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## Luxottica's Board of Directors approves the Issuer's notice

**Milan, 26 October 2018 -** The Board of Directors of Luxottica Group S.p.A. ("**Luxottica**" or the "**Issuer**") met today and the voting directors unanimously approved - with the abstention of the Chairman, Mr Leonardo Del Vecchio - the notice (the "**103 Notice**") drafted pursuant to Article 103, paragraph 3, of Legislative Decree 58/1998 (the "**Consolidated Financial Act**") and Article 39 of Consob Regulation 11971/1999 (the "**Issuers' Regulation**") with respect to the mandatory exchange tender offer (the "**Offer**") launched pursuant to Articles 102 and 106, paragraphs 1-*bis* and 2-*bis*, of the Consolidated Financial Act by EssilorLuxottica (the "**Offeror**") on the ordinary shares of the Issuer. The Board of Directors also examined: (i) the opinion issued by the independent directors on 26 October 2018, pursuant to Article 39-*bis* of the Issuers' Regulation, since the Offeror holds a stake in the Issuer exceeding the threshold provided for under Article 106, paragraph 1, of the Consolidated Financial Act; and (ii) the fairness opinion on the exchange ratio issued by the independent directors' advisor, pursuant to Article 39-*bis*, paragraph 2, of the Issuers' Regulation.

For the purposes of approving the 103 Notice, the Board of Directors took into considerationamong others - the fairness opinion issued by the Issuer's financial advisor, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch. Notably, the Board of Directors considered fair, from a financial perspective, the consideration per share to be paid by the Offeror to the Luxottica shareholders as consideration for each Luxottica Share tendered into the Offer, equal to 0,4613 EssilorLuxottica shares.

The 103 Notice, which contains the reasoned assessment of the Issuer's Board of Directors on the Offer and on the fairness of the relating exchange ratio, will be attached to the Offer Document (approved by Consob by way of resolution no. 20648 of 27 October 2018), which will be published by the Offeror, together with the fairness opinion issued by Luxottica's financial advisor, the opinion of the independent directors and the fairness opinion of the independent directors' advisor, which will all be attached to the 103 Notice.

For any additional information on the Offer, reference is made to the notice of approval of the offer Document published on 25 October 2018 and to the Offer Document that will be published by the Offeror on 27 October 2018. The press releases and documents relating to the Offer are also available on the Offeror's website <u>http://www.essilor-luxottica.com</u>, as well as on the Issuer's website <u>http://www.luxottica.com</u>.

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## Luxottica Group S.p.A.

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