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RESULTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2022 APPROVED

Generalfinance closes the half with an adjusted¹ net profit up by 47% YoY to EUR 5.7 million

Strong growth in core business, turnover² at EUR 933 million (+71%) and EUR 777 million of disbursements (+80%)

Excellent credit quality: gross NPE ratio³ at 0.5% and cost of risk⁴ at 3 basis points

INCOME PERFORMANCE

- Net interest and other banking income at EUR 14.6 million, +39% over the same period of 2021
- Adjusted net profit of EUR 5.7 million, +47% over the first half of 2021
- Net profit of EUR 4.9 million, +27% over the first half of 2021
- Adjusted cost/income ratio ⁵ of 40% compared to 47% in the first half of 2021
- Adjusted⁶ ROE at 25% compared to 35% in the first half of 2021

FURTHER GROWTH IN THE CORE BUSINESS

- Flow of loans disbursed at EUR 777 million, +80% over the first half of 2021
- Turnover² at EUR 933 million, +71% over the first half of 2021
- Roughly 76% of advances covered by insurance guarantee, through the long-established strategic partnership with Allianz Trade, a global leader in credit insurance

¹ Net of non-recurring expenses connected with the IPO process for roughly EUR 1.2 million

² Turnover including operations involving advances on future receivables

³ Gross non-performing loans divided by gross loans to customers

⁴ Net value adjustments on loans divided by annual disbursement

⁵ Operating costs - net of non-recurring expenses - divided by net interest and other banking income

⁶ Adjusted net profit divided by equity minus net profit



Milan, 5 August 2022. Generalfinance's Board of Directors approved the half-yearly financial report as at 30 June 2022 – drafted in compliance with IAS 34 "Interim financial reporting" - which highlights net profit of EUR 4.9 million, significant growth of +27% compared to the previous year and shareholders' equity of EUR 50.7 million. The adjusted net profit amounted to EUR 5.7 million, +47% YoY.

Massimo Gianolli, Chief Executive Officer of Generalfinance, declared: "In the first half of 2022, in agreement with our shareholder Crédit Agricole Italia, we completed the listing of Generalfinance's shares on Euronext Milan, Euronext STAR Milan segment, a strategic transaction for us, given that it enabled us to raise EUR 20 million in new equity, intended to finance the plan of growth forecast in the next three years as part of our core business and the financing of distressed companies through the disposal of working capital. With the listing, prominent institutional and industrial investors and partners joined Generalfinance's shareholding structure, which will help us in the growth process mapped out.

From a commercial point of view, we recorded significant growth in the flow of disbursements in the half-year period, amounting to EUR 777 million in the first half, +80% compared to the same period in 2021, with revenues up by 39%. We continue to grow in a liquidity shortage context for companies that are distressed or with low ratings - our target customers - which have limited access or no access to bank credit, concentrated primarily on low risk counterparties or on medium-/long-term loans guaranteed by the State. Based on said results, we feel confident of being able to achieve better results than the guidance for the current year, provided to the market at the time of the IPO".

Economic data

Net interest and other banking income amounted to EUR 14.6 million (+39% compared to the same period in 2021), while the interest margin came to roughly EUR 3.8 million, an increase of 38% compared to the same period of the previous year. Net fee and commission income totalled EUR 10.8 million, growth of 39%. The trend in these two aggregates was affected by the particularly positive trend in turnover, amounting to EUR 933 million (+71% YoY), confirming the positive commercial and operating performance of the Company during the period considered.

Operating costs, amounting to EUR 7.0 million, rose by around 42%. Under operating costs, roughly EUR 1.2 million of non-recurring costs were recorded, related to the stock market listing process, of which EUR 0.3 million under personnel expenses and EUR 0.9 million - consistently with the provisions of IAS 32 - under other administrative expenses, plus significant investments in planned communication activities for the year and concentrated in the half-year period; the adjustedcost/income ratio stood at roughly 40%, compared to 47% in the same period of 2021. Taking account of the low value adjustments (cost of risk at 3 basis points) and taxes of EUR 2.5 million (tax rate of approximately 33%), the net income for the period amounted to EUR 4.9 million (EUR 5.7 million on an adjusted basis).



Asset quality and balance sheet data

The NPE Ratio stood at 0.5%, compared to 0.2% as at 31 December 2021, with a coverage of impaired items of 20% (50% at the end of 2021). Generalfinance - within the framework of constant monitoring of its loan portfolio - paid particular attention, on the geopolitical front, to developments in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. In said context, it should be stressed that Generalfinance has zero direct presence in the Russian/Ukrainian/Belarusian market (areas directly impacted by the conflict), since the Company has factoring relations solely with business customers (transferors) active in Italy. With reference to Transferred Debtors with registered office in Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia, Generalfinance has a significantly reduced overall exposure as at 30 June 2022 of EUR 0.9 million compared to the exposure as at 31 December 2021 (EUR 2.6 million) and with an incidence limited to 0.2% on gross loans to customers.

Loans to customers amounted to EUR 361.7 million compared to EUR 321 million at the end of 2021, while total assets came to EUR 407.2 million.

Shareholders' equity and capital ratios

Shareholders' equity as at 30 June 2022 amounted to EUR 50.7 million, compared to EUR 32 million as at 31 December 2021. An significant **share capital increase** was completed during the half-year period for a total of **EUR 20.2 million** in the context of the listing transaction. In line with IAS 32, part of the costs connected with the listing transaction were recognised in a negative shareholders' equity reserve (under the item "Issue premiums") for EUR 1.7 million, net of the associated taxes.

Generalfinance's **capital ratios** - including profit for the period net of the expected dividend, calculated by taking into account a *target pay-out* of 50%, in line with the Company's *dividend policy* - highlight the following values:

- 15.44% CET1 ratio;
- 15.44% TIER1 ratio;
- 19.19% Total Capital ratio.

The ratios are well above the minimum regulatory values set forth in Bank of Italy Circular no. 288 of 3 April 2015.

Business outlook

In the current context, looking at the prospects for 2022, we need to take into consideration possible further impacts, particularly on the business system, relating to potential fresh waves of the Coronavirus epidemic, the repercussions of the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine - already described previously - and other macroeconomic factors that emerged in the last part of the half-year period (marked increase in the rate of inflation, significant increase in the cost of borrowing).



In said general framework still characterised by critical elements for the real economy, the sales activities developed by Generalfinance in the first half of 2022 - trend in turnover and customer base - shows significantly higher rates of growth than those recorded in 2021, with a better performance than the one envisaged in the Business Plan in force with reference to the current year. Also on the credit quality front, the half shows an excellent risk profile, with better indicators than those planned. These elements allow us to predict a better business performance and related net profitability for 2022 with respect to the levels determined in the budget and theguidance for the current year, provided to the market at the time of the IPO."

Mr Ugo Colombo, as Financial reporting manager, hereby states that, pursuant to paragraph 2, article 154-bis of the TUF (Consolidated Finance Law), the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the documentary results, the books and the accounting records.

Generalfinance's results as at 30 June 2022 will be presented to the financial community in a **conference call set for 8 August 2022 at 09.00 (C.E.T.).** A set of slides supporting the presentation will be available by the next day, before the start of the conference call, on the corporate website https://www.generalfinance.it/bilanci-e-relazioni/. The conference call will be conducted in Italian.

To connect to the conference call, phone the following numbers:

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The half-yearly financial report as at 30 June 2022 will be made available to the public, according to law, at the company's registered office and at Borsa Italiana, as well as on the website www.generalfinance.it and on the website of the authorised storage mechanism www.emarketstorage.com.

GENERALFINANCE

Founded in 1982 and led by Massimo Gianolli for over 30 years, Generalfinance is a supervised financial intermediary specialised in factoring, able to guarantee rapid and customised interventions according to the different needs of its customers. Operating from its two offices in Milan and Biella with a team of roughly 60 professionals, Generalfinance is a leader in the segment of factoring for distressed companies.



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BALANCE SHEET (values in Euro)

	Asset items	30/06/2022	31/12/2021
10.	Cash and cash equivalents	32,247,455	33,458,171
20.	Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	20,300	28,415
	c) other financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value	20,300	28,415
40.	Financial assets measured at amortised cost	361,709,780	321,043,769
	c) loans to customers	361,709,780	321,043,769
80.	Property, plant and equipment	4,725,323	4,922,460
90.	Intangible assets	1,822,331	1,670,567
	- of which goodwill	0	0
100.	Tax assets	1,920,230	1,191,075
	a) current	1,672,068	927,209
	b) deferred	248,162	263,866
120.	Other assets	4,755,513	2,954,436
otal assets		407,200,932	365,268,893

	Liabilities and shareholders' equity items	30/06/2022	31/12/2021
10.	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	332,507,956	314,640,957
	a) payables	296,240,115	283,616,382
	b) securities issued	36,267,841	31,024,575
60.	Tax liabilities	1,639,296	1,234,511
	a) current	1,639,296	1,234,511
80.	Other liabilities	20,756,467	15,797,060
90.	Severance pay	1,449,744	1,353,695
100.	Provisions for risks and charges	129,122	276,528
	b) pension and similar obligations	129,122	118,452
	c) other provisions for risks and charges	0	158,076
110.	Share capital	4,202,329	3,275,758
140.	Share premium reserve	25,434,455	7,828,952
150.	Reserves	16,171,811	11,445,129
160.	Valuation reserves	(37,061)	(37,061)
170.	Profit (loss) for the year	4,946,813	9,453,364
otal liabil	ities and shareholders' equity	407,200,932	365,268,893

INCOME STATEMENT



(values in Euro)

	Items	30/06/2022	30/06/2021
10.	Interest income and similar income	6,362,776	3,870,866
	of which: interest income calculated using the effective interest method	6,362,776	3,870,866
20.	Interest expense and similar charges	(2,599,517)	(1,153,073
30.	Interest margin	3,763,259	2,717,793
40.	Fee and commission income	12,886,896	9,257,789
50.	Commission liabilities	(2,041,637)	(1,469,972
60.	Net commissions	10,845,259	7,787,817
70.	Dividends and similar income	584	184
80.	Net profit (loss) from trading	(324)	(183
110.	Net result of other financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	857	2,782
	b) other financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value	857	2,782
120.	Intermediation margin	14,609,635	10,508,393
130.	Net value adjustments/write-backs for credit risk of:	(201,278)	(22,761
	a) financial assets measured at amortised cost	(201,278)	(22,761)
150.	Net profit (loss) from financial management	14,408,357	10,485,632
160.	Administrative expenses	(6,390,123)	(4,186,384
	a) personnel expenses	(3,009,394)	(2,564,412)
	b) other administrative expenses	(3,380,729)	(1,621,972)
170.	Net provisions for risks and charges	(10,670)	(163,153
	b) other net provisions	(10,670)	(163,153)
180.	Net value adjustments/write-backs on property, plant and equipment	(357,136)	(354,073)
190.	Net value adjustments/write-backs on intangible assets	(165,192)	(106,330
200.	Other operating income and expenses	(51,347)	(117,390
210.	Operating costs	(6,974,468)	(4,927,330
260.	Pre-tax profit (loss) from current operations	7,433,889	5,558,302
270.	Income taxes for the year on current operations	(2,487,076)	(1,670,915
280.	Profit (loss) from current operations after tax	4,946,813	3,887,387
300.	Profit (loss) for the year	4,946,813	3,887,387

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