonae Holdings, S.A., each respectively, reserve the right to acquire Shares before, during and/or after the offer period (including any extension thereof and any subsequent offer period) in public trading on Nasdaq Helsinki or otherwise.

#### The Offer Price

The Offer Price is EUR 26.00 in cash for each Share validly tendered in the Tender Offer, subject to any adjustments as set out below.

The Offer Price represents a premium of approximately:

- 27.1 per cent compared to EUR 20.46, i.e. the closing price of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on 28 November 2023, the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer;
- 39.3 per cent compared to EUR 18.66, i.e. the three-month volume-weighted average trading price of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer;
- 40.4 per cent compared to EUR 18.51, i.e. the six-month volume-weighted average trading price
  of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement
  of the Tender Offer; and
- 49.5 per cent compared to EUR 17.39, i.e. the twelve-month volume-weighted average trading price of the Share on Nasdaq Helsinki on the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Tender Offer.

The Offer Price has been determined based on 33,387,887 issued and outstanding Shares. Should the Company change the number of Shares that are issued and outstanding on the date hereof as a result of a new share issue, reclassification, stock split (including a reverse split) or any other similar transaction with dilutive effect, including securities convertible into shares or equity interests, or should the Company declare or distribute a dividend or otherwise distribute funds or any other assets to its shareholders, or if a record date with respect to any of the foregoing occurs prior to the first settlement of the completion trades (whether after the expiry of the offer period or any subsequent offer period), the Offer Price payable by the Offeror shall be adjusted accordingly on a euro-for-euro basis.

#### **The Offer Period**

The offer period under the Tender Offer is expected to commence on or about 18 December 2023, and to end on or about 12 February 2024. The Offeror reserves the right to extend the offer period from time to time in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer and applicable laws and regulations, in order to satisfy the conditions to completion of the Tender Offer, including, among others, the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, permits, clearances, consents or other actions, including without limitation approvals required under applicable foreign direct investment laws, competition clearances (or, where applicable, the expiry of relevant waiting periods) required under applicable competition laws or other regulatory laws in any relevant jurisdiction for the completion of the Tender Offer. The Tender Offer is currently expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2024.

The detailed terms and conditions of the Tender Offer as well as instructions on how to accept the Tender Offer will be included in the Tender Offer Document, which the Offeror expects to publish on or about 15 December 2023.

#### **Recommendation by the Board of Directors of Musti**

The Board of Directors of Musti, represented by a quorum comprising the non-conflicted members of the Board of Directors who are not members of the Consortium, has unanimously decided to recommend that the shareholders of Musti accept the Tender Offer. The Board of Directors will issue its statement on the Tender Offer in accordance with the Finnish Securities Markets Act (746/2012, as amended, the "Finnish Securities Markets Act") before the commencement of the offer period and it will be appended to the Tender Offer Document. The Board of Directors of Musti has received separate fairness opinions, dated 29 November 2023, by Advium Corporate Finance Ltd. and Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ),

Finland Branch, to the effect that, as of the date of such fairness opinions, the Offer Price to be paid to holders of Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders of Shares, which the opinions were based upon and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limitations and qualifications on the reviews undertaken as more fully described in such opinions. The fairness opinions of Advium Corporate Finance Ltd. and Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ), Finland Branch were provided for the use and benefit of the Board of Directors of Musti and do not constitute a recommendation as to how any holders of Shares should act in connection with the Tender Offer or any related matter. The complete fairness opinions will be attached to the statement of the Board of Directors of Musti.

Jeffrey David (Chair of the Board of Directors of Musti), Johan Dettel (a member of the Board of Directors of Musti) and David Rönnberg (the Chief Executive Officer of Musti) are parties of the Consortium and, thus, have not participated in any consideration or decision-making of the implications of the Tender Offer by the Board of Directors or in any decision-making concerning the recommendation of the Board of Directors or the Combination Agreement.

#### **Conditions to Completion of the Tender Offer**

A condition to the completion of the Tender Offer is that the requirements set forth below for the completion of the Tender Offer (the "Conditions to Completion") are satisfied on or by the date of the Offeror's announcement of the final result of the Tender Offer in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 18 of the Finnish Securities Markets Act, or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, their satisfaction is waived by the Offeror:

- 1. the Tender Offer has been validly accepted with respect to the Shares representing, together with any other Shares otherwise acquired or held by the Offeror (including the Shares to be contributed to the Offeror by the Consortium members) at or prior to the date of the Offeror's announcement of the final result of the Tender Offer, more than ninety (90) per cent of the Shares and voting rights in the Company calculated on a fully diluted basis and otherwise in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 1 of the Finnish Companies Act;
- 2. the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, permits, clearances, consents or other actions, including without limitation approvals required under applicable foreign direct investment laws, competition clearances (or, where applicable, the expiry of relevant waiting periods), required under applicable competition laws or other regulatory laws in any relevant jurisdiction for the completion of the Tender Offer, including without limitation from the European Commission, and that any conditions set out in such approvals, permits, clearances or consents are reasonably acceptable to the Offeror in that they are not materially adverse to the Offeror or any member of the Consortium in view of the Tender Offer (whether due to requiring the disposal of any material asset or otherwise) and do not constitute a material adverse change;
- 3. no fact or circumstance having arisen on or after the signing date of the Combination Agreement that constitutes a material adverse change;
- 4. the Offeror not, on or after the signing date of the Combination Agreement, having received information previously undisclosed to it that constitutes or results in a material adverse change;
- 5. no legislation or other regulation having been issued and no court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction having given an order or a decision or issued any regulatory action that would wholly or in any material part prevent or postpone the completion of, the Tender Offer;

- 6. the Board of Directors of Musti, represented by a quorum comprising the non-conflicted members of the Board of Directors, having issued its unanimous recommendation that the holders of the Shares accept the Tender Offer and tender their Shares in the Tender Offer and the recommendation remaining in full force and effect and not having been withdrawn, modified, cancelled or amended (excluding, however, any technical modification or change of the recommendation required under applicable laws or the Helsinki Takeover Code as a result of a competing offer or otherwise so long as the recommendation to accept the Tender Offer is upheld); and
- 7. the Combination Agreement not having been terminated and remaining in full force and effect.

The Conditions to Completion set out herein are exhaustive. The Offeror may only invoke any of the Conditions to Completion so as to cause the Tender Offer not to proceed, to lapse or to be withdrawn, if the circumstances which give rise to the right to invoke the relevant Condition to Completion have a significant meaning to the Offeror in view of the Tender Offer, as referred to in the Regulations and Guidelines 9/2013 (Takeover bids and mandatory bids), as may be amended or re-enacted from time to time, issued by the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority, and the Helsinki Takeover Code. The Offeror reserves the right on its own initiative (following good faith discussion with the Board of Directors of the Company) to modify, amend or waive, to the extent permitted by applicable law and regulation, any of the Conditions to Completion that have not been satisfied, including with respect to the first Condition to Completion, to consummate the Tender Offer at a lower acceptance level or otherwise despite the nonfulfilment of some of the Conditions to Completion. Moreover, the Offeror reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions, including the Conditions to Completion, of the Tender Offer in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 15 of the Finnish Securities Markets Act. If all Conditions to Completion (as the same may have been modified or amended) have been satisfied or the Offeror has waived the requirements for the satisfaction of all or some of them no later than at the time of announcement of the final results of the Tender Offer (excluding any subsequent offer period), the Offeror will consummate the Tender Offer in accordance with its terms and conditions after the date of the Offeror's announcement of the final result of the Tender Offer by purchasing the Shares validly tendered in the Tender Offer and paying the Offer Price to the holders of the Shares that have validly accepted the Tender Offer.

#### **Regulatory Approvals**

The Offeror will, as soon as possible, make all submissions, notifications and filings (and draft filings where customary or appropriate) necessary to obtain all necessary regulatory approvals, permits, clearances, consents or other actions, including without limitation approvals required under applicable foreign direct investment laws, competition clearances, (or, where applicable, the expiry of relevant waiting periods) required under applicable competition laws or other regulatory laws in any relevant jurisdiction for the completion of the Tender Offer, including an anti-trust approval by the European Commission.

Based on currently available information, the Offeror expects to obtain such necessary regulatory approvals, permits, clearances, consents and other actions during the offer period. The Offeror will use its reasonable efforts to obtain such regulatory approvals. However, the length and outcome of the competition clearance and other regulatory approval processes is not within the control of the Offeror, and there can be no assurances that clearance will be obtained within the estimated timeframe, or at all.

#### **Financing**

The Offeror has received an equity commitment from Sonae, who in turn has arranged adequate own equity as well as debt financing from Caixabank Group and Banco Santander Totta to enable the Offeror to carry out the Tender Offer and any subsequent compulsory redemption proceedings in accordance with Chapter 18 Section 1 of the Finnish Companies Act, and the possible payment of a termination fee by the Offeror. The Offeror's obligation to complete the Tender Offer is not conditional upon availability of financing (assuming that all the Conditions to Completion are satisfied or waived by the Offeror). Sonae's equity commitment to the Offeror, and Sonae's debt financing from Caixabank Group and Banco Santander Totta to Sonae, have been committed on a customary European "certain funds" basis and the debt financing's availability is subject only to the following limited conditions: (i) no major event of default relating to non-payment, breach of certain obligations or undertakings, major misrepresentation, cross acceleration, certain insolvency proceedings (or certain similar proceedings), unlawfulness or cessation of business, is continuing or would result from drawdown; (ii) no event of illegality, certain events of change of control or disposal of shares having occurred; and (iii) the provision of certain customary documentary and commercial conditions precedent each of which is satisfied or within the control of the Offeror or members of the Consortium.

#### **Future plans concerning the Shares**

The Offeror intends to acquire all the Shares. If, as a result of the completion of the Tender Offer, the Offeror's ownership has exceeded 90 per cent of all the Shares and votes in Musti, when calculated together with any Shares otherwise held by the Offeror (including the Shares to be contributed to the Offeror by the Consortium members) prior to the date of the announcement of the final result of the Tender Offer, the Offeror will commence as soon as reasonably practicable compulsory redemption proceedings in accordance with the Finnish Companies Act for all the Shares not purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer. Thereafter, the Offeror will apply for the shares in Musti to be delisted from Nasdaq Helsinki, as soon as permitted and reasonably practicable under the applicable laws and regulations and the rules of Nasdaq Helsinki.

#### **The Combination Agreement**

The Combination Agreement between Musti and the Offeror sets forth the principal terms under which the Offeror will make the Tender Offer.

Pursuant to the Combination Agreement, the Board of Directors of the Company may, at any time prior to the completion of the Tender Offer, withdraw, modify, amend, cancel, or change the recommendation, include conditions to or, subject to applicable law, decide not to issue its recommendation for the shareholders of the Company to accept the Offer or take actions contradictory to its earlier recommendation but only if the Board of Directors of the Company considers in good faith due to materially changed circumstances of which it was not aware of on the date of the Combination Agreement, after taking advice from reputable external legal advisor(s) and financial advisor(s), that on the basis of its fiduciary duties towards the holders of the Shares under Finnish laws and regulations (including the Helsinki Takeover Code) the acceptance of the Tender Offer would no longer be in the best interest of the shareholders, and the Board of Directors of the Company has (i) promptly notified the Offeror of it contemplating such actions, (ii) in good faith provided the Offeror with a reasonable opportunity, during not less than five (5) business days from the date of informing the Offeror of it contemplating such actions, to negotiate with the Board of Directors of the Company in respect of such actions, with a view to improving the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer or to take other actions to remedy the circumstances giving rise to such contemplated action with respect to the recommendation, and (iii) taken such enhanced terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, if any, into consideration when resolving upon such contemplated actions with respect to the recommendation, including conditions thereto or deciding not to issue the recommendation, or taking actions contradictory to the earlier recommendation.

Withdrawing, modifying, amending, cancelling, changing or including conditions to or deciding not to issue its recommendation or taking actions contradictory to its earlier recommendation requires in case of a superior offer or a competing offer that (i) the Board of Directors of the Company has notified the Offeror with reasonably detailed information about the superior offer or the competing offer, (ii) the Board of Directors of the Company has given the Offeror a reasonable opportunity, during not less than five (5) business days after having received all material information relating to a superior offer or a competing offer, to agree with the Board of Directors of the Company on improving the terms of the Tender Offer, and in case of a competing offer, that (iii) the Company has informed the Offeror that the Board of Directors of the Company has determined that such competing offer would, if announced, constitute a superior offer, as and if applicable, and (iv) such competing offer has been publicly announced such that it becomes a superior offer.

The Company shall, and shall cause its subsidiaries and its representatives to, (i) not, directly or indirectly, actively solicit any inquiries or any proposal or offer that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, any competing offer or otherwise harm or hinder the completion of the Tender Offer, (ii) not to, upon receipt of a competing offer, directly or indirectly, promote the progress of such competing offer, unless the Board of Directors of the Company determines in good faith, after taking advice from reputable external legal counsel(s) and financial advisor(s), that such measures are required in order for the Board of Directors of the Company to comply with its fiduciary duties (and only to the extent necessary for the fulfilment of the fiduciary duties), and provided that the Company complies with certain procedures relating to notifying and negotiating with the Offeror about matters arising from such competing proposal.

The Combination Agreement further includes certain customary representations, warranties and undertakings by both parties, such as conduct of Musti's and each of its subsidiaries' business in the ordinary course of business until the earlier of the date of the general meeting convened for the purpose of electing new members to the Board of Directors of the Company nominated by the Offeror or the termination of the Combination Agreement in accordance with its terms. The Offeror and the Company have undertaken to use their reasonable efforts to do, or cause to be done, all reasonably required actions and cooperate with the other party in respect of certain actions required to consummate the Tender Offer.

The Combination Agreement may be terminated by the Company or the Offeror in certain circumstances, including, among others, (i) if the Tender Offer has not been completed, has lapsed or has been withdrawn as a result of one or several of the Conditions to Completion no longer being reasonably capable of being satisfied (and not waived by the Offeror); (ii) if a final, non-appealable injunction or other order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other final, non-appealable legal restraint or prohibition preventing the completion of the Tender Offer has taken effect after the date of the Combination Agreement and continues to be in effect; or (iii) upon a material breach of any warranty or undertaking given by the Company or the Offeror (unless rectified). If the Combination Agreement is terminated due to certain reasons specified in the Combination Agreement, the Offeror has agreed to pay to the Company a reimbursement of the Company's out-of-pocket expenses and costs up to the maximum amount of EUR 10 million. In addition, if the Combination Agreement is terminated due to certain reasons specified in the Combination Agreement, the Company has agreed to pay to the Offeror, a reimbursement of the Offeror's out-of-pocket expenses and costs up to the maximum amount of EUR 10 million.

#### **ADVISERS**

The Offeror and Sonae have appointed Goldman Sachs Bank Europe SE as their lead financial adviser, Krogerus Attorneys Ltd as their lead legal adviser and Davis Polk & Wardwell London LLP as U.S. counsel in connection with the Tender Offer. The Offeror has appointed Nordea Bank Abp as its financial adviser and arranger of the Tender Offer outside of the United States. Jeffrey David, Johan Dettel and David Rönnberg have appointed White & Case LLP as their legal adviser in connection with the Tender Offer. Musti has appointed Jefferies International Limited as financial adviser and Roschier, Attorneys Ltd. as legal adviser and Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP as U.S. counsel in connection with the Tender Offer. Hill and Knowlton Finland Oy acts as Musti's communications advisor in the Tender Offer.

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The Tender Offer will be made for the issued and outstanding Shares in Musti, which is a public limited company incorporated and admitted to trading on a regulated market in Finland, and is subject to Finnish disclosure and procedural requirements. The Tender Offer will be made to Musti shareholders in the United States in compliance with the applicable U.S. tender offer rules under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "U.S. Exchange Act"), and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of Finnish law. Accordingly, the Tender Offer will be subject to disclosure and other procedural requirements, including with respect to withdrawal rights, the Tender Offer timetable, settlement procedures and timing of payments that are different from those applicable under U.S. domestic tender offer law and practice. The financial information included in this announcement or the Tender Offer Document has not been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, or derived therefrom, and may therefore differ from, and not be comparable with, financial information of U.S. companies.

The Offeror and its respective affiliates or brokers (acting as agents for the Offeror or its affiliates, as applicable) may from time to time, and other than pursuant to the Tender Offer, directly or indirectly, purchase, or arrange to purchase outside the United States, Shares in Musti or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for such Shares before or during the period in which the Tender Offer remains open for acceptance, to the extent permitted by, and in compliance with, Rule 14e-5 under the U.S. Exchange Act. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. To the extent required in Finland, any information about such purchases will be made public in Finland in the manner required by Finnish law. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in Finland, such information will be disclosed by means of a press release or other means reasonably calculated to inform U.S. shareholders of Musti of such information. In addition, the financial advisers to the Offeror or their respective affiliates may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of Musti, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities.

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The Tender Offer, if consummated, may have consequences under U.S. federal income tax and applicable U.S. state and local, as well as non-U.S., tax laws for Musti shareholders. Each Musti shareholder is urged to consult his or her independent professional adviser regarding the tax consequences of the Tender Offer.

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