

#### **AUDAX RENOVABLES. S.A.**

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# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMITTANCE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER ON THE SPANISH ALTERNATIVE FIXED INCOME MARKET

Audax Renovables, S.A. ("Audax", the "Company" or the "Issuer", or together with its subsidiaries the "Group"), a public listed company with limited liability (sociedad anónima) organized under the laws of Spain with registered office at Carrer de la Electrònica 19, Planta 7, puerta C, 08915 Badalona (Barcelona) and registered with the Commercial Registry of Barcelona in volume 33.107, sheet 61, page B-222.861, with tax identification A-62338827 and legal entity identifier number ("LEI number 959800MAFGMXMGJHCH48, will request the admission of commercial paper notes ("Notes") to be issued under the provisions of this Information Memorandum (the "Information Memorandum" or the "Programme") on the Spanish Alternative Fixed-Income Market ("Mercado Alternativo de Renta Fija" or "MARF").

The Company's shares are traded on the Madrid and Barcelona stock exchanges on the continuous market.

MARF is a multilateral trading facility ("MTF") in accordance with the provisions of Law 6/2023, of March 17, of the Securities Markets and the Investment Services ("Securities Markets Act").

The Notes will be represented by book entries and their accounting records will be kept by Sociedad de Sistemas de Registro, Compensación y Liquidación de Valores, S.A.U. ("IBERCLEAR"), together with its participating entities.

This Information Memorandum is in compliance with the requirements of MARF Circular 2/2018 (4 December), on the admission and exclusion of securities on the Alternative Fixed Income Market ("Circular 2/2018"), in order to place the Notes on MARF.

An investment in the Notes involves certain risks.

Read section 1 of this Information Memorandum on Risk Factors.

MARF has not carried out any kind of verification or testing with regard to this Information Memorandum or with regard to the content of the documentation and information provided by the Issuer in accordance with Circular 2/2018.

The issue of Notes under the Programme is intended for persons in countries pertaining to the European Economic Area ("EEA") that are "qualified investors" as defined by Article 2 (e) of the Prospectus Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017) and (ii) particularly to professional customers and qualified investors in accordance with the provisions of Article 194 of the Securities Markets Act and Article 39 of Royal Decree 1310/2005 (4 November), which partially enables Law 24/1988 (28 July), on the Securities Market, with regard to the admission of securities to trading on official secondary markets, public offerings or subscription, and the prospectus required for this purpose ("RD 1310/2005"), respectively ("Qualified Investors").

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction to permit a public offering of the Notes or the possession or distribution of the Information Memorandum or any other offering material in any country or jurisdiction where such action is required for that purpose. This Information Memorandum is not to be directly or indirectly distributed in any jurisdiction in which such distribution represents a public offering of securities. This Information Memorandum is not a public offering of securities or an application for an offering to buy securities, and no securities will be offered in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or sale is considered to be a violation of applicable law. In particular, this Information Memorandum is not a prospectus (folleto informativo) and has not been approved by or registered with the National Securities Market Commission ("Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores" or "CNMV"). The offering of the Notes under the programme does not constitute a public offering in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 of the Securities Markets Act and therefore there is no obligation to approve, register, and publish a prospectus with the CNMV.

#### **COLLABORATING ENTITIES**

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Banca March, S.A.

The date of this Information Memorandum is May 11, 2023

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any potential Qualified Investor shall not base an investment decision on any information other than that contained in this Information Memorandum.

The collaborating entities do not assume any liability for the content of this Information Memorandum. The collaborating entities have, respectively, concluded a collaboration agreement with the Issuer to place the Notes without assuming any assurance commitment with respect to the Notes, notwithstanding the fact that each collaborating entity may acquire Notes on their own behalf.

#### MIFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE

## THE TARGET MARKET WILL BE ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES AND PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS ONLY

Solely for the purposes of producer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is "eligible counterparties" and "professional customers" only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on financial instrument markets, which amends Directive 2002/92 EC and Directive 2011/61/EU ("MiFID II"), transposed into Spanish law through Royal Decree-Law 14/2018 (28 September) and Royal Decree 1464/2018 (21 December) and their enabling regulations (in particular, in Spain, the Securities Markets Act) and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional customers are appropriate.

Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "Distributor") after the initial placement should take into consideration the producer's target market assessment. However, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the producer's target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

## BAN ON SALES TO RETAIL INVESTORS IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to, or for use by, retail investors in the European Economic Area (the "EEA"). For these purposes, "retail investor" means a person who meets either or all of the following definitions: (i) a retail client within the meaning of Article 4(1) point (11) of MiFID II; (ii) a client within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016, provided that he does not qualify as a professional client as defined in Article 4(1) point (10) of MiFID II; or (iii) a retail customer as provided for in the regulations implementing MiFID in any EEA Member State (in particular in Spain as defined in Article 193 of the Securities Markets Act). Consequently, none of the key data documents required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 26 November 2014 have been prepared, on key data documents relating to packaged retail investment products and insurance-based investment products (Regulation 1286/2014) for the purposes of offering or selling the Notes to, or making them available to, retail investors in the

EEA and therefore any of such activities could be unlawful under Regulation 1286/2014.

#### **ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

This Information Memorandum includes financial figures and ratios such as "EBITDA", among others, that are considered to be Alternative Performance Measures ("APR") in accordance with the Guidelines published by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in October 2015.

The APR originate or are calculated based on the financial statements in the audited consolidated annual accounts or the interim consolidated summarised financial statements subject to limited review by the Company's auditors, generally adding or deducting amounts from the items in those financial statements, the result of which uses a nomenclature habitual in business and financial terminology, but not used by the General Accounting Plan in Spain approved by Royal Decree 1514/2007 or by the International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) adopted by the European Union ("IFRS-EU").

The APR are presented so that a better assessment may be made of the financial performance, cash flows and the financial situation of the Issuer since they are used by the Company to take financial, operating or strategic decisions within the Group.

Nevertheless, the APR are not audited and are not required or presented in accordance with the General Accounting Plan in Spain approved by Royal Decree 1514/2007 or IFRS-EU. The APR therefore must not be taken into consideration on an isolated basis, but rather as information supplementing the audited consolidated financial information regarding the Company. The APR used by the Company and included in this Information Memorandum may not be comparable to the same or similarly named APR by other companies.

#### **PROHIBITION ON SELLING**

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction to permit a public offering of the commercial paper or the possession or distribution of the information memorandum or any other offering material in any country or jurisdiction where such action is required for said purpose. This document is not to be distributed, direct or indirectly, in any jurisdiction where such distribution may represent an offering. This document is not an offer for the sale of securities nor a request to purchase securities and there is no offer of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer or sale is considered contrary to applicable legislation.

In the United Kingdom, this document and the Commercial Paper would only be distributed to, and are intended for, and any investment and investment activity in the Commercial Paper referred to in this document is available only to, and will be subscribed to only by, "qualified investors", as defined in section 86(7) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (i) who are persons with professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within the definition of "investment professionals" in section 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order"); or (ii) who are high net

worth entities within section 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (together, all such persons shall be described as "relevant persons"). Persons who are not relevant persons should not take any action on the basis of this communication document and should not act on or rely on it.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this Information Document may be prospective in nature and therefore constitute forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, any statements that are not declarations of past events set out in this Information Document including, without limitation, any statements relating to future financial positions and the results of the operations carried out by the Issuer, its strategy, business plans, financial situation, its development in the markets in which the Issuer currently operates or that it could enter into in the future and any future legislative changes that may be applicable. Those statements, including the explanatory text regarding the COVID-19 risk, refer to future events or the Issuer's future performance. These statements may be identified because they make use of prospective terms such as "intend", "propose", "project", "predict", "anticipate", "estimate", "plan", "believe", "expect", "may", "try", "must", "continue", "foresee" or, as the case may be, their negatives or other variations and other similar or comparable words or expressions referring to the results from the Issuer's operations or its financial situation or offer other statements of a prospective nature.

Forward-looking statements, due to their nature, do not constitute a guarantee and do not predict future performance. They are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other items such as the risk factors included in the section called "Risk Factors" in this Information Memorandum. Many of these situations are not in the Issuer's control and may cause the actual results from the Issuer's operations and its actual financial situation to be significantly different from those suggested in the forward-looking statements set out in this Information Memorandum. The users of this Information Memorandum are warned against placing complete confidence in the forward-looking statements.

Neither the Issuer, nor its executives, advisors, nor any other person make statements or offer certainty or actual guarantees as to the full or partial occurrence of the events expressed or insinuated in the forward-looking statements set out in this Information Memorandum.

The Issuer will update or revise the information in this Information Memorandum as required by law or applicable regulations. If no such requirement exists, the Issuer expressly waives any obligation or commitment to publicly present updates or revisions of the forward-looking statements in this Information Memorandum to reflect any change in expectations or in the facts, conditions or circumstances that served as a basis for such statements.

#### FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES

This Information Memorandum does not contain any forecasts or estimates of profits or future results with respect to any period whatsoever.

#### ROUNDING

Some figures in this Information Memorandum, including financial, market and certain

operating information have been rounded to facilitate their understanding. Accordingly, the sum of the numbers indicated in a column or row of a table may not exactly match the total figure indicated for the column or row concerned, and the sum of some figures expressed as a percentage may not exactly match the total indicated percentage.

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## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ON THE ADMITTANCE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES TO THE SPANISH ALTERNATIVE FIXED INCOME MARKET

#### 1. Risk Factors

Investing in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. Potential investors should carefully analyse the risks described in this section, together with the rest of the information contained in this Information Memorandum before investing in the Notes.

Should any of these risks materialise, the business activity, financial position of the Issuer's and/or its Group results, and/or the ability of the Issuer to repay the Notes at maturity could be adversely affected and, as a result, the market price of the Notes could decline, resulting in the loss of all or part of any investment in the Notes.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the main or material risks inherent in investing in the Notes, but a failure to repay the Notes at the time of redemption may arise due to other unforeseen or unknown reasons. Most of these factors are contingencies that may or may not occur. The Issuer is not in a position to express an opinion on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

The Issuer does not guarantee the completeness of the risk factors described below. The risks and uncertainties described in this Information Memorandum may not be the only risks that the Issuer may face and there may be additional risks and uncertainties currently unknown or considered not to be material, that alone or in conjunction with others (whether identified in this Information Memorandum or not), could potentially cause a material adverse effect on the business activity, financial position, Issuer's and/or its Group companies' operating results, and/or the ability of the Issuer to repay the Notes at maturity, and which consequently could result in a decrease in the market price of the Notes and/or cause a loss of all or part of any investment in the Notes.

## 1.1 Key information regarding the specific risks related to the Issuer and its business activities

The main risks associated with the Issuer or its business activities are the following:

#### (A) Financial risks

The Issuer's business activities are exposed to several financial risks. Audax's global risk management programme focuses on the uncertainty of financial markets and seeks to minimise the potential adverse effects on the Issuer's financial profitability. Risk management is handled by the Issuer's Financial Department, which has established the necessary mechanisms to control the different risks that may arise.

## (i) Exchange rate risk

The variations in exchange rates can affect the fair value of the investments and of the debt denominated in non-local or non-functional currencies and the transactions and investments denominated in non-euro currencies, and, accordingly, the counter-value of net equity and net income. The main non-euro currencies with which the Group operates in 2022 and 2021 are the US dollar, the Polish zloty and the Hungarian florint.

#### (ii) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to financial losses arising from the breach of a counterparty's contractual obligations. Accordingly, the Issuer is exposed to the credit risk arising from the default or insolvency of a counterparty, whether a customer or supplier, which might affect its results and financial situation. The credit risk affects each of the two main business activities carried out by the Issuer in a different way:

## a) Generation facilities activity

Over the last years Audax has reshaped its strategy to become the benchmark in 100% renewable energy generation by bolstering its total project portfolio so that it reached 1,415 MW.

The Generation activity is capital intensive and requires significant investments to develop, construction and subsequently operate the projects.

In the division of energy generation the development of the facilities under construction, owned by the Group, the financing conditions and the amount of own funds to be contributed by the Group depends on the availability of finance services and on the existence of loan on the loan market for financing the renewable energy projects.

Financing the renewable energy projects with loans may imply, as a guarantee for the financial institutions, the necessity to pledge all or some of the shares of the Audax Renovables Group's investee companies.

#### b) Energy retailing activity

The energy retailing activity involves credit risk with regard to all customers since they consume the energy prior to Audax submitting the corresponding invoices.

Even though Audax does not have significant concentrations of credit risk in the energy retailing activity since no customer accounts for more than 1% of its sales and the Company has policies to ensure that sales are made to customers with an adequate credit

background (by performing a customer scoring prior to the execution of the agreements), the Issuer could have relevant losses if customers fail to pay their bills.

The risk rating of the existing credit in default is based on taking into consideration unpaid debts older than 180 days, those that are in bankruptcy, as well as those customers against whom the corresponding legal actions have been initiated. Based on historical information, Audax's average default ratio for the last two (2) years was 0,24% of revenues in fiscal year 2022 and 0,28% in fiscal year 2021.

In order to mitigate the credit risk arising from commercial positions, the Group holds bad debt insurance policies. Moreover, in order to mitigate the credit risk arising from financial positions, the Group holds derivative contracts and cash surpluses are invested in high solvency banks and financial institutions limiting the time horizon of the open positions as well as the credit quality of the counterparties in financial transactions.

#### (iii) Market risk

The market risk inherent to the electricity sector is based on the complex price formation process that affects both the generation facilities activity and the energy retailing activity.

As explained in subsequent sections of this Information Memorandum, the price of the products offered by the sector is composed of a regulated component and a market component. The government handles the regulated component, so it may change at any time if the government deems it appropriate and necessary and consequently every market agent (including Audax) would have to adapt to such changes. This would affect the cost of products and, therefore, the final price paid by customers.

There is the risk in the market component that Audax's competitors may be able to offer lower prices to customers and create market price competition that could jeopardize the stability of Audax customer portfolio and, therefore, its profitability.

#### (iv) Volatility risk of the electricity market price

In certain countries where Audax operates in the energy generation business, the remuneration received by the Company has both a regulated component and a component linked to the market price. In such countries, there is a risk that the regulated component will not fully compensate for fluctuations in market prices and, therefore, there is a risk that total remuneration may be volatile.

In both generation and retailing of energy, market prices can be volatile and are conditioned by multiple factors, such as the cost of the commodities used as a primary source of energy or the demand of the final consumer, among others.

In addition, it cannot be assured that market prices remain at levels that allow the Issuer to obtain the profit margins and desired return on investments. A reduction or increase in prices below or above such levels could have a significant adverse effect on the business, the financial situation and the results of the Company's operations.

#### (v) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management derives from the need of financing the Group's activity by temporary differences between the needs and cash generation and involves maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities and the availability of funding through a sufficient amount of committed credit facilities as well as sufficient ability to close out market positions.

Debt financing is an important source of finance for the Audax Renovables Group. The Group's aim, whenever possible, is to carry out its financing activities in a centralised way. However, circumstances may arise, under which the Group may consider it essential or more beneficial to have the financing available at the subsidiary level. This means that the majority of financing is carried out at the level of Audax or through instruments with irrevocable guarantee granted by Audax.

Exposure to unfavourable situations on the capital or debt markets or the Group's own adverse economic and financial situation could potentially hinder or impede its ability to meet the financial needs necessary to properly conduct its business activities. The Group's liquidity policy is focused on ensuring fulfilment of the obligations to pay entered into, without resorting to obtaining funds on burdensome conditions. This prudent liquidity risk management derives from the need for financing the Group's activity by temporary differences between the needs and cash generation and is based on diverse management measures such as maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through a sufficient amount of committed credit facilities, diversifying the maturity dates of the issued debt, as well as sufficient ability to close out market positions at a given moment.

Management follows up the liquidity reserve forecasts of the Group (which includes the availability of credit and cash or cash equivalents) on the basis of the expected cash flows.

As at 31 December 2022 available liquidity amounts to EUR 205,929 thousand, which belong entirely to cash and other cash equivalents (EUR 244,149 thousand as at 31 December 2021).

#### (vi) Interest rate risk

The fluctuations in interest rates modify the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities on which a fixed interest rate is accrued as well as

the cash flows from the financial assets and liabilities indexed to a floating interest rate, and, accordingly, they impact both net equity and net income, respectively.

Any rise of interest rates would increase the Group's financial expenses related to the part of its debt indexed to a floating interest rate, which would be mitigated by the interest rate hedging policy.

The purpose of interest rate risk management is to maintain a balance between floating and fixed rates on debt in order to reduce the costs of borrowings within the established risk parameters.

On the entirety of the issued bonds an interest at a fixed rate is accrued. Furthermore, the Group uses financial swaps to manage its exposure to interest rate fluctuations.

In the event that there is a significant fluctuation in interest rates contrary to Audax's interests, the impact would be insignificant on the financial situation and results, since the Issuer's floating rate debt is not relevant, as is indicated in the preceding paragraph.

	Interest rate increase /(decrease)	Effect on profit and loss before tax
2022	10% (10%)	(220) 220
2021	10% (10%)	(216) 216

## (vii) Risk of guarantee conditions

To carry out its activities, Audax must provide the system with the guarantees linked to the purchases of electric energy that it carries out. These guarantees are provided in the form of bank guarantees and/or surety, several of which are guaranteed by the Issuer's liquidity surplus position.

In the event that the financial institutions granting Audax such guarantees decide to cancel them, the energy retailing activity of the Issuer would be restricted, and this could affect its viability to a certain extent. Furthermore, should the financial entities substantially modify the conditions of the guarantees granted (such as related cost, terms or guarantees, among others), such modifications could affect the profitability of the Issuer.

#### (viii) Financing availability

In the energy generation division, the facilities owned by Audax under development, the financing conditions and the amount of capital that the Issuer must contribute, depend on the availability of financing and the existence of credit in the market for financing renewable energy projects.

Financing renewable energy projects with financial debt may require the pledging of all or part of the shares of the companies in which Audax has an interest, as a guarantee for the financial institutions.

## (B) Risks related to the Issuer's business activities

The risks to which the Issuer is exposed associated to its business activities are set out below.

### (a) Risk of not successfully achieving the growth plan

There can be no assurance that the Issuer's pipeline and growth plan will be realized or, if realized, will be profitable. Projects may be terminated or suspended and a project's scope and schedule may change. Material delays, cancellations or payment defaults, whether or not resulting from force majeure events such as adverse weather conditions and other events beyond our control, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

As a result of the above, the Issuer may not be able to successfully implement its growth plan within the expected timeframe or at all. Even if a project proceeds as expected, the relevant customer may still default and fail to pay amounts owed to the Issuer or applicable tariffs and remuneration may be reduced as a result of unfavorable policy changes in the countries where Audax operates. Moreover, any operational efficiencies or increased profitability may differ materially from the expectations, and any synergies, cost savings or productivity enhancements that we realize may be offset, in whole or in part, by reductions in turnover or through increases in expenses.

Implementing the growth plan may be more expensive, time consuming and resource intensive than anticipated and it may put considerable strain on the Issuer's internal processes and capabilities. If we are unable to manage these changes effectively, Audax may not be able to take advantage of market opportunities, execute its business strategy successfully or respond to competitive pressures. As a result, Audax business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

## (b) Macroeconomic risks

The Issuer mainly carries out its marketing and energy generation activities in Europe, with Spain being its main market. Certain European countries, including Spain, have a relatively high level of sovereign debt or fiscal deficit, or both, which may have a negative impact on their economic growth over coming years.

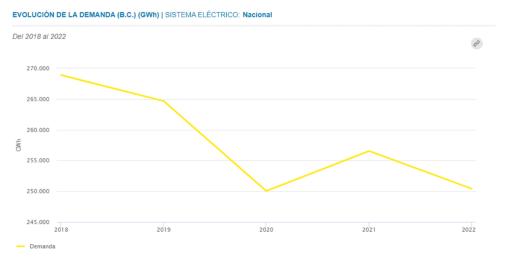
The global economic-financial situation and uncertainty in markets could

negatively affect the volume of demand of the Issuer's current and potential customers. There are other factors affecting demand for energy, such as, difficulties in accessing financing, fiscal deficits and other macroeconomic factors that could impair customers' ability to demand energy.

Since the Issuer is engaged in both the generation and retailing of energy, mainly in Spain, the activities and results of Audax and/or its Group may be affected by the political environment in Spain.

Although the last year measures implemented by the Spanish government helped to reduce uncertainty in capital market, as of the date of this Information Memorandum there is some uncertainty regarding the development of some issues such as the war between Russia and Ukraine, inflation, PIB growth slowdown and their eventual impact on the capital and financial markets and economy in general.

The evolution of GDP has a direct correlation with the electric energy demand in Spain. The reduction in GDP growth at the end of the last decade, as well as the slowdown in growth in the current decade, has had a corresponding impact on electric energy demand in Spain. Electricity demand in 2022 on Mainland Spain, using the estimated data at the end of the year, stood at 250.421 GWh, which is a 2.39% decrease compared to the previous year. Electricity consumption gradually recovers from the COVID-19 impact. Compared with 2019, a period before the COVID-19, the domestic electricity demand would have dropped by 5.38%.



Source: Red Eléctrica de España

As of July 2022, Eurostat updated its forecasts for Spain, pointing to a potential GDP growth of 4.0% and 2.1% for 2023 for the Euro Area and 2.6% and 1.4% for the Euro Area respectively.

There is continuing uncertainty regarding the possible appearance of new COVID outbreaks, and in 2022 there were still in operation certain effects, such as those originated by the measures imposed in China under their policy of "Zero COVID", which brought about perturbations in the supply chain of technological components to Europe, necessary, for example, to maintain the strong growth of investments in renewable energy. Moreover, during the year 2022 various countries were lifting gradually the mobility restrictions imposed in order to stop the expansion of the pandemic. Although the process contributed to revitalise business activity, it also produced new outbreaks of infections.

In addition to the above, inflation expectations have come back strongly due to the rise in the price of oil and raw materials in general and the expectations of a fast recovery in the consumption levels thanks to the administration of the vaccines against COVID-19.

Further to the uncertainty of COVID-19, on 24 February 2022 a war between Russia and Ukraine broke out. The invasion of a European country is an unprecedented event since the middle of last century and has led to catastrophic humanitarian consequences as well as serious implications for the world economy and financial markets. After the invasion of Ukraine, the European Union and countries such as the USA, Australia, Japan and the UK imposed some unprecedented measures and sanctions on Russia. These measures, as well as the sanctions imposed by Russia in response, had a global impact resulting in increased prices of raw materials, inflationary pressure, restrictions in the supply chain and volatility on the financial and commodity markets. Considering the reference scenario, and in pursuance of meeting the recent recommendations of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) of 13 May 2022 and 28 October 2022 respectively, the Audax Group monitors the circumstances and evolution of the current situation caused by the crisis in order to manage potential risks. For that purpose, the analyses which are carried out are aimed to evaluate the direct impact of the conflict on the business activity, the financial situation and economic performance, with a special reference to the general increase of the prices of raw materials and to a reduced availability of materials supply in the regions affected by the conflict.

In addition to the aforementioned expectations, commodity prices, which already were reaching historical maximum levels, have accelerated this trend, as well as inflation rates as of the date of this Information Memorandum.

#### (c) Market concentration

Regarding the retail activity, the Issuer is eleventh (11) in the ranking of electric energy retailers in the Spanish market at 31 December 2022, with a market share of 1.4%. The top four (4) retailers, Endesa, Iberdrola, Naturgy and EDP, hold 69.2% of the market.

It is, therefore, a highly concentrated market and, consequently, the Issuer faces a market concentration risk. In any case, these large companies may not be considered direct competitors of the Issuer because they offer different products and the service they provide is less personalized than the one offered by small retailers such as the Issuer.

In conclusion, while the trend seems to be that the deregulation of the electric energy market leads to a rebalancing of the agents involved, the current concentration of the market share in those large energy groups, as well as their financial capacity, poses a risk for all independent retailers, including the Issuer.

Table 1. Ranking of retailers by MW/h in December 2022

Nº	COMERCIALIZADORA	Consumo (MWh)	% CONS.
1	ENDESA	66.572.230	28,74%
2	IBERDROLA	57.212.098	24,70%
3	NATURGY	23.783.081	10,27%
4	EDP	12.736.405	5,50%
5	ACCIONA GREEN ENERGY	6.626.007	2,86%
6	FORTIA	6.535.769	2,82%
7	TOTAL	5.774.823	2,49%
8	REPSOL	4.771.154	2,06%
9	ENGIE	3.164.448	1,37%
10	ALDRO ENERGÍA	2.705.148	1,17%
11	AUDAX	3.248.328	1,40%
12	AXPO	3.012.961	1,30%
13	NEXUS	2.512.282	1,08%
14	VILLAR MIR	2.436.937	1,05%
15	FENIE ENERGÍA	2.399.509	1,04%
16	CEPSA	1.860.692	0,80%
17	GALP	1.221.107	0,53%
18	ELEIA	882.425	0,38%
19	CHC	1.288.651	0,56%
20	ALPIQ	1.208.705	0,52%
21	FACTOR ENERGÍA	1.409.420	0,61%
22	HOLALUZ	1.250.134	0,54%
23	GESTERNOVA	666.119	0,29%
24	ATLAS ENERGÍA	440.299	0,19%
25	INCOGAS	410.736	0,18%
26	ON DEMAND	477.901	0,21%
27	ESTABANELL Y PAHISA	431.497	0,19%
28	SOM ENERGÍA	470.052	0,20%
29	INTEGRA ENERGÍA	458.430	0,20%
30	RESPIRA ENERGÍA	282.508	0,12%
31	WIND TO MARKET	330.088	0,14%
32	ENERGÍA NUFRI	312.007	0,13%
33	SWAP ENERGÍA	319.042	0,14%
34	FOENER	546.973	0,24%
35	SYDER	442.711	0,19%
36	HANWHA ENERGY	164.534	0,07%
37	WATIUM	278.124	0,12%
38	CYE ENERGÍA	316.582	0,14%
39	GUIXES	278.767	0,12%
40	CALDENSE	181.544	0,08%

Source: CNMC. Data at 31 December 2022

Regarding the Generation business, the Group carries out its operations in Spain, France and Poland. During the year ended 31 December 2022, Spain accounted for 62% of the generated energy, with France and Poland accounting for 11% and 27% respectively.

The business concentration in these countries brings greater exposure to significant variations that may take place in the applicable regulatory framework, as well as other important changes in the economic

circumstances in those markets, such as consumer acceptance, cost increases, or decreases in demand, which could significantly affect the Issuer's income.

#### (d) Product or price risk in the retailing activity

Details of the Issuer's business are described in section 2.4 of this Information Memorandum and show that Audax mainly offers three (3) products to its customers which differ from each other in the price formation process for the energy that is sold.

The regulated component and the market component are taken into account when forming these prices. These items are further developed in section 2.4 of this Information Memorandum.

The government establishes the regulated component applied equally to all market participants and therefore neither Audax nor its competitors have any control over this part of the price. That means that there is a general regulatory risk for the entire sector as presented in section (d) "Regulatory Risk". However, the transfer of the market component to the customer involves a greater or lesser risk depending on the product concerned:

- Indexed price: Allows payment for energy at the actual market price (cost price) i.e., energy is paid for based on each hour consumed at the sale price in the electricity market. Audax establishes a sales margin that applies to the cost of the energy.
- Flat price: Allows the same amount to be paid every month, thereby avoiding spikes in months of higher consumption and erroneous estimated meter readings, calculated on an individual basis in accordance with the needs of each customer, which are primarily households. If there is an alteration to market circumstances there could be a reduction in the Issuer's profits. This rate is established individually based on each customer's consumption needs and includes a sales margin to cover costs.
- <u>Fixed price</u>: The final price can be chosen by modifying consumption patterns. This product includes a considerable sales margin and a premium for assuming the market risk.

The high weight of the product at an Indexed Price in Audax's business mix substantially reduces the Issuer's price risk. However, this price risk may become relevant in the context of the Issuer's overall risk, should this business mix change in the future.

#### (e) Regulatory risk

Audax's activities are subject to compliance with both sector-specific and general regulations in the different jurisdictions in which it operates

(accounting, environmental, employment, data protection and tax regulations, among others).

Audax is subject to tax laws and regulations in all the jurisdictions in which it is located or operates, and such laws and regulations do not provide clear-cut or definitive guidelines in certain respects. We cannot guarantee that our interpretation of such laws and regulations will not be questioned by the relevant tax authorities. Any failure to comply with such laws or regulations, whether derived from an inadequate technical analysis or otherwise, may result in reassessments, late payment interests, fines and penalties. Furthermore, tax laws and regulations may change and there may be changes in their interpretation and application by the relevant authorities, potentially with retroactive effect, especially in the context of international and European initiatives.

As is the case in all regulated sectors, regulatory changes that may arise could adversely affect Audax's business.

The development of the current regulatory framework should be known in order to better understand the possible risks that a regulatory change could entail for Audax's business. We will focus on the Spanish regulatory framework since the Issuer's current activity is primarily in the Spanish market.

## (i) Evolution of the energy sector's regulations

The energy sector legislation in Spain was amended in 2013 through the publication of Law 24/2013 of 26 December 2013, on Electricity Sector, which adapted the previous regulation (Law 54/1997 of 27 November 1997) to the circumstances of the economy as well as of the electricity and energy sector in Spain.

The main features of the electricity sector are as follows:

- It is a sector in which regulated and non-regulated activities coexist, the regulated activities involving electricity transport and distribution (as well as the system operations), and the non-regulated activities involve production and retail of electricity.
- The law establishes the principle of economic and financial sustainability of the electricity system, to which the Administration and other entities should adjust their procedures, and according to which any regulatory measure related to the sector, the implementation of which would involve an increase of costs of the electricity system or a reduction of income, should incorporate an equivalent reduction of other costs or an equivalent increase of income in order to guarantee the stability of the system.
- It also limits the imbalance caused by a deficit of income so that its amount must not exceed 2 percent of the estimated income

for the year and the accumulated debt due to imbalance must not exceed 5 percent of such income.

The income of the electricity sector comes from the connection fees, which are the same throughout the national territory and are collected by the distributors acting as collection agents of the electricity system, and other regulated prices, specific fiscal measures and, exceptionally, from certain amounts provided by the General State Budget.

With regard to the electricity price, its main components are the following:

- Connection fees
- Cost of energy: Cost of commodity purchase.
- Capacity payments: Supply guarantee cost.
- System operator cost: The amount collected by Red Eléctrica de España in order to maintain the balance between production and demand.
- Marketing margin.
- Taxes: Municipal tax.
- Transmission and distribution losses: Adjustments by the System Operator for electricity transmission and distribution losses. Moreover, on 13 May 2021 the Congress of Deputies approved the Law on Climate Change and Energy Transition (LCCYTE) whose object is to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 or, in any case, in the shortest possible term. It also establishes targets for 2030:
- Reduction of the emissions by 23% compared to 1990.
- 42% of renewable energy in the final energy consumption.
- Electricity system with 74% of production from renewable sources.
- Improved energy efficiency by 39.5% from the baseline.

The main regulatory amendments to the Spanish energy sector, published in the BOE throughout the year 2022, involve the following:

- Order TED/220/2022, of 16 March, establishing the obligations to contribute to the National Fund of Energy Efficiency in the year 2022.
- Royal Decree-Law 6/2022, of 29 March 2022, adopting urgent measures as part of the National Plan addressing the economic and social consequences of the war in Ukraine in order to mitigate the impact of the current situation, which includes, among others, the extension until June 2022 of the fiscal measures related to the 5% VAT rate on electricity, the temporary exemption from the Electricity Production Value Tax (IVPEE) of 7%), the reduced rate of 0.5% of the Excise Duty on Electricity (IEE), and the the applicable electricity subsidy (Bono Social), the extension of the gas rate, and the

modification of the RECORE system, as well as the simplification of the license granting process for renewable energy projects.

- Royal Decree-Law 10/2022, of 13 May 2022, establishing temporary mechanism of adjusting the production costs in order to reduce the price of electricity on the wholesale market. The law establishes a regulatory instrument, whose object is to reduce marginal pricing of electricity on the wholesale markets of the Iberian Peninsula and, ultimately, to stimulate the reduction of retail prices paid by all the end consumers of electricity. This measure implies that the natural gas, coal and cogeneration plants without regulated remuneration will receive a subsidy for the difference between the price of gas in MIBGAS and the reference price of €40/MWh during the first six months, which will be increased by €5/MWh up to €70/MWh (an average of €48.8/MWh). Moreover, the RDL includes the following three regulations: 1) a revision of the PVPC before 1 October 2022 incorporating a basket of term contracts (annual, quarterly and monthly) and of spot contracts (day and intraday), 2) a revision of the indexation of the economic system of renewables, cogeneration and waste in order to bring liquidity to the PVPC, and 3) with regard to the financing of the electricity subsidy (Bono social), a regulation is established to record within the maximum term of 6 months the cost of financing the entities which carry out regulated activities.
- Order PCM/466/2022, of 25 May 2022, publishing the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of 24 May 2022, which approves the plan of energy saving and efficiency measures to be taken by the General State Administration and the institutional public sector in line with the communications of the European Commission with regard to the REPowerEU Plan.
- Royal Decree-Law 11/2022, of 25 June 2022, which extends the suspension of the fiscal and social measures and gas reduction mechanism previously prolonged until June 2022 by Royal Decree 6/2022, until 31 December 2022 in order to address the economic and social consequences of the War in Ukraine, as well as in order to tackle social and economic vulnerability situations and support social and economic recovery of the island of La Palma, among other adopted measures.
- Royal Decree-Law 14/2022 of 1 August 2022, concerning economy sustainability measures in the area of transport, on scholarships and study aid, as well as energy saving and efficiency and the reduction of energy dependence on natural gas, is an amendment to RD 244/2019 of 5 April 2019, regulating the administrative, technical and economic terms of electricity self-consumption. The amendment establishes the retailer invoice components, including the period of permanence in the self-

consumption modality and the definition and calculation of the component of the discount for delay in self-consumption activation and its inclusion in the invoice and a possible transfer of this cost from the distribution company to the retailer, among other stipulations.

- Resolution of 15 September 2022 of the National Commission of Markets and Competition, which amends the procedure of the operation 14.3 adjusting the calculation of the guarantees to use the measurement figures which are the most precise at any given time and avoid the simultaneous requirement of guarantees aimed at a similar calculation.
- Royal Decree-Law 17/2022 of 20 September 2022, adopting urgent measures in the energy sector, applying the remunerative system to the cogeneration plants and temporarily reducing the rate of the Added Value Tax applicable at 5% to the intra-community deliveries, imports and purchases of natural gas and other fuels, effective as of 1 October 2022 and applicable till 31 December 2022.
- Royal Decree-Law 18/2022 of 18 October 2022, approving measures for the reinforcement of the energy consumer protection and contribution to the reduction of natural gas consumption in application of the "Plan + energy security (+SE)", as well as measures in the area of remunerations to the civil servants and employees in the public sector and for the protection of agriculture sector workers possibly affected by the drought. The same regulation adopts 18 out of 73 measures of the Plan +SE, particularly those aimed to mitigate the effects of the current energy crisis on businesses as well as on citizens in the short term, along with the measures focused on accelerating the energy transition. In order to accelerate the energy transition and boost the selfconsumption, the regulation introduces changes to the access and connection for a speedy delivery of energy to the power grid, extends till 31 December 2023 the mechanism for the reduction the surplus of remuneration to the electricity market due to the increased price of natural gas on international markets, introduced the previous year under Royal Decree-Law 17/2021 of 14 September 2021. Moreover, it establishes a temporary measure of a more flexible approach to the electricity supply contracts (measure 49 of the Plan +SE), which allows, until 31 December 2023, that the electricity supply points of self-employed and businesses to request a change in the contracted power.
- Order TED/1232/2022, of 2 December, was published in the BOE, updating the remunerative parameters of the type plants, applicable to certain plants of electricity production from renewable energy sources, cogeneration and waste materials, to be applied in the year 2022.

- Royal Decree 20/2022 of 27 December 2022, on measures addressing the economic and social consequences of the War in Ukraine and support for the reconstruction of La Palma island and other instances of vulnerability, which extends until 31 December 2023 the measures involving the application of the tax rate of 0.5% of the IEE and IVPEE taxes.

#### (f) Risk of increased competition

In the short to medium term, Audax does not expect any significant risk in the generation activity in terms of increases in competition.

The renewable energy markets may change rapidly because of changes in customer requirements, technological innovations, prices, industry standards, government-driven actions and domestic and international economic factors. The markets for the Issuer's business are highly competitive and are continually evolving, and the Issuer faces significant competition in each of the markets in which it operates.

On the retail activity appropriate authorisation must be obtained from the system operator (Red Eléctrica de España - "REE"), and the market operator (Operador del Mercado Ibérico de la Energía - "OMIE") in order to access the Spanish electric energy market, and notification must be provided to the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism.

The system operator (REE) requires passing a technical qualification course in which different tests for sending and receiving files are performed, and REE and OMIE also request, a series of guarantees prior to granting the authorization.

This system is quite similar in the rest of Europe. Accordingly, there are no strong barriers to entry for new European Union retailers which, in turn, would undergo the same formalities as any other Spanish retailer. In addition, Portuguese retailers face weaker barriers to entry since Portugal is already included in the MIBEL.

While there are no strong barriers to entry, knowledge of the sector, financial capacity to make purchase orders in the market (since any purchase of energy made in the market requires a guarantee for the amount of the purchase made), costs associated with the demand deviations (if the deviation between demand and actual consumption is high, an additional cost to the retailers arises, see section 1.1 (B) (e), as well as the type of products offered, can limit the sales margin fixed.

In any case, there is a competition risk that could result in a reduction in the price offered and, to a lesser extent, in the characteristics of customer services, which could have a negative impact in Audax's revenues.

#### (g) Risk due to low price bargaining power

The price of electric energy in Spain is defined by a regulated system where the main factors are (i) the general supply of electric energy; (ii) consumer demand; and (iii) the production of renewable energy.

The designed system aims to achieve adequate price formation, avoiding situations of market abuse by the participating agents. Therefore, it should be presumed that none of the participating agents are in a position to influence price formation. Audax, as is the case with the other participants, has no capacity to influence electricity prices.

The risk of the inability to negotiate prices with suppliers would increase in the event of a change in the Issuer's mix of agreements (significantly increasing fixed-rate agreements and reducing indexed prices) along with an increase in the price of electric energy.

However, the Issuer has the means to reduce this risk through the generation facilities at its disposal.

## (h) Operational risk

### i. Deviation cost in energy demand

This risk is particularly important in the retail activity.

The electric energy system encompasses both market agents and management entities. The electric energy retailing companies are in the first group, buying electric energy from the generating companies and selling it to the final consumers (both companies and individuals).

It is precisely this purchase and sale of electric energy that causes a deviation in the demand for electric energy. Retailers must estimate beforehand what their customers' consumption will be and buy accordingly. Such an estimation involves subsequent adjustments.

The difference between actual and estimated consumption is considered short when the forecast is lower than actual consumption and long when it is higher. The cost of the deviation is not directly charged to the customer but is implicit in the margin on the sale price.

When the retailer is short, that is, the forecast has been lower than the actual consumption, more energy is requested from the system. The system must produce more electric energy by reactivating the process or by using a possible excess of electric energy produced by another agent with a long position. In the first case (the system must produce more electric energy), there may be an additional cost that would arise from multiplying the electric energy shortfall by the difference between the cost of electric energy in the deviation market and the price of the daily market. In the second case (using the

excess electric energy of the system), there is no additional cost when the electric energy shortfall is offset at the daily market price.

Therefore, if Audax has a short position and the electric energy system has a short position, Audax must buy the portion of the electric energy not included in the demand estimation at the market price, plus the possible additional cost. However, if Audax has a short position and the electric energy system has a long position, Audax must buy the part of the electric energy not included in the demand estimation at the daily market price with no additional cost.

Conversely, when the Issuer is in a long position, that is, the forecast has been greater than the actual consumption, the system must produce less electric energy by decreasing the process or by using a possible electric energy shortfall suffered by another agent with a short position. In the first case (the system must produce less electric energy) there may be an additional cost that arises from multiplying the excess electric energy by the difference between the cost of electric energy in the deviation market and the price in the daily market. In the second case (using the system energy shortfall) there is not an additional cost, when this excess electric energy is sold at the daily market price.

Consequently, correctly estimating customer demand for electric energy becomes a key factor for optimizing the financial structure of the retailing companies.

An accurate estimation substantially reduces the guarantees required by market regulators, leading to a lower need for capital resources and a reduction in financial expenses.

Audax has modelled its customers' demand for electric energy using a self-developed algorithm that is based on a multitude of parameters with geographical differentiation (such as holidays, weather, seasonality, demand in t-1, etc.), which enables to create an accurate demand forecast with the aim of reducing deviations, that is, minimizing the differences between the amount of electric energy consumed and the energy purchased. It also analyses the market situation (long/short) in order to position itself on the right side and avoid a possible penalty.

Within this context, there is a risk that, due to different circumstances (changes in customer behaviour patterns, modelling errors, etc.) the Issuer's consumption estimates may be less accurate, which could lead to an increase in the guarantees required by the market regulator. Such circumstance would increase financial costs for Audax and reduce its profitability.

#### ii. Risk of breakdowns

Audax's results depend, partly, on the level of wind energy plant availability, and therefore a technical or operational breakdown in the machines used for generating electric energy by wind turbines could have a negative effect on operating results.

In order to mitigate the negative effect that would result from an event that does not allow the wind energy plants to operate at the expected optimal level, Audax has entered operation and maintenance contracts (the "Q&M") with the manufacturers of the wind turbines installed at the wind energy plants. In the event of a breakdown, the Q&M contracts foresee compensation for the company concerned for the loss of production, in the amounts (and within the limits) agreed.

#### (i) Risk of exposure to the Spanish market

The Group's retailing and generation business in the Spanish market represent 41.9% of the consolidated revenues in 2022.

If the national financial-economic context becomes impaired, the population's electric energy demand could contract, which would have a negative effect on Audax's business and on its results and financial position. A geographic diversification strategy allows Audax to compensate for potential income declines in Spain against other geographical areas such as Portugal, France, Italy, Germany, Poland, The Netherlands and Hungary.

## (j) Risk of litigation and claims

Audax may from time to time be involved in litigation and claims as a result of its activities that may have an uncertain outcome. At the date of this Programme, there is a potential proceeding affecting Audax (even though there have not been any proceedings of the sort in the past), an unfavourable result in any potential future proceedings could have a negative impact on the Issuer's results. Section 2.7 of this Information Memorandum provides information regarding the litigation and claims involving the Issuer.

#### (k) Dependence and concentration of qualified suppliers

The Issuer's energy generation business requires the supply and assembly of numerous technical components, such as wind turbines and solar panels, for both wind and solar power production facilities, which only a limited number of qualified suppliers can provide. The reduced presence of wind turbine manufacturers in the national and international market limits the Issuer's ability to choose suppliers and reduces its bargaining power.

Audax relies on a small number of suppliers in its energy generation business which, generally speaking, cover the supply, transport, assembly, commissioning and maintenance of wind turbines. While the Issuer maintains stable relationships with top-level suppliers, the stability of future business relationships cannot be guaranteed. Any significant interruption in the supply of products and services by any of these suppliers that does not allow them to fulfil their obligations or guarantees could affect the Issuer and result in it having to seek other suppliers in the market.

While the Issuer believes that, if necessary, it could resort to other qualified suppliers and negotiate and obtain financial conditions similar to those currently in force there is no assurance that this will be the case or that any future interruption of relations with suppliers will not affect the Issuer's capacity.

A generalised delay in the fulfilment of contractual obligations by the Issuer's main suppliers or their inability to fulfil such obligations, the lack of availability of spare parts and equipment, the speed and efficiency in the response to breakdowns or the inability to meet the Issuer's needs and expectations, could adversely affect the achievement of the Issuer's objectives.

#### (I) Risks related to weather conditions

The purpose of the energy generation business is the production of electric energy using renewable sources, with wind and photovoltaic power being the main sources of energy generation.

The generation of electric energy through wind and photovoltaic power depends on the meteorological conditions of the place where the power generating facilities are located and, particularly, to wind conditions. Since wind and photovoltaic energy is the main source of electric energy generation by the Issuer, the profitability of the Issuer is primarily subject to the wind and sunlight conditions at the places where the power generating facilities are located, which inherently change. In addition, to the extent that wind turbines only work if the wind speed reaches certain specific ranges, which vary depending on the type of wind turbine and the manufacturer, if those ranges are not reached, the Issuer's production would decrease.

During the promotion and development phase of wind energy projects and, as a step prior to making an investment in a wind and/or photovoltaic energy plant, Audax evaluates the meteorological conditions that any location presents through wind measurement instruments in order to assess the energy capacity and production level that the possible wind energy plant could obtain.

Exceptional weather conditions or natural disasters can occur, which could cause serious material damage to the wind energy plant facilities and, should a large number of the Issuer's facilities be affected, this would

have a significant negative impact on the business, the financial situation and results from operations.

#### (m) Insurance related risks

The Issuer's energy generation business is exposed to the risks inherent to the construction, operation and maintenance of electric power plants, such as breakdowns, natural disasters, terrorist attacks and acts of sabotage. The Issuer is also exposed, although to a lesser extent, to environmental risks. In line with the practice usually followed by companies in the sector in which it operates, Audax has insured against the most significant accidents.

However, if any uninsured claims occur, the Issuer would be liable for them, in addition to the loss relating to the investment made and the expected income, with the consequent impact on the Issuer's financial situation, results or valuation.

## (n) Dismantling of facilities

In the energy generation business, at the end of the operating life of wind and photovoltaic energy plants and depending on the country in which the facilities are located, applicable regulations or contractual requirements with the corresponding public or private organizations, could require the operating company to dismantle the electric energy facilities and return the site to its original condition.

In order to mitigate the risk involving the cost of dismantling of the facilities, Audax quantifies this obligation by including it as a provision for dismantling the project. However, any relevant increase in such costs that has not been foreseen by the Issuer could have a significant adverse effect on the business, financial position or results from operations.

#### (o) Dependence on factors not under the Issuer's control

The net amount of the Issuer's revenue may fluctuate over time depending on various factors, including changes in prices and demand for electric energy.

Given that the Issuer has little or no control over such factors, it cannot be guaranteed that revenues will not experience fluctuations over time. Therefore, the comparison of the Issuer's revenues between certain periods of time may not reflect the long-term trends of the business and may not be a relevant indicator of the Issuer's future earnings. Furthermore, it cannot be ensured that the Issuer's future earnings will be in line with past results.

#### (p) Risk arising from COVID-19

On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organization upgraded the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 to an international pandemic. The fast development of the events at both the national and international level has led to an unprecedented health crisis, which has impacted on the evolution of business activity, employment, consumption and the economic situation in general.

Due to the crisis caused by the COVID-19, the Group has adopted various measures protecting the interests of the interest groups: employees, clients, suppliers and business partners as well as shareholders, and, in the broadest sense, the community in general, complying at all times with the measures published and recommended by the government.

The Group considers that the overall impact of the COVID-19 involves a decline in electricity and gas demand, as well as a lower price of both utilities in the market. The activities related to the power-generation project development and construction have not been significantly affected and the Group has continued carrying out the development and construction of its photovoltaic and wind projects. On the other hand, there was no impact whatsoever on the investment and finance strategies of the Group in that period.

After two years of the outbreak of COVID-19, the pandemic situation continues affecting the global economy, due to the interruption or slowdown of supply chains and the significant increase in economic uncertainty, evidenced by a volatility increase in asset price, exchange rates and in long-term interest rates.

Yet, there is still uncertainty regarding the possible appearance of new outbreaks, and it is unknown the different measures that can be taken by the authorities to control them and its level of effectiveness. Therefore, there is a high degree of complexity to carry out a detailed assessment or quantification of the possible impacts that can be taken by the authorities to control them and its level of effectiveness. Therefore, there is a high degree of complexity to carry out a detailed assessment or quantification of the possible impacts that COVID-19 will have on the Group, because it involves uncertainty in the recovery period of the worldwide economy in general and in particular the Spanish economy.

## (q) Other risks

Since the Issuer is engaged in both the generation and retailing of energy, mainly in Spain, the activities and results of Audax and/or its Group may be affected by the political environment in Spain.

Although the last measures implemented by the Spanish government have helped to reduce uncertainty in capital market as of the date of this Information Memorandum, there is some uncertainty regarding future decisions in Catalonia and their eventual impact on the capital and financial markets in Spain, as well as their potential effect on business, investments and the Spanish economy in general.

#### (C) Issuer specific risks

The Issuer is exposed to certain risks during the normal course of business, as described below:

## (i) Concentration in the ownership of Audax

Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro (indirectly) holds 75.09% of voting rights in the Company as of 29 March 2023. The concentration of the ownership of the Company's shares in a controlling shareholder could entail risks of different kinds, which must be adequately weighed in making an investment decision.

#### (ii) Customer concentration

#### **Generation business**

The energy produced is sold to the electricity market, so there is no such risk.

## Retailing business

At December 2022, the Group had a portfolio of 387.145 customers, which can be classified into three categories: (a) companies, specifically SMEs, representing the 41%; (b) household, representing approximately 7%; and (c) large companies representing approximately 52% of the retailing consolidated sales.

The following table indicates the classification of the Issuer's customers in absolute sales terms in 2022.

*Table 2.* Sales by Type of Customer 2022

Type of customer	Sales
Household	182 MM
SMEs	1,067 MM
Large companies	1,357 MM
Total	2,606 MM

Source: Audax's management data

Despite showing a reasonable diversification level on both a profile and geographical basis, the high concentration of SME customers could entail a risk to the Issuer's income in environments of falling demand for electric energy from these types of companies.

## (iii) Technology risk

Audax uses IT support for the management and control of its customers, for the economic- financial administration of the Issuer, as well as for the management of the external retail business, which allows it to be more agile when executing administrative processes. It also uses its own system for the operational management of the purchase and sale of energy in the relevant markets.

In the event that circumstances occur that could affect these technological systems used by the Issuer, there would be a direct impact on the Issuer's administrative management and the results obtained from operations.

#### (iv) Internationalization policy risk

Audax is currently in a process of international expansion. It continues with the expansion that began in 2013 in the Portuguese market, in 2014 in the Italian market, entering the German market in 2015, the Polish market in 2016, the Dutch market in 2017 and the Hungarian market in 2020. In the event that this internationalization expansion is executed incorrectly, potential growth could turn into relevant losses for the Issuer.

## (v) Risk arising from Audax's debt

Audax has received external financing from credit institutions to develop its business, as well as from the issue of fixed-income securities:

- A bond issue on MARF for a total nominal amount of €35,000,000 in October 2018, increased by a nominal amount of €35,000,000 in October 2019 to a total of €70,000,000, and partially redeemed early in December 2020 in the amount of €53,700,000. The outstanding nominal amount of this issue at 31 December 2020 is €16,300,000.
- A 1-year promissory note programme on MARF for a maximum of €300,000,000 admitted on 13 April 2021.
- An issue in November 2020 of unsecured bonds convertible or swappable for shares in the Issuer, on the multilateral trading system on the Frankfurt stock exchange *Open Market Segment Freiverkehr* (Frankfurt Stock Exchange) for a nominal amount of €125,000,000.
- A bond issue on MARF for a total of €200,000,000 issued in December 2020 and maturing on 18 December 2027 named "Issue Number 2 of Senior Unsecured Notes of Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020", carried out under the green bond programme registered with MARF called "€400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020" for a maximum amount of €400,000,000, as extended in June 24, 2021 in the amount of €100,000,000 by virtue of the so called "Issue Number 3 of Senior Unsecured Notes of Audax

Renovables, S.A. 2020".A 1-year green bond programme on MARF for a maximum of €400,000,000 admitted on 26 July 2021 called "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2021".

- On April 26th the Company announced the registration of a promissory note programme on the Alternative Fixed Income Market ("MARF") under the name "Audax 2022 Commercial Paper Note Programme", with a maximum outstanding balance of EUR 300,000,000 and an expiration date of April 25th 2023.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the *Instituto de Crédito Oficial* ("ICO"), Alternative Fixed Income Market ("MARF") and Banca March, S.A. entered into a novation of the framework agreement signed on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, by virtue of which the ICO guarantee was extended to the Company's promissory note programme included in the MARF "Audax 2022 Commercial Paper Programme". Thus, the ICO guarantee for the Company's promissory note issues amounted to a maximum balance of EUR 170,300,000 and the maximum amount of the guarantee is EUR 119,210,000.
- Additionally, on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2022, the Company has registered a fixed income senior unsecured notes programme for a nominal amount of up to EUR 400,000,000, under the name "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2022" in the Alternative Fixed-Income Market ("MARF").
- Before the end of 2022, the company announced that had prepaid 59 notes for a nominal amount of 5,900,000 euros issued on the Alternative Fixed Income Market (MARF) under the programme "Senior Unsecured Notes of Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020", maturing on December 18th, 2027 and with ISIN code ES0236463008.

Audax is therefore exposed to the risk of compliance with the commitments assumed under the issues referred above, which are described in the respective information memoranda duly published on the MARF website and which are available on the Company's corporate website.

In any event, Audax regularly monitors compliance with such financial covenants in order to anticipate the risk of non-compliance and take corrective measures.

## (vi) Risk of dependence on key employees

Audax has certain employees that are essential for the development of its business plan. A hypothetical termination of any such key employees' employment with Audax could have negative consequences for the Issuer and may have an impact on its profitability.

## (vii) Fraud risk

While as at the date of this Information Memorandum, there have been no cases of fraud, bribery or corruption involving or affecting Audax, and despite taking the prevention measures deemed most appropriate to prevent all hypothetical cases of fraud, bribery or corruption that could be attributed to the Issuer's employees or commercial agents, in the future Audax could be subject to civil and criminal penalties, as well as possible reputation damage should any such fraud, bribery or corruption occur.

## (viii) Other risks related to the generation of electric energy

#### a. Weather and natural disaster risk

Adverse weather conditions, as well as natural disasters, accidents or other unforeseen environmental events may result in delays in repairs or maintenance actions in the generation facilities, significantly affecting their operation, and, consequently, they could have a significant adverse effect on the Issuer's business, financial position and results from operations, affecting the resources it generates and, therefore, they could indirectly affect the results of the Issuer's investments.

## b. Risks arising from the volatility of the wind and photovoltaic resources

Energy production by wind and photovoltaic plants are directly linked to the available wind resources. The greater the wind and solar resources, the greater the production of electric energy and the higher the variable income from its sale to the market and compensation for the operation as defined by regulations.

The estimated annual average energy production of wind and photovoltaic plants is based on historical wind data. However, variations in the available resources from one year to another may occur, and such variations would directly affect the variable income of the wind and the photovoltaic plants and, therefore, could indirectly affect the results of the Issuer's investments.

#### c. Wind and solar plant technological and/or operating risk

The operation of wind and solar plants can be a process of technical and administrative complexity that requires attention, resources and knowledge. Despite good operation, maintenance and management of the wind plants, breakdowns or problems with the technical installations that are difficult to resolve can occur, leaving the equipment totally or partially out of service temporarily, or even permanently. However, the Issuer entered into appropriate Q&M contracts to reduce this risk. In addition to the reduction in income due to the loss of energy production, the repair or replacement of

these equipment may give rise to costs that could have a significant adverse effect on the Issuer's business, financial position and results from operations, affecting the resources the Issuer generates.

# d. Risk associated with the construction of new electric energy generation plants

The Issuer's project development activities are subject to some uncertainty. The projects under development are complex, of great scope and are subject to considerable unforeseen events. The investment must be planned well in advance of the estimated launch of the facility and, therefore, any decisions that may be made must adapt to changes in market conditions.

This may give rise to significant unforeseen additional costs that may affect the profitability of these types of projects. The Issuer generally has to obtain the appropriate administrative authorization and permits to develop these types of facilities as well as to conclude land purchase or lease agreements, sign equipment acquisition and construction contracts, operating and maintenance agreements as well as energy transmission agreements while obtaining sufficient financing to satisfy its capital and debt requirements.

Any of those factors could give rise to delays in the start or the completion of the construction projects and may increase their expected cost. If the Company cannot complete these projects, the costs incurred may not be recoverable. Accordingly, problems relating to the development and construction of new facilities could have a significant adverse effect on the Issuer's business, the financial situation and results from operations.

## 1.2 Essential information regarding the main specific securities risks

The main risks of the Notes being issued are as follows

#### (A) Credit risk

The Notes are secured by the Issuer's assets. In this case, the credit risk of the Notes comes from Audax's potential incapacity to fulfil its payment obligations in whole or in part and the possible financial loss for investors that may arise from such failures.

## (B) Market risk

The Notes are fixed-income securities and their price in the market is subject to possible fluctuations, mainly due to the evolution of interest rates. Therefore, Audax cannot guarantee that the Notes will be traded at

a market price equal to or greater than their subscription price.

## (C) Risk of subordination and priority of investors in bankruptcy situations

In accordance with the classification and credit priority order established by the current wording of Legislative Royal Decree 1/2020 (5 May), which approves the Bankruptcy Act ("Bankruptcy Act"), in the event of the Issuer's bankruptcy, the loans held by investors by virtue of the Notes will generally be classified as common creditors, ranking behind preferred loans and ahead of subordinated loans (unless they can be classified as such in accordance with the provisions of Article 281 of the Bankruptcy Act). As ordinary loans, the holders of the Notes would not enjoy preferred status.

Pursuant to Article 281 of the Bankruptcy Act, the following, among others, will be considered to be subordinated loans:

- i) Loans reported late that are included by the bankruptcy trustees on the list of creditors and any that are not reported or reported late that are included on that list as a result of subsequent notifications, or by the judge when resolving any challenges of the list.
- ii) Receivables due to claims for surcharges and interest of any kind, including late payments, except those corresponding to secured loans to the extent of the scope of the respective guarantee.
- iii) Loans held by any of the persons particularly related to the borrower as defined by Articles 282, 284 and 293 of the Bankruptcy Act.

#### (D) Issuer credit rating risk

Audax's credit quality may be impaired as a result of increased indebtedness, as well as deteriorating financial ratios, which would represent a deterioration in the Issuer's ability to meet its debt commitments.

On May 8, 2023 EthiFinance Ratings issued a rating report on the Issuer, based on its own methodology ("Rating Report"). In its report, EthiFinance Rating confirmed an overall risk rating for Audax of BBB-. This rating focuses on the evaluation of solvency and the associated credit risk in the medium and long-term.

However, there is no guarantee that the rating granted by EthiFinance Ratings will be maintained throughout the entire term of the Issue. This credit rating may be revised upwards or downwards, suspended or even withdrawn by the rating agency. The downgrading, suspension or withdrawal of the credit rating by the rating agency may make it more difficult for Audax to access debt markets and may have an impact on its financing capacity.

Similarly, credit ratings may not reflect all risks and they are not recommendations to purchase or hold securities.

#### (E) Liquidity or representation risk of the securities in the trading market

This is the risk that investors will not find a counterparty for the Notes when they wish to sell them before maturity. Although an application will be submitted to list the Notes issued under the Programme on MARF to mitigate this risk, there is no assurance that active trading will take place in the market.

The Issuer has not entered into any liquidity contract and therefore there is no entity obliged to quote purchase and sale prices. Consequently, investors may not find a counterparty for the securities.

# (F) The issues under the Programme may not be suitable for all types of professional investors or eligible counterparties

Each potential professional investor in the Notes issued under this Programme should determine the appropriateness of such investment in the light of his or her own circumstances, in particular the professional investors should:

- Have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the benefits and risks of their investments, and the information contained in this Information Memorandum.
- Have access to and knowledge of appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of their particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes, and the impact that such investment will have on their portfolio.
- Have a thorough understanding of the terms of the Notes, as well as the performance of the financial markets in which they participate.
- Evaluate possible economic scenarios, interest rate varitations and other factors that may affect to the investments and the ability to take risks.

# (G) Additional debt incurred may take preference over the Notes in the credit priority order

In the event that the Issuer takes on additional debt secured by guarantees such as pledges or mortgages on certain assets, the credit rights of the holders of the Notes as a result of the Issuer's insolvency would be ranked behind the creditors in whose favour such guarantees have been granted.

## (H) Insolvency situations, liquidation, etc. of the Issuer's subsidiaries

The Notes will be subordinated to any indebtedness of the Issuer's subsidiaries. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, administration, reorganisation or any other event of insolvency, the subsidiaries would pay the holders of their debt and their creditors before they could distribute any of their assets to the Issuer.

## 2. Full name of the Issuer including its address and identification data

## 2.1 Name, address and identification data for the Issuer

The Issuer's full name is Audax Renovables, S.A.

Its registered office is located at Carrer de la Electrònica 19, planta 7, Puerta C, 08915 Badalona (Barcelona).

The Issuer is a Spanish public limited company ("sociedad anónima") by public deed granted before the Notary of Barcelona, Mr. Tomás Giménez Duart, 10 July 2000, under number 4003 of his document log.

The Issuer adopted its current corporate name by virtue of the decision of the ordinary shareholders' general meeting held on 29 June 2017, notarized in a public deed executed on 1 August 2017 before the Notary of Barcelona, Mr. Raúl González Fuentes, under number 2658 of his document log, and causing entry 116 in the Company's record at the Commercial Registry of Barcelona.

Audax's current registered office is established in the above-mentioned location according to the public deed executed on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 before the Notary of Badalona, Mr. Arturo Pérez Pérez, under number 2092 of his document log, causing entry in November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in the Company's record at the Commercial Registry of Barcelona.

The Issuer's share capital at the date of presentation of this Information Memorandum is represented by 440,291,054 shares, with par value of €0.10 each, for a total of €44,029,105.40. The shares are fully subscribed and paid up.

The Company's shares are traded on the Madrid and Barcelona stock exchanges on the continuous market.

The Issuer's Tax Identification Number is A-62338827 and its LEI Code is 959800MAFGMXMGJHCH48.

The Issuer's corporate website is www.audaxrenovables.com.

## 2.2 Corporate purpose

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the bylaws, the corporate purpose of the Issuer is:

"The Company's object is: 1. performing all kinds of activities related to the

production of electrical power based on renewable energy, for such purpose, it may incorporate, acquire or hold shares, bonds, stock and rights in mercantile companies with an object consisting of developing, building and operating electrical power plants based on renewable energy; 2. the commercialization of energy, purchase and sale of electricity, including import and export, commercialization of fuels for the production of energy; 3. the commercialization of natural gas, CO2 emission rights and telecommunications commercialization; 4. Treasury management and, in general, allocation of financial resources to companies of the Company's group (in the sense established in article 4 of the Stock Market Act (Ley del Mercado de Valores) and related companies, excluding from the company's object those activities for the exercise of which the Law demands requirements or authorisation that are not fulfilled by the company; and 5. all activities that are accessory to those aforementioned and that are necessary for its development

Acquiring, holding, managing and disposing of any kinds of title deeds, securities, financial assets, rights, stock or stakes in individual or social companies. All the foregoing shall be carried out on its own behalf, excluding intermediary actions and except for the provisions in the laws governing the Stock Market and Collective Investment Institutions."

As of the date of this Information Memorandum, the main activities of the Issuer consist of (i) the retail sale of electricity energy to qualified consumers or other parties in the electricity system by any type of legally permitted agreement; and (ii) the generation of energy from renewable energy sources (wind, solar, etc.).

## 2.3 Brief description of the issuer

## a) Main milestones of the Issuer in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

2020 | The Issuer joined the Ibex Small Cap in March 2020, which includes 30 companies with growth and profitability possibilities nationally and internationally.

On 30 March 2020 Audax established a programme for the issue of 1-year promissory notes on the MARF for a maximum amount of €200,000,000.

The Issuer placed a 1-year promissory note programme (*Euro-Commercial Paper Programme*) on the "*Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin*" on 26 June 2020 for a maximum amount of €300,000,000.

The Issuer registered a sustainability-linked bond programme with MARF on 3 July 2020 called "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020" for a maximum amount of €400,000,000.

The Issuer entered into the Hungarian market in September 2020 through the acquisition of 100% of the shares of the Hungarian electric energy retailer E.ON Energiakereskedelmi from the German Company E.ON.

In November 2020 the Issuer placed unsecured bonds convertible or swappable for shares in the Issuer on the multilateral trading facility on the Frankfurt stock exchange *Open Market Segment - Freiverkehr (Frankfurt Stock Exchange)* for a nominal amount of €125,000,000.

The Issuer offered sustainability-linked bonds on 18 December 2020 for €200,000,000 and maturing on 18 December 2027 under the sustainability-linked bond programme called "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020" (ISIN ES0236463008).

**2021** | In January and February 2021, the Issuer acquired the companies Centauro Energía Solar, S.L., Tohora Solar Inversiones, S.L. and Tarakona Solar inversiones, S.L. for a total of €2,483 thousand from the companies Idena Solar, S.L. and Energy Pool España, S.L. The acquired companies engage in the development, construction and operation of various photovoltaic projects. The Issuer reached a purchase agreement to include a group of projects in its energy generation portfolio. In total they represent 1,942 MWp (1,140 MWp in Spain, 201 MWp in Italy and 601 MWp in Portugal) and are jointly valued at €102 million.

On 13 April 2021 Audax established a programme for the issue of 1-year promissory notes on the MARF for a maximum amount of €300,000,000.

On 19 April 2021, Audax announced having acquired on the market 194 bonds for a nominal amount of €19,400,000 corresponding to the "Primera emisión de bonos bajo el programa de renta fija Audax 2017", issued on June 2, 2017, for the aggregate nominal amount of €65,000,000, maturing on June 2, 2022, with ISIN code ES0305039010 and at a fixed annual nominal interest rate of 4.20% (the "Issue 2017"). After this acquisition, Audax communicated the exercise of its option to early redeem the remaining 72 outstanding bonds of the Issue 2017.

On 11 May 2021 Audax was included on the MSCI Global Small Cap.

On June 2021, Audax tapped with €100,000,000 the "Issue Number 2 of Senior Unsecured Notes of Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020" issued under the programme known as "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020", registered on July 3, 2020 (ISIN ES0236463008).

On 7 June 2021, Audax presented its Strategic Plan on the strategy and future prospects of the Company for the period 2021-2026, which is available on its website.

On 16 July 2021, Audax, in line with the company's commitment to its shareholders, and following approval at the Annual General Meeting, Audax Renovables paid out EUR 10 million in dividends against 2020 profits.

On 26 July 2021 the Issuer registered a Sustainability-Linked bond programme with MARF called "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020" for a maximum amount of €400,000,000.

On September 2021, it was published that El Toconal project, located in the town of Los Navalmorales (Toledo province) with a capacity of 5 MWp, obtained prior administrative and construction authorization from the competent authorities.

In the end of October and November 2021 it was communicated that Audax has obtained operating authorization for the start-up of La Zarzuela (Toledo) and Alberizas (Guadalajara) photovoltaic plants, composed by 4 independent plants of 5MWp each, amounting a total power of 40 MWp installed capacity for the Group.

On December 2021, the Issuer acquired the Zaratán photovoltaic project in Valladolid, With a total capacity of 12.36 Mwp.

Over the second half of 2021, the Group constituted in Hungary Audax Gas Trading, KTF, whose purpose will be the gas retail in the country.

**2022** | On March 2022, the Issuer announced the start of the construction of the Zaratán photovoltaic project with a total capacity 12.3 MWp.

On 25 April 2022, Audax announced the incorporation of a a programme of promissory notes under the name "Audax 2022 Commercial Paper Note Programme" on the Alternative Fixed Income Market ("MARF"), with a maximum outstanding balance of EUR 300,000,000 and ending on April 25, 2023.

On 10 May 2022, the Issuer announced the start of the construction of the La Miranda photovoltaic project with a total capacity 6.87 MWp.

On May 19, 2022, the Company signed with the Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO), Bolsas y Mercados Españoles Renta Fija, S.A.U. (MARF) and Banca March, S.A. a novation of the framework agreement signed on August 6, 2020, by virtue of which the ICO guarantee has been extended to the Company's promissory note programme included in the MARF "Audax 2022 Commercial Paper Programme".

On 2 June 2022, the Company announces that the rating agency ETHIFINANCE RATINGS, formerly AXESOR, has ratified the rating of Audax Renovables, S.A. at "BBB-".

On 15 June 2022, Audax announced the closing of an agreement with IKAV fund for EUR 40 million in photovoltaic projects.

On August 11, 2022, the Company has registered a fixed income senior unsecured notes programme for a nominal amount of up to EUR 400,000,000, under the name "EUR 400,000,000 Senior Unsecured Notes Programme Audax Renovables, S.A. 2022" in the Alternative Fixed-Income Market ("MARF").

On 24 October 2022, the Board of Directors of the Company, in a meeting held the previous day, approved the transfer of the registered office within the city of Badalona, which will henceforth be located at calle de la Electrónica, 19, 7th floor, door C, 08915 Badalona (Barcelona), and consequently modified Article 4 of the Company's bylaws.

On 28 December 2022 and 29 December 2022, Audax announced that it was initiated the construction works on two new photovoltaic plants with a total capacity of 26 MWp, called Cuatro Caminos and El Rebollo respectively.

On 30 December 2022 the Company announced that had prepaid 59 notes for a nominal amount of 5,900,000 euros issued on the Alternative Fixed Income Market (MARF) under the programme "Senior Unsecured Notes of Audax Renovables, S.A. 2020", maturing on December 18, 2027 and with ISIN code ES0236463008.

- **2023** | On 1 February 2023 it was published that Audax Group signed a market access agreement with Shell Energy Europe Limited under which the latter will become, with certain exceptions, the exclusive external supplier of electricity and gas to the Audax Group in Spain for an initial period of 5 years.

On 13 February 2023 it was announced by the Company that between February 6 and February 10, 2023, the Company had carried out purchase transactions under the Repurchase Program implemented by the Company, pursuant to the authorization granted by the annual shareholders' meeting held on June 16, 2022.

On 28 February 2023 it was effective the inclusion of Audax in the MSCI World Small Cap Index.

On 13 March 2023 the Company announced that between March 6 and March 10, 2023 the Company had carried out another purchase transaction under the Repurchase Program implemented by the Company, pursuant to the authorization granted by the annual shareholders' meeting held on June 16, 2022.

On 20 March 2023 Audax announced that between March 13 and 17, 2023 the Company had carried out another purchase transaction under the Repurchase Program implemented by the Company, pursuant to the authorization granted by the annual shareholders' meeting held on June 16, 2022.

On 10 May 2023, the Company announces that the rating agency ETHIFINANCE RATINGS, formerly AXESOR, has ratified the rating of Audax Renovables, S.A. at "BBB-".

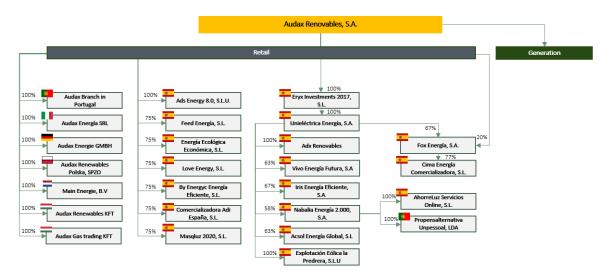
## b) Shareholders

As of 29 March 2023, the shareholder distribution remained as follows:

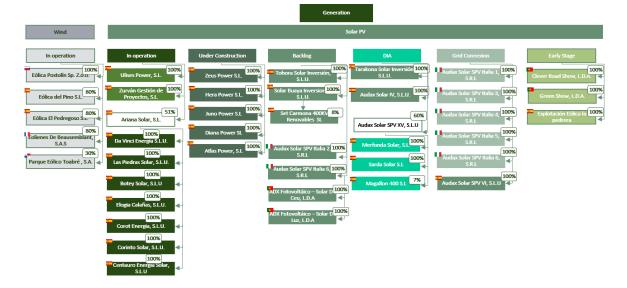
Shareholder	Direct interest	Indirect interest	Total interest			
Silarenoidei	No. Shares	No. Shares	No. Shares	% capital	% voting rights	
Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro (by means of Eléctrica Nuriel, S.L.U., 100% owned, in turn, by Excelsior Times, S.L.U., of which Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro is the single shareholder.	0	330,596,906	330,596,906	75.09%	75.09%	
Global Portfolio Investments, S.L.	31,744,798	0	31,744,798	7.21%	7.21%	
Other shareholders	77,949,350	0	77,949,350	17.70%	17.70%	
TOTAL	109,694,148	330,596,906	440,291,054	100.00%	100.00%	

## c) Investee companies

The high-level organisational chart is the following:



The detail of the organisational chart related to the Generation level is as follows:



## d) Governing body

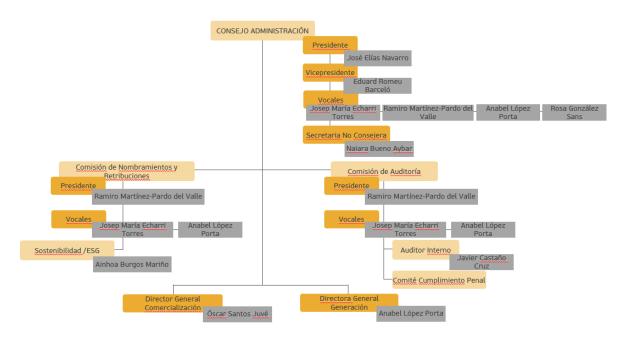
The Issuer's governing body is a Board of Directors. Its composition at the date of this Information Memorandum is as follows:

Name	Position	End of term of appointment		
Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro	Executive Chairman	16/6/2026		
Mr. Eduard Romeu Barceló	Executive Vice- Chairman	16/6/2026		
Mr. Ramiro Martínez-Pardo del Valle	Independent Director and Coordinator	29/04/2023		
Mr. Josep Maria Echarri Torres	Independent Director	16/6/2026		
Ms. Ana Isabel López Porta	Director	21/04/2025		
Ms. Maria Rosa González Sans	Director	21/04/2025		

Ms. Naiara Bueno Aybar was appointed as the non-voting secretary to the Board of Directors for an indefinite period on 16 August 2016.

## e) Organisational structure

The senior management organizational structure at the Issuer at the date of this Information Memorandum is as follows:



## 2.4 Issuer's Business

## a) Description of the Issuer's business

Audax operates in the electricity sector, mainly focusing on the generation of energy from renewable sources and its retail sale, as well as ancillary activities that are necessary to perform its primary activities. Audax has broad experience in the sector and is recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Industry as an electricity retailer.

## b) General overview of the Issuer's business relating to the retail generation of energy

Audax is one of the main electricity retail companies in Spain and at the date of this Information Memorandum it is among the top eleven (11) largest companies in terms of volume sold measured in MW (Source: Red Eléctrica de España).

The retail electricity market was deregulated in Spain in 2009. Up until then it was a service only provided by the traditional retailers: Endesa, Iberdrola, Unión Fenosa and Hidrocantábrico. The deregulation of the sector gave rise to the entry of new competitors in electricity retail services.

After deregulation there was a slow but progressive increase in the market share held by independent retailers to the detriment of traditional retailers,

reflecting a gradual transfer of demand. In 2022 the joint market share of independent retailers total 30.8%, compared to 28.4% in 2021. That market share is mainly based on the SME segment and, to a lesser extent, the recruitment of final customers (households).

Audax's billings for retail activities in 2022 is up to € 2,606 million.

Audax holds approximately 1.40 % of the total market in 2022.

Audax currently offers the following rates within its electricity retailing business:

- (i) <u>Fixed price</u>: The final price can be chosen by modifying consumption patterns.
- (ii) <u>Indexed price</u>: Allows payment for energy at the actual market price (cost price) i.e., energy is paid for based on each hour consumed at the sale price in the electricity market.
- (iii) Flat price: allows the same amount to be paid every month, thereby avoiding spikes in months of higher consumption and erroneous estimated meter readings, calculated on an individual basis in accordance with the needs of each customer, which are primarily households.

## c) General overview of the Issuer's business relating to the retail sale of energy.

In addition to being one of the largest electricity retailers in Spain, Audax is an independent company dedicated to the production of electric energy from 100% renewable sources.

Audax has a presence in Spain, Poland, France and Panama. Its experience has adequately prepared it to carry out its business operations as a point of reference in the national and international renewable energy sector, primarily wind energy.

The energy generation activity currently reflects an operating project portfolio in Spain and in the rest of the world totalling 1,415 MW from renewable sources. Audax holds an operating asset portfolio of high technological quality.

## d) Strengths

- (i) Nature of a market with assured demand. Electricity is a basic commodity for resident sectors (companies, households and public entities) and therefore demand does not fluctuate in a determining manner as may be the case with other types of private consumption goods.
- (ii) Good positioning in the SME segment. This is a very attractive segment as a result of its profitability and accessibility. The strength of its growth, supported by a potent sales model, will allow it to gain market share in coming years.

(iii) Sales model and sales force. Audax has a sales model supported by an external sales network. The sales model implemented by the Issuer (i) places a premium on recruiting and maintaining customers, thereby obtaining a more stable customer portfolio than its rivals (ii) it segments customers to focus on the most profitable market niche for the Issuer (iii) it filters new contracts to reduce late payments as much as possible and (iv) it interacts in real time with its sales force, communicating business opportunities and implementing quick responses. This allows it to be more agile than its rivals and to approach opportunities more efficiently. The size of its sales force allows it to reach a large number of customers that provide sustained growth.

**High diversification of the customer portfolio**. The unaudited management information in the possession of the Group shows that at the end of 2022 it had 387,145 customers.

## e) Strategy

(i) Increase in market share in Spain to exploit economies of scale.

Audax is expected to obtain higher market share in the SME segment, supporting that growth organically and in organically due to efforts made with respect to contracts in new sales channels.

(ii) Internationalization as a diversification mechanism and to consolidate growth.

## Retail business:

Simultaneous to the consolidation of the position in Spain, Audax has already started positioning itself in international markets. Its presence in Portugal, which is a market integrated into the Iberian electricity system, was the logical first step in international growth.

As part of the strategy to create a European scale group, the Issuer also entered Germany and, furthermore, in March 2017 Audax acquired 71.97% (currently 100%) of the share capital of a company in The Netherlands through a newly created Dutch company. This operation falls within the strategy to create a group throughout Europe.

In September 2020, Audax entered into the Hungarian market through the acquisition of 100% of the company E.ON Energiakereskedelmi, a Hungarian electricity retailer that pertained to the German group E.ON.

## Energy generation activity:

Audax's energy generation business is present in Spain, France, Poland and Panama.

In 2022 Audax continued its development, construction and commissioning operations for its generation portfolio, increasing by a 9%

its installed capacity compared to 2021, and had already increased a 150% from 2020.

Audax's international presence in its two businesses, energy generation and retail sales, and its projected expansion, allows for a forecast of revenue volume from international markets that will be sufficiently diversified to prevent their concentration in a single market.

## (iii) Strengthening of the sales network services.

In a market with given demand, sales activities are particularly relevant. In order to strengthen its position among independent retailers, Audax has been developing a computer system that provides a clear competitive advantage compared to its peers. The proven sales support system operated by Audax has been supplemented by new services such as (i) geolocation of sales personnel and an indication of potential customers in that area (ii) "online scoring" of those potential customers and (iii) automatic preparation of all contractual documentation, among other things, and (iv) a sales commission payment system that differentiates it within the sector. These new services have expanded the network's sales capacity and has contributed to its loyalty.

## f) Relevant aspects of recent activities

In January 2021, the Issuer acquired the Spanish companies Centauro Energía Solar, S.L., Tohora Solar inversiones, S.L. and Tarakona Solar inversiones, S.L. for a total of €2,483 thousand from the companies Idena Solar, S.L. and Energy Pool España, S.L. The acquired companies engage in the development, construction and operation of various photovoltaic projects. The Issuer reached a purchase agreement to include a group of projects in its energy generation portfolio. In total they represent 1,942 MWp (1,140 MWp in Spain, 201 MWp in Italy and 601 MWp in Portugal) and are jointly valued at €102 million.

In December 2021, the Issuer acquired the Zaratán photovoltaic project in Valladolid, which already has all the administrative permits to begin construction in early 2022. It is estimated that the investment will be around €8 million. The plant will occupy a total area of 25 hectares, will have a total capacity of 12.36 MWp and will be Audax's first facility in Castilla y León. The construction of the plant was completed in 2022.

In 15 June 2022 Audax announced the closing of an agreement with IKAV fund for EUR 40 million in photovoltaic projects. On July 21st this agreement was executed whereby IKAV acquired, through one of its investment companies, a 49% stake in the capital of Audax Renovables' solar projects currently in operation (69.5 MWp) for EUR 8.8 million. Additionally, IKAV provided long-term financing of EUR 29.9 million for these plants in operation, thus recovering part of the capital invested and enabling Audax Renovables to use these funds to continue developing other projects in its portfolio.

As a result of fulfilling the milestones of RDL 23/2020 in Spain, the portfolio of the Audax Group stands at 1.4 GW. This evolution of the portfolio has had no

effect on the Group's FY2022 FS due to the favourable progress in the proceedings, as well as the increase in value of the portfolio, after having contrasted it with a valuation report carried out by the independent firm Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y). Audax has the right to replace these failed or unfeasible projects, in accordance with the original purchase and sale contracts, which include irrevocable substitution project clauses, in exchange for others with similar technical and economic characteristics, in the event that any of the projects do not obtain the necessary permits or licences for their construction and entry into operation.

On 31 January 2023, the Audax Group signed a market access agreement with Shell Energy Europe Limited under which the latter will become, with certain exceptions, the exclusive external supplier of electricity and gas to the Audax Group in Spain for an initial period of 5 years. This agreement has an immediate impact on the Company's working capital, giving it greater access to the market and furthering the goals set out in its strategic plan.

## g) Products offered by Audax

In the electricity energy system, Audax assumes the role of retailer agent and, therefore, when forming prices for its customers (Final Consumers) it must comply with the market component and the regulated component (as described in section 2.5.b of this document). In addition, the Issuer's business is based on this price formation, offering a different type according to the invoicing of the costs.

The regulated component portion of network access costs includes "Access Tolls" and "Capacity Payments" and, with respect to the market component, it includes the "Freedom Market Prices", the "PO 14.6 Balance" and system adjustments. This latter portion also includes any deviation relating to each retailer.

The final price assumed by the Final Customer (as defined below) depends on how the costs are invoiced, and can be differentiated into two (2) main types:

- (i) A fixed price is composed of costs associated with the price of energy, a sales margin six and a risk premium.
- (ii) An indexed price includes energy price costs and a sales margin. The latter are divided into two subcategories:
  - (a) Pass-Pool Indexed Price, where the cost of the system (the part of the regulated component) is fixed. It implies that companies charge the Final Customers an extra cost to cover possible losses, which is usually less than the fixed price.
  - (b) Pass-Through Indexed Price, where the volatility of the costs governed by the free market regime is transferred to the Final Customers in full, so that no extra cost premium is paid.

Three (3) types of prices can be distinguished for the types of products that Audax offers:

Fixed Price or Fixed Rate (Tf). The final price can be chosen by modifying consumption patterns, such as:

- (i) Energy costs, including "Access Tolls", "Daily Market Price", "Capacity Payments", "PO 14.6 Balance" and system adjustments.
- (ii) Management costs, i.e., the retailer's margin, which depends on the competition in the sector.
- (iii) Risk premium or the extra cost that the customer pays for the risk of error assumed by the retailer in its estimation of the regulated costs in the free market regime.

Indexed Price or Indexed Rate (Ti): It allows paying the energy at actual market prices, i.e. the cost price. When entering the free market, energy is paid for based on every hour consumed at the actual market price, thus eliminating hourly price discrimination. Of the two (2) price models mentioned above, Audax uses the Pass-Through Indexed Price and the price assumed by the Final Customer is the sum of the following items:

- (i) Fixed cost: the costs regulated by the government, such as "Access Tolls" and "Capacity Payments".
- (ii) Variable cost: costs in the free market, i.e., the "Daily Market Price", "Balance PO 14.6" and system adjustment services.
- (iii) Management costs: the retailer's margin that depends on the competition in the sector.

<u>Flat Price</u> (Tp): allows final consumers to pay the same amount every month avoiding peaks in the months of greatest consumption and erroneous estimated readings. The amount is calculated individually based on each customer's consumption needs (kWh per year). This product is designed primarily for household customers.

Audax is working on introducing new products with the aim of differentiating itself from its competitors and better meeting customers' needs.

## 2.5 Description of the Issuer's business

## a) Wholesale electricity markets

Wholesale markets can be divided into the following:

- Unorganized markets. These are bilateral markets whose prices and quantities are stable and which are mutually agreed by a producer and a consumer for a specific period of time.

- The Iberian Market. This area consists of the Futures Market (organised by Polo Portugués) in which long-term stable contracts are auctioned It also includes the Spot Market, consisting of daily and intraday production markets organized by Polo Español. These are hourly markets where prices and quantities are determined.
- Other markets. These are markets managed by Red Eléctrica de España (REE) aimed at organizing last-minute adjustments to ensure instantaneous balance between generation and consumption.

## b) Operation of the electricity market

The mechanisms of the electric energy sector consist of a series of procedures for exchanging information between producers and consumers, so that those producers willing to generate at the lowest price supply those consumers willing to pay.

Below is a descriptive diagram of the division of the electric energy industry, together with the type of regulation to which each segment is subject, followed by a brief description of the agents that carry out the different activities.



The **"Producers"** are responsible for generating energy. They are divided into two (2) groups: those linked to an ordinary system (traditional energy sources) and those linked to a special system (renewable energy sources, which is where Audax is located).

The "Conveyors" are responsible for the network that carries electric power from production plants to distribution areas. Their activity includes the transmission of electric power, and the construction, maintenance and operation of transmission facilities.

The "**Distributors**" are responsible for moving energy from the distribution centres to the final consumer. They engage in the distribution of electric power, as well as the construction, maintenance and operation of distribution facilities.

The "Retailers" is one of the positions held by Audax within the electricity sector.

They sell electricity to Final Customers.

Finally, the "Final Customers" are those natural or legal persons that acquire the electricity for their own consumption and can choose the retailer that offers them the best price.

Together with these agents, there are other agents in the electric energy market

called Management Entities. They are divided into the following operators:

The "System Operator" is responsible for ensuring the correct coordination of the electricity production and transmission system to ensure the continuity and security of the energy supply. It maintains the instantaneous balance between the generation of electric energy and demand, thus neutralizing deviations.

The "Market Operator" is responsible for the matching of bids (demand) and sale offers (generation). Due to the great influence it can have on the proper functioning of the market, interests held by shareholders is limited to 5% of share capital, thereby guaranteeing its neutrality and independence during the course of its business.

The electric energy market starts its activity when producers and retailers or direct consumers enter into the electricity pool. The former with the intention of selling the energy produced and they make an offer and the latter make bids. The Iberian Energy Market Operator ("OMIE") is responsible for matching these two (2) positions by setting the price in a free market environment, thus forming the market component of energy prices. The second component of this price formation is the regulated price, which is established by the government with the aim of covering the costs necessary for the operation of the electric system. Furthermore, it is also intended to support the generation of electric energy itself, based on transmission and distribution, as well as paying other for incentives such as availability, premiums for the special system, incentives for domestic coal or Competition Transition Costs.

The transmission of energy is carried out by Red Eléctrica Española (REE), whose costs are charged within the regulated component. The same applies to Distributors, whose margins are established by government regulation and, therefore, those costs are also charged within the formation of energy prices.

The Retailers and direct consumers have to pay to the government the portion corresponding to the regulated component that includes access to the networks.

## 2.6 Financial analysis

The consolidated annual accounts for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022 have been prepared using the accounting records kept by the Issuer and its subsidiaries and have applied IFRS-EU.

**Annex I** of this Information Memorandum presents the audited and unqualified consolidated and individual annual accounts for the Issuer and subsidiaries for the years ended 31 December 2022.

The annual and interim financial information relating to Audax may be consulted on the public access website maintained by the CNMV (www.cnmv.es) or on the Company's website (www.audaxrenovables.com).

## 2.6.1 Audited historical financial information

The selected financial information included in this section should be read together with the audited consolidated annual accounts for the Issuer for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022.

The Company's Directors have restated the balance sheet figures for 2021 as it is described below on section 2.6.1.(B) of this Information Memorandum.

The main figure set out in the Issuer's consolidated financial statements are explained below, presenting: (i) analytical consolidated income statement and (ii) consolidated financial structure relating to the years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022, obtained from the Company's audited consolidated annual accounts for 2021 and 2022.

## (A) <u>Analytical Consolidated Income Statement for Audax for the years ended</u> 31 December 2021 and 2022

Consolidated Income Statement	2022	2021*	Var.	Var. (%)				
Net turnover	2,625,893	1,678,564	947,329	56				
Other income	7,090	5,340	1,750	33				
Revenues	2,632,983	1,683,904	949,079	56				
Costs of sales	-2,489,166	-1,561,229	-927,937	59				
Gross margin	143,817	122,675	21,142	17				
Operating expenses	-92,153	-75,663	-16,490	22				
Deterioration, reversal and disposal results	2,478	-153	2,631	n.a.				
EBITDA	54,142	46,859	7,283	16				
Assets amortisation	-21,849	-21,968	119	-1				
EBIT	32,293	24,891	7,402	30				
Financial income	8,651	803	7,848	n.a.				
Financial expenses	-32,723	-28,815	-3,908	14				
Exchange differences	1,702	-147	1,849	n.a.				
Profit/loss from disposal of financial instruments	-302	1,704	-2,006	n.a.				
Financial profit/loss	-22,672	-26,455	3,783	-14				
Share in the profit/loss of associated companies	2,953	-57	3,010	n.a.				
Profit/loss before tax	12,574	-1,621	14,195	n.a.				
Corporate income tax	-4,806	-1,692	-3,114	184				
Consolidated profit/loss for the year	7,768	-3,313	11,081	n.a.				
Profit/loss attributed to minority interests	4,229	-1,593	5,822	n.a.				
Net profit / loss	3,539	-1,720	5,259	n.a.				
EUR thousand *2021 reexpressed: correction related to the RD17/2021 on the pass-through of electricity system charges								

Operating income increased by 56% this year in comparison to the previous year and amounted to EUR 2,633 million.

The increase in income is due mainly to the following reasons:

- Higher commodity price and, therefore, higher retail price, due to the increase of the gas price.
- Greater amount of generated energy (+29% compared to the same period of the previous year excluding Panama).
- Higher market sale price of the energy generated through own production (not subject to PPA).

The year was marked by the conflict in Eastern Europe, creating high volatility in the wholesale markets where the Group operates due to the fear of possible shortage of gas supply, and making the prices sky rocket, for example, in the Hungarian market, where the price of electricity increased by +140% and the price of gas by +175% compared to the same period of the previous year.

In 2022, EBITDA closed with an increase of 16% compared to 2021, standing at EUR 54.1 million.

Having supplied a volume of energy of 13.1 TWh in 2022, EBITDA per energy supplied stands at 4.1 EUR/GWh, compared to 3.0 EUR/GWh in 2021, demonstrating an improvement in the company's overall profitability.

This variation is mainly due to the following reasons:

- Higher installed capacity (+9%).
- A higher volume of energy generated (+29%).
- A higher market sale price of the energy produced (not subject to PPA).
- A higher supply margin due to the strategy of optimising the customer portfolio.

## (B) Consolidated balance sheet for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Thousand euros)	dec-22	dec-21*	Var. (%)
Non-current assets	596.772	581.929	2,6
Current assets	720.038	762.627	-5,6
Total Assets	1.316.810	1.344.556	-2,1
Net Equity	135.773	144.366	-6,0
Non-current liabilities	645.249	636.639	1,4
Current liabilities	535.788	563.551	-4,9
Total Liabilities	1.316.810	1.344.556	-2,1

In the drawing up of the annual accounts corresponding to financial year 2022, the Group reexpressed the balance sheet for the year ended 2021.

On 15 September 2021, Royal Decree 17/2021 on urgent measures to mitigate the impact of the increase in gas prices in the retail gas and electricity markets was approved. Among other aspects, this Royal Decree established that energy marketing companies must pass on to consumers discounts associated with electricity system charges, which were correctly recognised by the Group, reducing "Accruals and other current assets" and "Ordinary income" in the consolidated annual accounts for 2021 by a total amount of EUR 6,078 thousand. However, in accordance with the aforementioned Royal Decree, the effect for the Group should have been neutral, as the electricity distribution companies were required to apply the same discounts in their charges to the Group.

At the date of formulation of the consolidated financial statements for 2021, the Group did not identify that the discounts had already been applied to the charges received from the distribution companies since the entry into force of Royal Decree 17/2021. Accordingly, the Group Management decided to register a receivable amount from Public Administrations under "Other receivables from Public Administrations" and an income under "Revenue" for a total amount of EUR 6,078 thousand, as it considered that it had a collection right for these discounts applied to consumers.

However, during the 2022 financial year, it has been identified that distribution companies were actually applying these discounts in the invoiced charges, as a lower expense in the amount of EUR 6,078 thousand under "Procurement" in the consolidated income statement of the consolidated annual accounts for the 2021 financial year.

The Group has corrected this error in the comparative figures for 2021 in these consolidated annual accounts. The net impact on the net result has been EUR 4,558 thousand of lower profit attributable to the parent company, after deducting the corresponding tax effect.

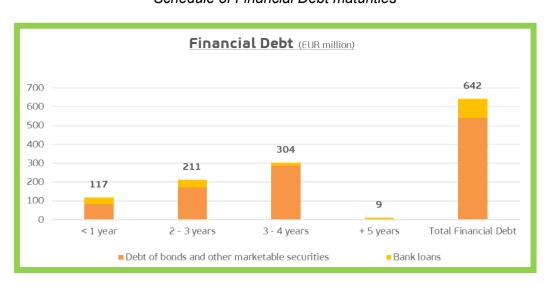
## (C) Financial structure for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022

Net Financial Debt	dec-22	dec-21*	Var.	%
Financial Debt (1)	641,748	772,196	-130,448	-16.9
Other financial liabilities	22,325	17,335	4,990	28.8
Derivatives	-5,627	-17,278	11,651	-67.4
Cash and other financial assets	-290,502	-328,708	38,206	-11.6
Net Financial Debt (2)	367,944	443,545	-75,601	-17.0
Net Equity (3)	135,773	144,366	-8,593	-6.0
Leverage (4)	73.0%	75.4%	-2.4	-3.2

(EUR thousand)

<sup>(1)</sup> Financial Debt = Debt of bonds and other marketable securities + Bank debts

- (2) Net Financial Debt = Financial Debt + Other financial liabilities + Derivatives + Cash and other financial assets
- (3) Net Equity = Parent Company Net Equity + minority interests
- (4) Leverage = Net Financial Debt / (Net Financial Debt + Net Equity)
- \* 2021 Reexpressed: correction related to the RD17/2021 on the pass-through of electricity system charges
- The comparative figures for 2021 have been reexpressed in the drawing up
  of the annual accounts corresponding to financial year 2022, as explained
  in the previous section, by reducing the EUR 6,078 thousand component in
  Revenues and in "Other receivables from Public Administrations". The effect
  in equity is a reduction of 4,558 from the net result, which results in a -2.4%
  decrease in the 2022 leverage.
- Gross financial debt stands at EUR 642 million, a reduction of EUR 130 million since December 2021. Net financial debt stands at EUR 368 million compared to EUR 444 million at 31 December 2021, representing a reduction of EUR 76 million (-17%), showing the company's financial strategy to reduce its debt levels.



Schedule of Financial Debt maturities

## 2.7 Judicial, administrative and arbitration proceedings

At the date of this Information Memorandum, there are no open arbitration proceedings.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Company has received from the Spanish National Markets and Competition ("CNMC") a notification of the resolution dated 05/10/2022, issued by the Competition Chamber, in the framework of the file of S/0013/20 (the "Resolution"). The Resolution declares the existence of conducts prohibited by article 3 of Law 15/2007, of July 3, 2007, on Competition Defense, constituting serious infringements under article 62.3.a) of the aforementioned law. As responsible for these infringements, the Company and its subsidiaries ADS Energy 8.0, S.L.U.,

Ahorreluz Servicios Online, S.L., By Energyc Energía Eficiente, S.L., Iris Energía Eficiente, S.A. and Masqluz 2020, S.L. were fined a total amount of EUR 9,258,270. The Company, after carrying out an initial analysis of the Resolution, understands that there are solid grounds for filing an appeal against it before the competent authority. Consequently, the Company has initiated the necessary procedures to appeal the aforementioned penalties with the objective of being indemnified in relation to the Resolution file.

#### 3. Full name of the securities issue

Audax 2023 Commercial Paper Note Programme ("Programa de Pagarés Audax 2023")

## 4. Parties responsible for the information

Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro, on behalf of and representing the Issuer, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and with the authority delegated for this purpose by the Board of Directors on May 9, 2023, assumes the responsibility for the content of this Information Memorandum.

Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro, states that after applying reasonable diligence to guarantee that this is the case, the information set out in this Information Memorandum is, to his knowledge, faithful to the facts and there is no omission that could significantly affect its content.

## 5. Duties of the MARF registered advisor

Banca March, S.A. is a public limited liability company (*sociedad anónima*), of Spanish nationality, with registered office in Palma de Mallorca, Avda. de Alejandro Rosselló, no. 8, with tax identification number (NIF) A07004021 and registered in the Commercial Registry of Palma de Mallorca in volume 20, book 104, sheet 230, page PM-195 and in the Register of Registered Advisors of MARF by virtue of the resolution (*Instrucción Operativa*) 8/2014, of 24 March, on the admission of registered advisors to the Alternative Fixed Income Market (the "**Registered Advisor**" or "**Banca March**").

Banca March has been designated as Registered Advisor of the Issuer. Accordingly Banca March shall enable the Issuer to comply with the obligations and responsibilities to be assumed on obtaining the admittance of its issues on MARF, acting as specialist liaison between both, MARF and Audax, and as a means of facilitating the admittance and performance of the issue under the new commercial paper note trading system.

Banca March must provide MARF with any periodic information it may require and MARF may require as much information as it may deem necessary regarding the actions to be carried out and its corresponding obligations. It is authorized to take as many actions as necessary, where appropriate, in order to verify the information provided.

The Issuer must have, at all times, a designated Registered Advisor registered in the MARF Registered Advisor registry ("Registro de Asesores Registrados del MARF").

Banca March has been designated as Registered Advisor of the Issuer in order to provide advisory services (i) on the admission to trading (incorporación) of the Notes issued, (ii) on compliance with any obligations and responsibilities applicable to the Issuer for participating in MARF, (iii) on compiling and presenting the financial and business information required, and (iv) ensure that the information complies with regulatory requirements.

As Registered Advisor, Banca March with respect to the request for the admission (incorporación) to trading of the securities on MARF:

- (i) has verified that the Issuer complies with the requirements of MARF's regulations for the admission (incorporación) of the Notes to trading; and
- (ii) has assisted the Issuer in the preparation of the Information Memorandum, has reviewed all the information provided by the Issuer to the MARF in connection with the request for the admission (incorporación) to trading of the Notes on MARF and has checked that the information provided complies with the requirements of applicable regulations and does not leave out any relevant information that could lead to confusion among potential investors.

Once the Notes are admitted to trading, the Registered Advisor will:

- (i) review the information that the Issuer prepares for MARF periodically or on a one-off basis, and verify that this information meets the requirements concerning the content and deadlines set out in the regulations;
- (ii) advise the Issuer on the events that might affect compliance with the obligations assumed when admitting its Notes to trading on MARF, and on the best way of handling such events in order to avoid breach of those obligations;
- (iii) report to MARF any events that could represent a breach by the Issuer of its obligations in case it notices any potential and relevant breach that had not been rectified following notification; and
- (iv) manage, answer and deal with queries and requests for information from MARF regarding the situation of the Issuer, progress of its activity, the level of compliance with its obligations and any other data the market may deem relevant.

Regarding the above, the Registered Advisor shall perform the following actions:

- (i) maintain regular and necessary contact with the Issuer and analyse any exceptional situations that may arise concerning the evolution of the price, trading volumes and other relevant circumstances regarding the trading of the
  - Issuer's Notes:
- (ii) sign any declarations which, in general, have been set out in the regulations as a consequence of the admission (*incorporación*) to trading of the securities on MARF, as well as with regard to the information required from companies with securities on the Market; and

(iii) forward to MARF, without undue delay, the communications received in response to queries and requests for information the latter may send.

#### 6. Maximum amount

The maximum amount of the commercial paper note programme will be a nominal amount of two hundred million (€200,000,000) ("**Note Programme**").

This amount is understood to be the maximum outstanding balance that the nominal sum of the Notes issued under the Note Programme outstanding may reach at any given moment and admitted to trading on MARF in accordance with this Information Memorandum.

## 7. Description of the type and class of the securities. Unitary Nominal Amount

The Notes are securities issued at a discount, which represents a debt for the Issuer, accrue interest and are redeemable for their nominal amount at maturity.

An ISIN code will be assigned for each issue of Notes with the same maturity date.

Each Note will have a nominal value of one hundred thousand euros (€100,000), and therefore the maximum number of outstanding Notes at any given moment may not exceed two thousand (2,000). The trading amounts will be multiples of one hundred thousand (100,000).

## 8. Applicable legislation and jurisdiction for the securities

The Notes are issued in accordance with Spanish legislation applicable to the Issuer or the Notes. In particular, they are issued in accordance with the Securities Markets Act, as currently worded, and based on the respective enabling or concordant regulations.

The Courts and Tribunals of the City of Barcelona will have exclusive jurisdiction to hear any dispute that may arise with respect to the Notes.

## 9. Representation of the securities by book entries

The Notes to be issued under the Note Programme will be represented by book entries as established by the MARF trading mechanisms into which admittance will be requested and IBERCLEAR, domiciled in Madrid at Plaza de la Lealtad 1 together with its investee companies, will be responsible for keeping the accounting records in accordance with (i) Article 8.3 of the Securities Markets Act and (ii) Royal Decree 878/2015 (2 October), on the clearing, settlement and recognition of marketable securities represented by book entries in accordance with the legal system governing central securities custodians, central counterparty entities and the transparency requirements for the issuers of securities admitted for trading on an official secondary market, as amended by Royal Decree 827/2017 (1 September) ("RD 878/2015").

## 10. Currency of the issue

The Notes issued under the Note Programme are denominated in euros.

## 11. Classification of the securities: priority order

The Notes will not be secured by real or third-party guarantees. The capital and interest relating to the Notes will be secured by all of the Issuer's assets.

In accordance with the loan priority order established by the Bankruptcy Act, should the Issuer enter into bankruptcy the holders of the Notes will fall behind preferred creditors and be at the same level as the rest of the common creditors but before subordinated creditors (unless they can be classified as subordinated creditors in accordance with the content of Article 281 of the Bankruptcy Act) and will not enjoy any preference over them.

# 12. Description of the rights associated with the securities and the procedure for exercising those rights. Method and deadlines for the payment and delivery of the securities

The Notes issued under the Note Programme will not convey any present and/or future voting right with respect to the Issuer for the acquiring investor, in accordance with current legislation.

The financial rights for the investor associated with the acquisition and possession of the Notes will be those deriving from the interest rate, performance and redemption price conditions at which they are issued, as described in sections 13, 14 and 16 below.

The payment date for the Notes that are issued will coincide with their issue date and their effective value will be paid to the Issuer by Banco de Sabadell, S.A. and Banca March, S.A. (as collaborating entities) or by the investors, as appropriate, through Banca March, S.A. (the Issuer's "payment agent" for these purposes), in the account indicated by the payment agent at each issue date.

Banco de Sabadell, S.A. and Banca March, S.A. (as collaborating entities) or the Issuer, as the case may be, may issue a registered non-marketable acquisition certificate. That document will provisionally provide evidence of the acquisition of the Notes until the appropriate book entry can be made and will grant the holder the right to request the relevant legitimacy certificate.

The Issuer will also report the payment by issuing the relevant certificate to MARF and IBERCLEAR.

## 13. Issue date. Programme validity period

The Note Program will be in force for one (1) year after this Information Memorandum is registered with MARF.

Since it is a continuous Note Programme, the Notes may be issued and acquired on any day during the validity period. However, the Issuer reserves the right to not issue new securities when deemed appropriate and in accordance with the Issuer's cash needs, or because it finds more advantageous financing conditions.

The supplementary certification of each issue will establish the issue date and the

payment date for the Notes. The issue, payment and admittance date for the Notes cannot be after the date on which this Information Memorandum expires.

## 14. Nominal interest rate. Indication of the yield and calculation method

The annual nominal interest rate on the Notes will be established at the time of each issue.

The Notes will be issued at the interest rate agreed between the Issuer and Banco de Sabadell, S.A. and Banca March, S.A. ("**Collaborating Entities**") or the investors, as the case may be. The yield will be embedded in the nominal price of the Notes and will be paid on the maturity date.

Since the securities are issued at a discount and have an embedded yield, the effective amount to be paid by the investor varies based on the interest rate applied to the issue and the term agreed.

The effective amount of each Note can be calculated by applying the following formulas:

• When the term of issue is equal to or less than 365 days:

$$E = \frac{N}{1 + i_n \frac{n}{365}}$$

When the term of issue is more than 365 days:

$$E = \frac{N}{(1 + i_n)^{n/365}}$$

Where:

E = effective amount of the Note

N= nominal amount of the Note

n = number of days in the period until maturity

 $i_n$  = nominal interest rate, expressed on a per unit basis

A table is included to assist investors in which the effective values for the various interest rates and redemption terms are specified in a table, including a column presenting the change in the effective value of the Note by increasing its term by ten (10) days.

## VALOR EFECTIVO DE UN PAGARÉ DE 100.000 EUROS NOMINALES (Plazo inferior al año)

		7 DÍAS 14 DÍAS 30 DÍAS								CO DÍAC		
		7 DÍAS			14 DÍAS			SU DIAS		•	60 DÍAS	
Tipo Nominal (%)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)
0,25	99.995,21	0,25	-6,85	99.990,41	0,25	-6,85	99.979,46	0,25	-6,85	99.958,92	0,25	-6,84
0,50	99.990,41	0,50	-13,69	99.980,83	0,50	-13,69	99.958,92	0,50	-13,69	99.917,88	0,50	-13,67
0,75	99.985,62	0,75	-20,54	99.971,24	0,75	-20,53	99.938,39	0,75	-20,52	99.876,86	0,75	-20,49
1,00	99.980,83	1,00	-27,38	99.961,66	1,00	-27,37	99.917,88	1,00	-27,34	99.835,89	1,00	-27,30
1,25	99.976,03	1,26	-34,22	99.952,08	1,26	-34,20	99.897,37	1,26	-34,16	99.794,94	1,26	-34,09
1,50	99.971,24	1,51	-41,06	99.942,50	1,51	-41,03	99.876,86	1,51	-40,98	99.754,03	1,51	-40,88
1,75	99.966,45	1,77	-47,89	99.932,92	1,76	-47,86	99.856,37	1,76	-47,78	99.713,15	1,76	-47,65
2,00	99.961,66	2,02	-54,72	99.923,35	2,02	-54,68	99.835,89	2,02	-54,58	99.672,31	2,02	-54,41
2,25	99.956,87	2,28	-61,55	99.913,77	2,27	-61,50	99.815,41	2,27	-61,38	99.631,50	2,27	-61,15
2,50	99.952,08	2,53	-68,38	99.904,20	2,53	-68,32	99.794,94	2,53	-68,17	99.590,72	2,53	-67,89
2,75	99.947,29	2,79	-75,21	99.894,63	2,79	-75,13	99.774,48	2,78	-74,95	99.549,98	2,78	-74,61
3,00	99.942,50	3,04	-82,03	99.885,06	3,04	-81,94	99.754,03	3,04	-81,72	99.509,27	3,04	-81,32
3,25	99.937,71	3,30	-88,85	99.875,50	3,30	-88,74	99.733,59	3,30	-88,49	99.468,59	3,29	-88,02
3,50	99.932,92	3,56	-95,67	99.865,93	3,56	-95,54	99.713,15	3,56	-95,25	99.427,95	3,55	-94,71
3,75	99.928,13	3,82	-102,49	99.856,37	3,82	-102,34	99.692,73	3,82	-102,00	99.387,34	3,81	-101,38
4,00	99.923,35	4,08	-109,30	99.846,81	4,08	-109,13	99.672,31	4,07	-108,75	99.346,76	4,07	-108,04
4,25	99.918,56	4,34	-116,11	99.837,25	4,34	-115,92	99.651,90	4,33	-115,50	99.306,22	4,33	-114,70
4,50	99.913,77	4,60	-122,92	99.827,69	4,60	-122,71	99.631,50	4,59	-122,23	99.265,71	4,59	-121,34

## VALOR EFECTIVO DE UN PAGARÉ DE 100.000 EUROS NOMINALES

	(Plazo inferior al año)							(Plazo igual al año)			(Plazo a más de un año)			
	90 DÍAS		180 DÍAS			365 DÍAS			731 DÍAS					
Tipo Nominal (%)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (e uros)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)	Precio Suscriptor (euros)	TIR/TA E (%)	+10 días (euros)		
0,25	99.938,39	0,25	-6,84	99.876,86	0,25	-6,83	99.750,62	0,25	-6,81	99.501,19	0,25	-6,81		
0,50	99.876,86	0,50	-13,66	99.754,03	0,50	-13,63	99.502,49	0,50	-13,56	99.006,10	0,50	-13,53		
0,75	99.815,41	0,75	-20,47	99.631,50	0,75	-20,39	99.255,58	0,75	-20,24	98.514,69	0,75	-20,17		
1,00	99.754,03	1,00	-27,26	99.509,27	1,00	-27,12	99.009,90	1,00	-26,85	98.026,93	1,00	-26,72		
1,25	99.692,73	1,26	-34,02	99.387,34	1,25	-33,82	98.765,43	1,25	-33,39	97.542,79	1,25	-33,19		
1,50	99.631,50	1,51	-40,78	99.265,71	1,51	-40,48	98.522,17	1,50	-39,87	97.062,22	1,50	-39,58		
1,75	99.570,35	1,76	-47,51	99.144,37	1,76	-47,11	98.280,10	1,75	-46,29	96.585,19	1,75	-45,90		
2,00	99.509,27	2,02	-54,23	99.023,33	2,01	-53,70	98.039,22	2,00	-52,64	96.111,66	2,00	-52,13		
2,25	99.448,27	2,27	-60,93	98.902,59	2,26	-60,26	97.799,51	2,25	-58,93	95.641,61	2,25	-58,29		
2,50	99.387,34	2,52	-67,61	98.782,14	2,52	-66,79	97.560,98	2,50	-65,15	95.175,00	2,50	-64,37		
2,75	99.326,48	2,78	-74,28	98.661,98	2,77	-73,29	97.323,60	2,75	-71,31	94.711,79	2,75	-70,37		
3,00	99.265,71	3,03	-80,92	98.542,12	3,02	-79,75	97.087,38	3,00	-77,41	94.251,96	3,00	-76,30		
3,25	99.205,00	3,29	-87,55	98.422,54	3,28	-86,18	96.852,30	3,25	-83,45	93.795,46	3,25	-82,15		
3,50	99.144,37	3,55	-94,17	98.303,26	3,53	-92,58	96.618,36	3,50	-89,43	93.342,27	3,50	-87,93		
3,75	99.083,81	3,80	-100,76	98.184,26	3,79	-98,94	96.385,54	3,75	-95,35	92.892,36	3,75	-93,64		
4,00	99.023,33	4,06	-107,34	98.065,56	4,04	-105,28	96.153,85	4,00	-101,21	92.445,69	4,00	-99,28		
4,25	98.962,92	4,32	-113,90	97.947,14	4,30	-111,58	95.923,26	4,25	-107,02	92.002,23	4,25	-104,85		
4,50	98.902,59	4,58	-120,45	97.829,00	4,55	-117,85	95.693,78	4,50	-112,77	91.561,95	4,50	-110,35		

Given the diversity of the issue rates that will foreseeably be applied throughout the time the Note Programme is in force, it is not possible to predetermine the resulting yield for the investor (IRR). In any case, the Notes with a term of up to three hundred sixty five (365) days can be determined using the following formula:

$$TIR = \left[ \left( \frac{N}{E} \right)^{365/d} - 1 \right]$$

Where:

IRR = nominal interest rate, expressed on a per unit basis

N= nominal value of the Note

E = Effective amount at the time of subscription or acquisition

d = Number of calendar days between the date of issue (inclusive) and the maturity date (exclusive)

For periods exceeding three hundred sixty five (365) days, the IRR is equal to the nominal rate for the Note described in this section.

In the case of an original subscription by the Collaborating Entities for subsequent transfer to investors, it is noted that the price at which the Collaborating Entities will transfer the Notes will be that freely agreed between the parties and may not coincide with the issue price (i.e. with the effective amount).

## 15. Collaborating entities, payment agents and custodians

The participating entities (i.e. the Collaborating Entities) in the Note Programme are as follows:

## Banco de Sabadell, S.A.

TIN: A-08000143

Registered address: Avenida Óscar Esplá, 37, 03007 – Alicante

## Banca March, S.A.

TIN: A-07004021

Avenida Alejandro Rosselló, 8 07002 Palma de Mallorca

A collaboration contract for the Note Programme has been concluded between the Issuer and each of the Collaborating Entities, which includes the possibility of selling to third parties.

The Issuer may also conclude other collaboration contracts with new collaborating entities covering the placement of the Note issues which will, if they take place, be reported to MARF in an appropriate announcement of relevant information (OIR).

Banco March, S.A. will be a payment agent.

Notwithstanding the fact that IBERCLEAR will be the entity responsible for keeping the accounting records regarding the Notes, no custodial entity has been designated by the Issuer for the Notes. Each buyer of the Notes will designate the

custodian of the Notes from among the entities that participate in IBERCLEAR.

## 16. Redemption price and provisions relating to the maturity of the securities. Redemption date and modes

The Notes issued under the Note Programme will be redeemed at their nominal value on the date indicated in the acquisition document and applying, if appropriate, pertinent withholdings.

Since admitted to trading on MARF is expected, the redemption of the Notes will take place in accordance with the operating rules of the clearing and settlement system in that market. On the maturity date, the nominal amount of the Note will be paid to the legitimate owner and the Payment Agent will be responsible, although this entity does not assume any obligation or liability whatsoever with respect to the repayment by the Issuer of the Notes at maturity.

Should the redemption coincide with a non-business day in accordance with the TARGET 2 calendar (*Transeuropean Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System*), the redemption will be delayed to the first following business day, without this having any effect on the amount that must be satisfied.

## 17. Valid period in which the redemption of principal can be claimed

Action to require the redemption of the nominal amount of the Notes will expire after five (5) years, in accordance with the provisions of Article 1964 of the Spanish Civil Code.

## 18. Minimum and maximum issue period

During the time this Information Memorandum is in force, Notes may be issued and they may have a redemption period of between three (3) business days and seven hundred thirty one (731) calendar days (i.e. twenty four (24) months).

## 19. Early redemption

The Notes will not include any option for early redemption either for the Issuer (call) or the owner of the Note (put). However, the Notes may be redeemed early for any reason provided they are in the power and legitimate possession of the Issuer.

## 20. Restrictions on the free transfer of the securities

There are no particular or general restrictions on the free transfer of the Notes to be issued, in accordance with current legislation.

## 21. Taxation of the securities

A general summary regarding the main tax repercussions for investors resulting from the issue of Notes is presented below.

The Notes are classified as financial assets with an embedded yield, in accordance with the provisions of current legislation. The income deriving from them is considered to be investment income and is subject to Personal Income Tax ("IRPF"), Wealth Tax ("IP"), Inheritance and Gift Tax ("ISD"), Corporate Income Tax ("IS") and Non-Resident Income Tax ("IRNR), and to their withholding systems

in accordance with the terms and conditions established in the respective governing legislation and applicable enabling regulations.

For example, but not limited to, applicable legislation will be:

- Law 35/2006 (28 November), on Personal Income Tax and partially amending Corporate Income Tax, Non-Resident Income Tax and Wealth Tax ("IRPF Act") as well as Articles 74 and subsequent of Royal Decree 439/2007 (30 March), which approves the Personal Income Tax Regulations and amends the Pension Fund and Plan Regulation approved by Royal Decree 304/2004 (20 February) ("IRPF Regulations").
- Law 27/2014 (27 November), on Corporate Income Tax, ("**IS Act**") and article 60 and subsequent of the Corporate Income Tax Regulations approved by Royal Decree 634/2015 (10 July) ("**IS Regulations**").
- Legislative Royal Decree 5/2004 (5 March), which approves the Non-Resident Income Tax Act ("IRNR Act") and Royal Decree 1776/2004 (30 July), which approves the Non-Resident Income Tax Regulations ("IRNR Regulations").
- Additional Provision One of Law 10/2014 (26 June), on the organization, supervision and solvency of credit institutions ("Law 10/2014"), and Royal Decree 1065/2007 (27 July), which approves the General Regulations for tax inspection and management procedures and actions and enabling the ordinary rules for tax application procedures ("RD 1065/2007"); and
- Law 29/1987 (18 December, on Inheritance and Gift Tax ("**ISD Act**") and Law 19/1991 (6 June) on Wealth Tax ("**Wealth Tax Act**").

All of the above is notwithstanding any regional tax systems that could be applicable. In particular this refers to the historic territories of the Basque Country and the Region of Navarre, as well as other exceptional tax systems that may be applicable due to the specific characteristics of the investor.

As a general rule, in order to sell or redeem financial assets with an embedded yield that is subject to withholdings at the time of transfer, repayment or redemption, evidence must be provided of the prior acquisition of the financial assets certified by authenticating officials or financial institutions with the obligation to apply withholdings, as well as the price at which the transaction takes place. The financial institutions through which interest is paid or which are involved in the transfer, repayment or redemption of the Notes, will be obligated to calculate the yield attributable to the owner of the security and report that amount to both the owner and the tax authorities, to which the information regarding the parties involved in the aforementioned transactions will also be reported.

In any event, since this section is not intended to be an exhaustive description of all of the possible tax considerations, investors interested in acquiring the Notes covered by this issue should consult their legal or tax advisors who will be able to provide personal advisory services in accordance with the particular circumstances concerned. Similarly, investors and potential investors must take

into account any changes in legislation or interpretation criteria that could arise in the future.

## Natural person investors residing in Spain for tax purposes

## Personal Income Tax (Impuesto sobre la Renta de las Personas Físicas)

In general, capital gains obtained from an investment in commercial paper notes by natural persons residing in Spain for tax purposes will be subject to personal income tax withholdings at the current rate of 19%. The withholding that will be applied will be deductible from personal income tax payable thereby giving rise, if appropriate, to the refunds established by current legislation.

The difference between the subscription or acquisition value of the asset and the value at the time of transfer, repayment, swap or redemption will be considered to be embedded capital gains and will be included in the savings tax base in the year in which the sale, repayment or redemption takes place and taxed at the rate in force at any given time. The tax rate for 2021 is 19% up to €6000, 21% between €6000.01 and €50,000, 23% for €50,000.01 up to 200,000.00 euros and 26% from 200,000.01 euros onwards.

Evidence must be provided of the prior acquisition of the assets certified by authenticating officials or financial institutions required to apply withholdings in order to transfer or redeem the assets, and those same officials or institutions must certify the transaction price. The issuing entity may not make repayment when the owner does not prove its status through the appropriate acquisition certificate.

In the case of yields obtained on the transfer, the financial entity acting on behalf of the transferor will be required to apply withholdings.

In the case of yields obtained on redemption, the issuing entity or the financial entity handling the transaction will be required to apply withholdings.

Furthermore, since the Notes are subject to the system established by Additional Provision One of **Law 10/2014**, Notes issued for a term of 12 months or less will be subject to the reporting system established by Article 44 of Royal Decree 1065/2007 (27 July), as worded by Royal Decree 1145/2011 (29 July).

## Wealth Tax (Impuesto sobre el Patrimonio)

Natural person investors residing in Spain for tax purposes that own securities representing an assignment of capital to third parties that are traded on organized markets are subject to Wealth Tax ("**IP**") on all of the equity amounts they own at 31 December in each calendar year, regardless of where the assets are located or whether the rights concerned can be exercised.

Taxation will be required in accordance with the provisions of IP regulations which, for these purposes, establishes a minimum exempt amount of €700,000 per taxpayer in accordance with a tax scale with marginal rates ranging between 0.2% and 3.5%. The above is not withstanding the specific regulations approved, if any, by each Autonomous Community, since they have regulatory authority and

they may establish special rules implementing certain exemptions or credits, or increased tax rates that must be consulted.

## Inheritance and Gift Tax (Impuesto sobre Sucesiones y Donaciones)

Natural persons residing in Spain that acquire the Notes or rights to them through inheritance, bequests or gifts will be subject to ISD in accordance with the national, special region and regional rules that are applicable in accordance with the habitual place of residence of the transferor or donor, if a resident of Spain, or the recipient if the transferor is not a resident of Spain when concerning *mortis causa* acquisitions, and the place of residence of the giver in the case of *inter vivos* acquisitions.

## Legal person investors residing in Spain for tax purposes

## Corporate Income Tax

Yields obtained by corporate income taxpayers from the Notes at both the time interest is paid and when the assets are transferred, redeemed, repaid or swapped, will form part of the corporate income tax base and be taxed at the general rate of 25% taxable income remains after having applied all pertinent off-book adjustments.

The yields obtained by corporate income taxpayers from these financial assets are exempt from withholding obligations provided that the commercial paper notes (i) are represented by book injuries and (ii) they are traded on an official secondary market in Spain or on MARF. However, credit and other financial institutions that enter into account contracts with customers with respect to transactions involving financial assets are required to apply withholdings on the yields obtained by entities owning those accounts. If subject to withholdings taking the form of corporate income tax payments on account, the withholdings would be applied at the current rate of 19%. Any withholding that is applied will be deductible from corporate income tax payable.

The procedure for effectively applying the exemption described in the preceding paragraph is defined in the Order dated 22 December 1999.

Financial entities that are involved in transfer or repayment transactions will be required to calculate the yield attributable to the owner of the security and report that amount to the owner and the tax authorities.

Notwithstanding the above,, since the Notes are subject to the system established by Additional Provision One of **Law 10/2014**, Notes issued for a term of 12 months or less will be subject to the reporting system established by Article 44 of Royal Decree 1065/2007 (27 July), as worded by Royal Decree 1145/2011 (29 July) in order to effectively apply the withholding exemption.

## Wealth Tax (Impuesto sobre el Patrimonio)

Legal entities in Spain are not subject to Wealth Tax

Inheritance and Gift Tax (Impuesto sobre Sucesiones y Donaciones)

Legal entities in Spain are not subject to ISD

## Investors and legal entities not residing in Spain for tax purposes

Non-Resident Income Tax (Non-resident investors with a permanent establishment in Spain)

Non-resident investors with a permanent establishment in Spain will apply a tax system similar to that described for legal person investors residing in Spain. All of the above notwithstanding the application of double

taxation treaties signed by Spain that could determine the exemption of the relevant income from taxation or the application of reduced tax rates.

Non-Resident Income Tax — Investors not residing in Spain without a permanent establishment

To the extent that they comply with the requirements established in Additional Provision One of Law 10/2014 and the non-resident investor without a permanent establishment proves that status, the yields deriving from the Notes will be exempt from Non-Resident Income Tax.

In order for that exemption to be applicable to Notes issued for a term of 12 months or less, compliance must be met with respect to the procedure established by Article 44 of Royal Decree 1065/2007 (27 July), as worded by Royal Decree 1145/2011 (29 July).

Interest and other yields will be exempt when obtained on the assignment of capital to third parties obtained without the involvement of a permanent establishment, by residents of another Member State of the European Union or by permanent establishments of those residents located in another Member State of the European Union, to the extent that they are the actual beneficiaries of the income.

A tax exemption or, a reduced rate, may be applicable if the recipient is a resident of a country that has included a double taxation treaty with Spain that establishes such an exemption or reduced rate, and provided that the investor concerned provides evidence of the right to apply the treaty by presenting the relevant tax residency certificate for the year to which the income is attributed.

If no exemption is applicable, the yields deriving from the difference between the repayment, transfer, redemption or swap value of the Notes issued under this Programme and their subscription or acquisition value that is obtained by investors not residing in Spain for tax purposes will be subject, in general, to 19% withholdings.

## Wealth Tax (Impuesto sobre el Patrimonio)

Notwithstanding the application of the double taxation treaties concluded by Spain, natural persons that do not have it or leave reside in Spain are generally subject to Wealth Tax in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the IRPF Act when they own, at 31 December of each calendar year, assets located in or rights that may be exercised in Spain that exceed €700,000, without prejudice to any exemptions that may be applicable.

As a consequence of the European Court of Justice Judgement of 3 September 2014 (Case C-127/12), the Wealth Tax Law was amended. As a result, non-resident taxpayers that reside in a Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area can apply the legislation of the Autonomous Community in which the highest value of

the assets and rights they own are located and on which tax accrues, because they are located, may be exercised or must be fulfilled in Spain.

The jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice and the Supreme Court that exists at the date of this summary means that the above may also be applied by natural persons residing in other countries.

## Inheritance and Gift Tax (Impuesto sobre Sucesiones y Donaciones)

Individuals not tax resident in Spain who acquire ownership or other rights over the Notes by inheritance, bequest or gift, and who are tax resident in a country with which Spain has entered into a double taxation treaty in relation to Inheritance and Gift Tax will be subject to the provisions of the relevant double taxation treaty. In order to apply the provisions of that treaty, evidence of tax residency must be provided in the form of a certificate validly issued by the tax authorities in the investor's country of residence, specifically specifying residency for the purposes established in the double taxation treaty.

Should no double taxation treaty be applicable, natural persons not residing in Spain will be subject to ISD.

The Judgement from the European Court of Justice of 3 September 2014 (case C-127/12) declared that the Kingdom of Spain had failed to comply with EU law by permitting the establishment of different tax treatments for inheritance and donations when involving parties not residing in Spain. In order to eliminate cases of discrimination the ISD Act was amended to introduce a series of rules that allowed the treatment by the tax in the discriminatory situations indicated by the Court to be fully balanced. As a result, the tax benefits approved by certain Autonomous Communities to residents of the European Union or the European Economic Area may be applied.

The Supreme Court has issued several judgements (the first of which are 19 February 2018, appeal number 62/2017) in which it determined that parties residing outside of the European Union and the European Economic Area may also benefit from the regional credits for Inheritance and Gift Tax as any Spanish citizen or resident of the European Union and the European Economic Area. The Court reached the conclusion that not doing so would be a violation of the freedom of capital movement, which is applicable to other countries, as the European Court of Justice stated.

To date, the internal tax legislation has not been amended to include the Supreme Court's position stated in its judgements, which create jurisprudence.

However, the Directorate General for Taxation at the Ministry of Finance has issued binding responses to consultations V3151-18 and V3193-18 in which it admits, on a de facto basis, that this group of taxpayers may also choose to apply the legislation in force in the Autonomous Communities.

## <u>Indirect Taxation on the acquisition and transfer of the issued securities</u>

The acquisition and, if appropriate, subsequent transfer of the Notes is exempt from Transfer Tax, Stamp Duty and Value Added Tax, in the terms expressed by Article 338 of the Securities Markets Act and concordant articles in the enabling regulations for the aforementioned taxes.

#### 22. Publication of the Information Memorandum

The Information Memorandum will be published on the MARF website (<a href="http://www.bolsasymercados.es">http://www.bolsasymercados.es</a>).

## 23. Description of the placement system and, if appropriate, subscription of the issue

## Placement by the Collaborating Entities

The Collaborating Entities may act as intermediaries in the placement of the Notes. However, the Collaborating Entities may also subscribe Notes on their own behalf.

For these purposes, the Collaborating Entities may request from the Issuer, on any business day between 10 AM and 2 PM (CET), volume and interest rate information for potential issues of Notes in order to carry out the relevant process to determine demand among qualified investors and/or professional customers.

The amount, interest rate, issue and redemption date, the maturity date, as well as all other terms for each issue placed by the Collaborating Entities will be determined through an agreement between the Issuer and the Collaborating Entities concerned. The terms of any such agreement will be confirmed by the Issuer receiving from the Collaborating Entities a document stating the conditions for the issue and the Issuer, if in agreement with those terms, will return that document to the Collaborating Entities in witness of its confirmation.

In the case of an original subscription by the Collaborating Entities for subsequent transfer to qualified investors and/or professional customers, it is noted that the price at which the Collaborating Entities will transfer the Notes will be that freely agreed between the parties and may not coincide with the issue price (i.e. with the effective amount).

## Issue and subscription of the Notes directly by investors

Final qualified investors (as defined by Article 39 of Royal Decree 1310/2005, or any replacement legislation and equivalent legislation in other jurisdictions) or professional customers (as defined by Article 194 of the Securities Markets Act) may subscribe the Notes directly from the Issuer, provided that they comply with any requirements that could derive from legislation in force.

In these cases, the amount, interest rate, issue and redemption date and the maturity date, as well as all other terms of each such will be those agreed by the Issuer and the final investors concerned with respect to each specific issue.

## 24. Cost of all legal, financial and other advisory services for the Issuer as a result of the establishment of the Note Programme

The cost of all legal, financial, audit and other advisory services rendered to the Issuer as a result of the establishment of the Note Programme total 75.800€ excluding taxes, and including MARF and IBERCLEAR fees.

#### 25. Admittance of the securities

## 25.1 Application for admittance of the securities on the Alternative Fixed Income Market (MARF). Admittance period

An application will be made to admit the securities described in this Information Memorandum in the multi-lateral trading facility called Alternative Fixed Income Market (MARF). The Issuer will perform all the steps necessary for the Notes to be listed on that market within a maximum of seven (7) business days after each issue date, which will coincide with the payment date, as indicated above. The date of admittance of the Notes on MARF must be, in any event, a date falling within the period over which this Information Memorandum is in force and before the maturity date of the respective Notes. Should that deadline not be met, the reasons for the delay will be reported to MARF and the reasons for the delay will be published by means of a notice of other relevant information, notwithstanding any possible contractual liability that the Issuer may incur.

MARF has a multi-lateral trading facility (MTF) legal structure as defined by the Securities Markets Act, and it is an alternative unofficial market for the trading of fixed income securities.

This Information Memorandum includes the information required for the procedures applicable to being admitted and being excluded from MARF in accordance with its regulations and all other regulations.

Neither MARF, nor the CNMV, nor the Collaborating Entities have approved, or performed any type of verification or analysis of the content of this Information Memorandum, nor have they examined the Issuer's audited annual accounts. The involvement of MARF does not represent any statement or recognition of the complete, understandable and coherent nature of the information set out in the documentation provided by the Issuer.

Investors should fully and carefully read this Information Memorandum before making any investment decision regarding the Notes.

The Issuer expressly states that it knows the requirements and conditions that are necessary for the Notes to be admitted, remain and to be excluded on MARF, in accordance with current legislation and commits to their compliance.

The Issuer expressly states that it knows the requirements to register and settle through IBERCLEAR. IBERCLEAR will settle the transactions.

#### 25.2 Publication of the admittance of the issues of Notes

The admittance of the issues of Notes will be reported on MARF's website:

http://www.bolsasymercados.es

## 26. Liquidity contract

The Issuer has not entered into any liquidity commitment with any entity whatsoever with regard to the Notes to be issued under the Note Programme.

In Barcelona, on May 11, 2023.

Party responsible for the Information Memorandum:

Mr. Francisco José Elías Navarro Chairman of the Board of Directors of Audax Renovables, S.A.

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## Annex I

## The Issuer's audited consolidated and individual annual accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022

- Link to the Issuer's audited consolidated annual accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022:

https://www.audaxrenovables.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Audax-Renovables-Consolidado-2022 .pdf

- Link to the Issuer's audited individual annual accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022:

https://www.audaxrenovables.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Audax-Renovables-Individual-2022 .pdf