

# The Remuneration Report of Fondul Proprietatea for 2024 financial year

# Chapter I. Preamble

This Remuneration Report ("the Report") of Fondul Proprietatea SA ("Fondul Proprietatea / the Fund"), a joint-stock company incorporated under the laws of Romania, qualifying as an alternative investment fund under Law no. 74/2015 on alternative investment fund managers and Law no. 243/2019 on alternative investment funds, amending and supplementing certain normative acts and as an issuer under Law no. 24/2017 on issuers of financial instruments and market operations (the "Issuers Law"), an entity supervised by the Financial Supervisory Authority ("FSA"), was prepared in accordance with the Fund's Remuneration Policy in force throughout the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and the Issuers Law, and presents the remuneration granted to Franklin Templeton International Services S.À R.L. Luxembourg (the "Fund Manager"/ "AIFM"/ "FTIS"), and to the Board of Nominees during the financial year ending on 31 December 2024.

During 2024, the Fund was managed by Franklin Templeton International Services S.À R.L. as its Sole Director and Alternative Investment Fund Manager under the AIFM Directive and local implementation regulations, on the basis of the Management Agreement in force between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2024, as per the Ordinary General Shareholders Meeting ("OGM") Resolution no. 15/15 December 2021 and the Management Agreement in force between 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025, as per the OGM Resolution no. 2/26 March 2024. The portfolio management and the administrative activities are performed by FTIS via its Bucharest Branch.

The Fund's Remuneration Policy in force during 2024 ("Remuneration Policy") was approved through the OGM Resolution no. 3/26 March 2024 and it is available on the Fund website, section Investor Relations – GSM Information – GSM Resolutions.

This Report provides an overview of the remunerations, including all benefits, if any, regardless of their form, which were granted or due for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 to the Fund Manager based on the Management Agreement in force between 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024 and the Management Agreement in force between 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025, and to each member of the Board of Nominees, in accordance with the Remuneration Policy.

The remunerations for 2024 of both the Fund Manager and of the Board of Nominees' members have been calculated and paid in full compliance with the Remuneration Policy; the Fund did not apply any deviations or derogations from the Remuneration Policy. There were no key events in the Fund's business environment affecting the remunerations.

For transparency purposes, this Report also reflects information regarding the remuneration policy of the Fund Manager and an overview of the remuneration paid by the Fund Manager to its staff members in relation with Fondul Proprietatea during the financial year ended 30 September 2024 (for the Fund Manager, the financial year is ending on 30 September). Such remuneration does not represent an additional cost for the Fund.

This Report has been reviewed by the Board of Nominees of Fondul Proprietatea SA and will be presented to the advisory vote of the OGM on 29 April 2025 (first convening) / 30 April 2025 (second convening).

# **Chapter II. Management structure of the Fund**

#### **Fund Manager**

During 2024, the Fund was managed by Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l., a *société* à *responsabilité limitée* qualifying as an AIFM under Article 5 of the Luxembourg law of 12 July 2013 on alternative investment fund managers, authorized by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* under no. A00000154/21 November 2013, whose registered office is located at 8A rue Albert Borschette, L-1246 Luxembourg and registered with the Luxembourg Register of Commerce and Companies under number B 36.979, registered with the FSA under number PJM07.1AFIASMDLUX0037/10 March 2016 as its Sole Director and Alternative Investment Fund Manager under the AIFM Directive and local implementation regulations, based on the Management Agreement in force between 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024 and the Management Agreement in force between 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025.

#### **Board of Nominees**

The Board of Nominees consists of five members appointed by the OGM in order to supervise, scrutinize and evaluate the activity of the Fund Manager and the fair treatment of all shareholders, in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitutive Act.

During 2024, the following persons were members of the Board of Nominees:
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Name	First appointment date	Expiration date
Mrs. Ilinca von Derenthall	26 November 2020	25 November 2026
Mr. Ciprian Lăduncă	16 November 2020	15 November 2026
Mr. Nicholas Paris	6 April 2021	2 December 2027 <sup>1</sup>
Mr. Omer Tetik	6 April 2021	6 April 2024
Mr. Martin Bernstein	27 April 2022	12 July 2024 <sup>2</sup>
Mr. Marius-Alin Andries	7 April 2024	7 April 2027 <sup>3</sup>
Mrs. Ileana-Lăcrămioara		
Isărescu	1 October 2024	1 October 2027 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> During 26 March 2024 OGM no candidate obtained the statutory majority provided by the Fund's Constitutive Act for being elected as member of the Board of Nominees. As a result, the mandate of Mr. Nicholas Paris, expiring on 6 April 2024, was extended by right until the next OGM having on its agenda the appointment of a new Board of Nominees member (i.e., 27 September 2024 OGM).

During 27 September 2024 OGM, the candidates for the second vacant position did not obtain the statutory majority provided by the Fund's Constitutive Act for being elected as member of the Board of Nominees and the seat remained vacant. As a result, on the same date, the Board of Nominees appointed Mr. Nicholas Paris as an interim member until the next OGM having on its agenda the appointment of a new Board of Nominees member (i.e. 2 December 2024 OGM).

Mr. Nicholas Paris was re-appointed as member of the Board of Nominees for an additional 3-year period starting 2 December 2024, as per the OGM Resolution no. 18/2 December 2024.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Mr. Martin Bernstein resigned from his positions held within the Fund's Board of Nominees and Consultative Committees with the effective date on 12 July 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mr. Marius-Alin Andries was appointed as member of the Board of Nominees for a 3-years mandate starting 7 April 2024, replacing Mr. Omer Tetik after the expiration of his mandate effective 6 April 2024, as per the OGM Resolution no. 1/26 March 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Mrs. Ileana-Lacramioara Isarescu was appointed as member of the Board of Nominees for a 3-years mandate starting 1 October 2024, as per the OGM Resolution no. 11/27 September 2024.

# **Chapter III.** Remuneration Policy of the AIFM

FTIS, as AIFM, has a remuneration policy in place regarding the amounts charged in relation with the alternative investment funds under its management. The costs described within this section represent the remuneration costs borne by the AIFM and do not represent an additional cost for the Fund.

The policy has been designed to discourage excessive risk taking, integrating in its performance management systems the risk criteria specific to the business units it covers. The policy has a governance structure aimed at preventing internal conflicts of interests.

The AIFM fully implemented the remuneration policy during 2024 – a summary of the version applicable at the reporting date is available on Franklin Templeton Luxembourg website (<a href="https://www.franklintempleton.lu">https://www.franklintempleton.lu</a>) under the *Regulatory Information* section and in the Annex 2 to this report.

There are procedures in place for the preparation, update, review and approval of the policy as well as for communication and implementation of the policy. Senior management, human resources, internal audit and other functions are involved in this process and the policy is approved by FTIS.

Fixed remuneration is defined as base salary plus material company provided benefits which may include company cars, company pension contributions, private medical insurance premiums and life assurance premiums. Base salary levels (including benefits) are set with reference to market benchmarking data (third party industry surveys), which are reviewed regularly.

Variable remuneration is defined as annual bonuses, long term awards in the form of performance share grants, and sales incentive payments. The levels of variable remuneration are set with reference to overall corporate and business unit performance, as well as individual performance.

The full Remuneration Policy of the AIFM is available at the registered office of the AIFM.

Information regarding the **remuneration paid by FTIS to its staff members in relation to Fondul Proprietatea** during the financial year ended 30 September 2024 are included in the table below (the financial year of FTIS is ending on 30 September and the figures are presented as such):

	2	024	2023		
Name	Amount (EUR)	No. of beneficiaries	Amount (EUR)	No. of beneficiaries	
Total remuneration in relation to	(LUK)	Deficitiones	(LUK)	Deficitiones	
Fondul Proprietatea for the financial year ended 30 September, out of which:	2,849,793	289	19,717,440	279	
Fixed remuneration paid by FTIS to members of staff	144,947	289	728,612	279	
Variable remuneration paid by FTIS to members of staff, except for performance fees	2,704,845	278	18,988,828	256	
Variable remuneration representing performance fees	-	-	-	-	

Source: FTIS

Name	2024 Amount (EUR)	2023 Amount (EUR)
Remuneration for identified staff members in relation to Fondul Proprietatea for the financial year ended 30 September	2,369,450	16,830,311
Remuneration for members of the board of directors or of the supervisory board	5,514	29,210
Remuneration for senior management (key decision makers)	2,357,817	16,762,719
Remuneration for members of staff with control responsibilities (compliance, risk management, internal audit, etc.)	6,119	38,382
Remuneration for members of staff whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the Fund	-	-

Source: FTIS

For more details regarding the remuneration paid by FTIS to its staff members in relation with Fondul Proprietatea during the financial year ended 30 September 2024 please refer to Annex 1

# **Chapter IV. Remuneration of the Fund Manager**

The remuneration of the Fund Manager is part of the Management Agreements approved by the Fund's shareholders, being in line with the Remuneration Policy.

In accordance with the Management Agreement, the Fund Manager must manage the Fund's portfolio in accordance with, and must comply with, all the obligations undertaken under the Investment Policy Statement and seek to achieve the performance objectives therein, including (without limitation) the Discount Objective and the NAV Objective, as detailed under the Investment Policy Statement.

The NAV objective refers to an Adjusted NAV per share in the last day of the Reporting Period higher than the reported NAV per share as at the end of the previous Reporting Period.

The discount objective implies the discount between the closing price of the Fund's shares on Bucharest Stock Exchange and the latest reported NAV per share to be equal to, or lower than 15%, in at least 2/3 of the trading days in the Reporting Period.

The detailed Investment Policy Statement can be found on the Fund's website at section *Investments – Investment Strategy*.

The Fund Manager is committed to its continued efforts to protect shareholders' value and to implement the necessary measures in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement. In applying Discount Control Management ("DCM") measures during 2024, *inter alia*, the Fund Manager proposed, and shareholders approved during the 30 April 2024 GSM the distribution of a gross dividend of RON 0.06 per share from retained earnings, with payment date 7 June 2024.

Following Fund Manager's proposal, during 13 February 2024 GSM the shareholders approved the  $15^{\text{th}}$  buyback programme for 1 billion shares, that was started on 15 April 2024. The maximum number of shares that could be repurchased within this buy-back programme was subsequently reduced to 355.6 million, following the regulatory changes adopted in June 2024 through GEO no. 71/2024.

As a result, during 2024 the Fund repurchased 355.6 million shares within the 15<sup>th</sup> buy-back programme through daily buybacks on BVB and LSE and one tender offer for 269,000,000 shares, settled in September 2024.

Also, following Fund Manager's proposal, during 2 December 2024 GSM the shareholders approved the 16<sup>th</sup> buyback programme for 320 million shares for 2025.

The remuneration structure of the Fund Manager is presented in the table below:

All amounts in RON equivalent

Year	Total gross remuneration		nuneration Fee) Proportion		onal base fee mance fee*) Proportion	Variable rer (Distributi Value	
2024	23,364,958	15,863,874	67.9%	-	0%	7,501,084	32.1%
2023	237,847,355	36,785,547	15.5%	-	0%	201,061,808	84.5%

<sup>\*</sup> The performance fee was applicable until 31 March 2022. There is no performance fee applicable under the FTIS mandate after 31 March 2022.

The remuneration presented above also includes the amounts booked as accruals in the accounting records of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, to be invoiced by the Fund Manager in 2025.

The transactions carried out between the Fund and FTIS Bucharest Branch were the following:

Transactions	Year ended 31 December 2024	Year ended 31 December 2023
Rent expense charged to the Fund	88,762	85,612
Operating cost charged to the Fund	30,209	32,223
Total	118,971	117,834

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Fund recorded RON 470,920 (31 December 2023: RON 827,839) representing expenses incurred by FTIS Bucharest Branch on its behalf.

These expenses were primarily related to expenses in the interest of protecting and promoting the image of the Fund and its securities (investor relations) and also to annual subscriptions for software programmes used by the BON in the interest of the Fund and website maintenance fees. The recharge of these expenses to the Fund followed the provisions of the management agreement in place at the respective moment and was subject to Board of Nominees' approval.

The Fund Manager (i) did not obtain any other benefits from Fondul Proprietatea and (ii) did not receive any remuneration from any affiliated entity to Fondul Proprietatea.

There is no stock option plan offered by the Fund to its Fund Manager.

### Chapter V. Remuneration of the Board of Nominees' members

Each member of the Board of Nominees receives a fixed remuneration, as approved through the Resolutions of the Fund's OGM no. 9 of 29 October 2015, no. 5 of 14 February 2018, and no. 11 of 15 November 2022, being in line with the Remuneration Policy; no malus/ claw back arrangement is in place.

Starting with 16 November 2022, an additional fixed gross monthly remuneration for the Chairperson of the Board of Nominees and for the Chairpersons of the Audit and Valuation Committee and of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee was approved by the Fund's shareholders, as per OGM Resolution no. 11/15 November 2022, published on the Fund's website, in section Investor Relations – GSM Information – GSM Resolutions.

The remuneration structure of each member of the Board of Nominees for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 was as follows:

<sup>\*\*</sup> For more details regarding the calculation formulas of the Base Fee and Distribution Fee, please refer to Chapter V, Section 2 of the Remuneration Policy of Fondul Proprietatea available on the Fund's website at section *About the Fund – Fund Overview – Corporate Governance.* 

All amounts in RON

Name,	Total gross	% fixed	% variable
Position	remuneration	remuneration	remuneration
Mrs. Ilinca von Derenthall			
Chairperson of the Board during	366,180	100%	N/A
1 Jan 2024 - 31 Dec 2024			
Mr. Ciprian Lăduncă			
Board Member during 1 Jan 2024 -			
31 Dec 2024 and Chairperson of the Audit and	350,268	100%	N/A
Valuation Committee during			
1 Jan 2024 – 31 Dec 2024			
Mr. Nicholas Paris			
Board Member during 1 Jan 2024 - 31 Dec 2024			
and Chairperson of the Nomination and	350,268	100%	N/A
Remuneration Committee during 1 Jan 2024 - 31			
Dec 2024			
Mr. Marius-Alin Andries	232,784	100%	N/A
Board Member during 7 Apr 2024 - 31 Dec 2024	232,704	100%	IN/A
Mrs. Ileana-Lăcrămioara Isarescu	70.605	1000/	NI / A
Board Member during 1 Oct 2024 - 31 Dec 2024	79,605	100%	N/A
Mr. Ömer Tetik	OF 626	1000/	NI / A
Board Member during 1 Jan 2024 – 6 Apr 2024	85,636	100%	N/A
Mr. Martin Bernstein	170 747	1000/	NT / A
Board Member during 1 Jan 2024 - 12 Jul 2024	170,747	100%	N/A

There are no post-employment, long term or termination benefits related to the remuneration of the members of the Board of Nominees.

During 2024, the Fund also incurred the costs below related to the Board of Nominees.

All amounts in RON equivalent

	Costs related to meetings
Name	(transport and
	accommodation)
Mrs. Ilinca von Derenthall	22,202
Mr. Ciprian Lăduncă	-
Mr. Nicholas Paris	49,828
Mr. Marius-Alin Andries	1,497
Mrs. Ileana-Lăcrămioara Isărescu	-
Mr. Martin Bernstein	25,347
Mr. Omer Tetik	-
Total	98,874

Other costs incurred during 2024 by the Fund in relation with the members of the Board of Nominees comprised:

#### All amounts in RON

Costs	RON
Professional insurance costs	243,564
Advisory services for the Board of Nominees	85,259
Other costs (meals, business cards, notary services, translations etc.)	70,216
Total	399,039

There were no loans between the Fund and the members of the Board of Nominees.

# Chapter VI.Comparative information on the amendment of the remuneration and on the Fund's performance for the last 5 financial years

The total remuneration due to the Fund Manager in the last 5 years is presented in the table below:

Total remuneration	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Amount in RON	23,364,958	237,847,355	107,230,522	87,239,913	65,906,915
Variation% YoY	-90%	+122%	+23%	+32%	+20%

The variation of the remuneration payable to the Fund Manager year-over-year is determined by:

- the Fund's market capitalisation;
- the distributions made available to the Fund's shareholders (including, without limitation, repurchases of own Fund's shares and GDRs, dividends, returns of capital);
- the discount of the Fund's share price to net asset value per share (in case of performance fee, applicable only until 31 March 2022).

The structure of the administration fees during the last 5 years was as follows:

Administration fees	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Base fee	No change until 31 Mar 2024. Starting with 1 Apr 2024: 135 bps applied on market capitalisation	No change	Starting with 1 Apr 2022: 45 bps applied on market capitalisation	No change	60 bps applied on market capitalisation
Performance fee	No change	No change	<ul> <li>No change until 31 Mar 2022</li> <li>Starting with 1 Apr 2022: no performance fee is applicable</li> </ul>	No change	An additional base fee of 0.05% payable as performance fee when the discount of the Fund's share price to net asset value per share is below or equal to 20% but above 15% and a further 0.05% when the discount is equal or below 15%

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Administration fees	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Distribution fee on buy-backs (including, repurchases of own shares and GDRs)	No change	No change until 31 Mar 2023. Starting with 1 Apr 2023: 1.75% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	No change until 31 Mar 2022. Starting with 1 Apr 2022: - 2.50% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2022 – 31 Mar 2023 - 1.75% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	No change	100 bps
Distribution fee on returns of capital	No change	No change until 31 Mar 2023. Starting with 1 Apr 2023: 1.75% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	No change until 31 Mar 2022. Starting with 1 Apr 2022: - 2.50% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2022 – 31 Mar 2023 - 1.75% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	No change	100 bps
Distribution fee on dividend distributions	No change	No change until 31 Mar 2023. Starting with 1 Apr 2023: 1.75% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	No change until 31 Mar 2022. Starting with 1 Apr 2022: - 2.50% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2022 – 31 Mar 2023 - 1.75% applied to the value of the distributions during 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	No change	100 bps

The table below presents the remuneration for the active Board members during 2024, in accordance with the terms of their mandates presented above.

Board of Nominees' members Remuneration								
Annual amendment	FY 2024	FY 2024 FY 2023 FY		FY 2021	FY 2020			
	vs. FY 2023	vs. FY 2022	vs. FY 2021	vs. FY 2020	vs. FY 2019			
Mrs. Ilinca von Derenthall	No amendment	No amendment	See amendment below in note 1	No amendment	N/A			
Mr. Ciprian Lăduncă	No amendment	No amendment	See amendment below in note 1	No amendment	N/A			
Mr. Nicholas Paris	No amendment	No amendment	See amendment below in note 1	N/A	N/A			
Mr. Marius-Alin Andries	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Mrs. Ileana-Lăcrămioara Isarescu	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			

N/A was mentioned for the cases where the respective person was not a member of the Fund's Board of Nominees in the respective year or when the person was elected in the respective year and consequently the comparatives are not applicable.

#### Notes:

1. Starting with 16 November 2022 the shareholders approved an increase of the gross monthly remuneration for each member of the Board of Nominees by 10%, from RON 24,123 to RON 26,535.30 (the "Base Monthly Remuneration"). The shareholders also approved an additional fixed gross monthly remuneration of 15% of the Base Monthly Remuneration, for the Chairperson of the Board of Nominees and an additional fixed gross monthly remuneration of 10% of the Base Monthly Remuneration, for the Chairperson of the Audit and Valuation Committee and for the Chairperson of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The annual gross remuneration due by the Fund to the Board of Nominees in the last 5 years is presented in table below:

Total remuneration	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Amount in RON	1,635,488	1,703,556	1,386,213	1,434,117	1,376,217
Variation% YoY	-4%	+23%	-3%	+4%	-2%

The variations year-over-year during 2019 – 2022 and in 2024 were due to the periods when the number of Board of Nominees members was lower than 5 (the complete number), due either to their resignation or as result of the expiration of their mandates. The variation in 2023 vs. 2022 was due to the increase in remuneration approved during 15 November 2022 General Shareholders Meeting.

Fondul Proprietatea Performance (distributions to shareholders)							
	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020		
Cash Distributions to shareholders (including dividends, returns of capital) – total gross amounts in RON	212,452,479	9,450,090,560	1,125,531,664	840,627,930	417,965,383		
Variation% YoY	-98%	+740%	+34%	+101%	-35%		
<b>Buy-backs* in RON</b> (repurchases of own shares and GDRs either through daily trades or Tender Offers)	216,324,940	1,816,723,906	1,157,219,018	328,053,551	1,065,008,457		
Variation% YoY	-88%	+57%	+253%	-69%	+143%		

<sup>\*</sup> The Buy-backs amounts comprise the acquisition cost at trade price, excluding brokerage fees and other acquisition related costs

Fondul Proprietatea Performance (year-end results)								
	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020			
<b>Annual net Profit/ (Loss) in RON</b> as per audited IFRS financial statements	251,532,566	(904,097,086)	2,769,448,871	5,012,644,707	(102,978,968)			
Variation% YoY	+128%	-133%	-45%	+4968%	-103%			
NAV/share in RON (calculated as per FSA regulation, certified by the custodian)	0.7029	0.6608	2.5701	2.2624	1.6974			
Variation% YoY	+6%	-74%	+14%	+33%	-2%			
Share's Closing Price published by BSE	0.3150	0.523	2.0400	1.9900	1.4500			
Variation% YoY	-40%	-74%	+3%	+37%	+20%			

Note: NAV/share are for the last working day until and including 2021 and for the last day of the year starting 2022. Share's Closing Price are for the last trading day of the year.

The main contributors to the profit recorded in 2024 were: (1) the gross dividend income from portfolio companies of RON 145.8 million and (2) the net gain from equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss of RON 109.3 million (mainly generated by the valuation update for CN Aeroporturi Bucuresti SA).

# Chapter. VII. Environmental, social and governance (ESG)

#### Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) 5

Within the meaning of Article 6 of the SFDR, the sustainability risks were not deemed relevant for the investment decision process due to the Fund's unique initial set-up as well as the current applicable regulatory framework, that imposes numerous investment restrictions, hence limiting the investment decisions. Also, the Fund has limited ability to consider sustainability risks in its investment decisions unless there are amendments to the governing regulatory framework of the Fund, which cannot be reliably estimated at the date of this report.

#### Taxonomy Regulation<sup>6</sup>

The investments underlying Fondul Proprietatea do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, including enabling or transitional activities, within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation.

#### Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive<sup>7</sup>

Based on the CSRD provisions as well as the related requirements transposed in national legislation, there is a specific exemption from the reporting requirements on sustainability information applicable in case of the Fund.

# **Chapter VIII. Disclosure**

This Report will be published on the Fund's website, <u>www.fondulproprietatea.ro</u>, and will remain publicly available, free of charge, for a period of 10 years from its publication, in accordance with the Issuers Law.

A paper version will be made available upon request to the Fund.

This report was reviewed by the financial auditor of the Fund and discussed by the Board of Nominees on 7 March 2025, and it is subject to the Fund's shareholders' approval (consultative vote) during 29 April 2025 OGM (first convening) / 30 April 2025 OGM (second convening).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability related disclosures in the financial services sector

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Directive (EU) 2022/2464 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 537/2014, Directive 2004/109/EC, Directive 2006/43/EC and Directive 2013/34/EU, as regards corporate sustainability reporting

Annex 1 – Remuneration paid by AIFM to its staff members in relation with Fondul Proprietatea during the financial year ended 30 September 2024<sup>8</sup>

Indicators	Amounts relating to the activity carried out in 2024 (n) (EUR)	Amounts paid during 2024 (n) (EUR)	Amounts payable during 2025 (n+1) or deferred (EUR)	No. of beneficiaries 2024	Amounts relating to the activity carried out in 2023 (n-1) (EUR)	No. of beneficiaries 2023
1. Remuneration for all members of staff of AIFM (including outsourced functions) in relation with Fondul Proprietatea for the financial year ended 30 September, out of which:	2,849,793	217,877	2,631,916	289	19,717,440	279
(a) Fixed remuneration	144,947	144,947	-	289	728,612	279
(b) Variable remuneration, except for performance fees	2,704,845	72,929	2,631,916	278	18,988,828	256
- in cash	1,685,362	58,838	1,626,524		8,086,570	
- other forms (restricted stock units and mutual fund units)	1,019,483	14,091	1,005,392		10,902,259	
(c) Variable remuneration representing performance fees	-	-	-		-	
2. Remuneration for the identified staff members (including outsourced functions) in relation with Fondul Proprietatea for the financial year ended 30 September	2,369,450	59,944	2,309,506		16,830,311	
(A) Remuneration for the members of the board of directors or of the supervisory board:	5,514	5,514	-		29,210	
(a) Fixed remuneration	2,872	2,872	-		16,122	
(b) Variable remuneration, except for performance fees	2,641	2,641	-		13,089	
- in cash	1,881	1,881	-		9,607	
- other forms (restricted stock units and mutual fund units)	760	760	-		3,482	
(c) Variable remuneration representing performance fees	-	-	-		-	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For avoidance of any doubt, the amounts included in Annex 1 are not paid by the Fund and do not impact in any way the financial statements of Fondul Proprietatea.

Indicators	Amounts relating to the activity carried out in 2024 (n) (EUR)	Amounts paid during 2024 (n) (EUR)	Amounts payable during 2025 (n+1) or deferred (EUR)	No. of beneficiaries 2024	Amounts relating to the activity carried out in 2023 (n-1) (EUR)	No. of beneficiaries 2023
(B) Remuneration for the Directors/Senior management out of which:	2,357,817	48,311	2,309,506		16,762,719	
(a) Fixed remuneration	26,006	26,006	-		133,798	
(b) Variable remuneration, except for performance fees	2,331,811	22,305	2,309,506		16,628,921	
- in cash	1,399,774	14,070	1,385,704		6,670,167	
- other forms (restricted stock units and mutual fund units)	932,037	8,235	923,802		9,958,754	
(c) Variable remuneration representing performance fees	-	-	-		-	
(C) Remuneration for the members of staff with control responsibilities (compliance, risk management, internal audit)	6,119	6,119	-		38,382	
(a) Fixed remuneration	4,936	4,936	-		30,664	
(b) Variable remuneration, except for performance fees	1,183	1,183	-		7,718	
- in cash	854	854	-		4,653	
- other forms (restricted stock units and mutual fund units)	329	329	-		3,064	
(c) Variable remuneration representing performance fees	-	-	-		-	
(D) Other functions than those indicated at points (A)-(C), included in identified staff category	-	-	-		-	
(a) Fixed remuneration	-	-	-		-	
(b) Variable remuneration, except for performance fees	-	-	-		-	
- in cash	-	-	-		-	
- other forms (restricted stock units and mutual fund units)	-	-	-		-	
(c) Variable remuneration representing performance fees	-	-	-		-	

Source: FTIS

**Note:** where relevant, the information regarding the remuneration due/ paid by the AIFM to its staff in case of Fondul Proprietatea was allocated based on the Asset Under Management of the management company while the number of beneficiaries includes the total number of staff applicable to each category.

# Annex 2 - Franklin Templeton International Services S.A R .L. Remuneration Policy Statement

#### Purpose and scope of the Remuneration Policy Statement

FTIS is a management company licensed to manage UCITS funds and Alternative Investment Funds ("AIFs") and licensed to provide MiFID ancillary services to clients.

In accordance with Directive 2009/65/EC and with Directive 2011/61/EU the purpose of this Remuneration Policy Statement is to provide investors details on the FTIS remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy"). A paper copy of the FTIS Remuneration Policy is available free of charge upon request at FTIS office.

The Remuneration Policy of FTIS has been designed to align the personal objectives of staff with the long-term interests of FTIS and the funds and client accounts managed by FTIS. It aims at mitigating incentives practices which may encourage employees to take unnecessary risks.

The Policy applies to a certain category of staff called the Identified Staff which includes members of the Board of Directors, Conducting Officers, members of control functions, risk takers, and any employee with remuneration which takes them into the same bracket as Conducting Officers or risk takers whose activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the management company, or the funds or client accounts it manages.

#### Description of the structure of remuneration

The remuneration includes a fixed and variable (performance related) component. Our remuneration policy ensures that performance-related pay is designed to reflect success or failure against a range of targets which have appropriate risk-management and risk-mitigation as a key component. These targets include non-financial metrics and both qualitative and quantitative factors in determining actual compensation pay-outs. We consider good stewardship and management of sustainability risks in the performance measurement of each member of our investment teams and include compliance with the firm's stewardship and ESG risk integration policies among the non-financial metrics which determine total compensation.

**Fixed remuneration:** Fixed remuneration is defined as base salary plus material company provided benefits which may include company cars, company pension contributions, private medical insurance premiums and life assurance premiums.

Base salary levels (including benefits) are set with reference to market benchmarking data (third party industry surveys), which are reviewed regularly.

Fixed salaries are set as a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration so that FTIS can operate a fully flexible bonus policy, including the possibility to pay no bonus.

**Variable remuneration:** Variable remuneration is defined as annual bonuses paid under the Annual Incentive Plan (AIP), Long Term Awards in the form of performance share grants and Sales Incentive payments. Bonus levels are set with reference to overall corporate and business unit performance as well as individual performance achieved in FTIS. Annual bonuses are funded under the corporate Annual Incentive Plan of Franklin Resources Inc., the ultimate parent company ("FRI"). The level of funding is dependent on overall FRI corporate performance and approved by the Compensation Committee of the FRI Board made up of five non-executive members of FRI Board (the "FRI Compensation Committee").

Annual bonuses can be paid in cash, mutual fund shares or FRI shares or a combination, subject to restrictions and vesting determined by the FRI Compensation Committee.

Sales incentives are discretionary and are paid biannually. Deferral is applied in the case of key sales employees who have a material impact on the risk profile of the Management Company, funds, or client accounts it manages.

Staff can be eligible for supplemental equity-based awards for retention purposes. These awards are typically limited to key functional positions.

#### **Performance Measurement**

Variable remuneration is performance related and is based on a combination of the assessment of the performance of the individual and of the overall results of FTIS and FRI.

Identified Staff are required to record performance goals set by their management, and performance against these goals needs to be reviewed before any year-end compensation recommendations are made.

Goals need to be a balance of qualitative and quantitative goals. Examples of qualitative measures include:

- Grow and Learn
- Make Connections
- Leadership Effectiveness (for those with people leadership responsibilities)

The individual performance appraisal for staff members engaged in control functions is performed by their independent functional supervisor in accordance with the goals set for the relevant control department. This process is segregated from any person linked to the business area the control function has to monitor on an ongoing basis to avoid any conflicts of interest. No individual in scope of this policy has any influence on the compensation of control functions.

Measures have been implemented to promote sound and effective risk management, align the interests of the individuals and FTIS and avoid excessive risk taking.

**Deferral:** Awards to manager level and above are paid in a combination of cash and equity awards. Bonuses at these levels are subject to a deferral which can in case of very large bonuses increase to up to 100%. Vesting typically occurs over a 3-year period.

**Equity portion:** The equity portion is typically awarded as FRI stock.

**Claw back provisions:** Variable remuneration granted or earned can be taken back as a result of special circumstances, e.g. fraud or wilful misconduct on the part of the recipient.

#### Award process for remuneration:

A Remuneration Committee of the FTIS Board has been established comprised of 2 members of the FTIS Board and is chaired by a non-executive FTIS Board member. The Remuneration Committee is subject to Terms of Reference approved by the FTIS Board and has responsibilities which include the annual review and approval of variable remuneration proposed to be paid to the Identified Staff of FTIS.

The FRI Compensation Committee will be apprised of the review and approval of the FTIS Identified Staff variable remuneration by the FTIS Remuneration Committee. The FRI Compensation Committee will then, during an appropriate meeting, review and approve the overall FRI bonuses and equity awards. The FRI Compensation Committee is composed of five members of the FRI's board of directors ("FRI Board") who are independent under applicable corporate governance standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

The FRI Compensation Committee meets at least once a quarter and periodically reviews the general principles of the FRI remuneration policy. Each year the FRI Compensation Committee sets the annual incentive compensation plan (AIP) pool by considering factors such as FRI's pre-

bonus operating income, the overall company performance (actual and projected) as well as investment performance, profitability growth and the overall market environment.

The AIP recognizes and rewards employees with an opportunity to share in Franklin Templeton's overall success. It is designed to link the achievement of individual and company results with measurable, objective rewards. At the end of each fiscal year, employees are evaluated on their performance measured by an assessment of competencies and achievement against predetermined goals. Incentives awarded through participation in this program are based on a combination of the individual's performance and the company's financial results.

# **Signatures:**

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