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European 24 Bidco Oy (the "**Offeror**"), a private limited liability company incorporated and existing under the laws of Finland, that is directly wholly owned by Matrix42 Holding GmbH ("**Matrix42**"), a corporation incorporated and existing under the laws of Germany, that is owned by funds advised by Corten Advisors UK LLP ("**Corten Capital**"), a private equity firm, incorporated and existing under the laws of the United Kingdom, has on January 30, 2024 commenced a voluntary recommended public cash tender offer for all the issued and outstanding shares in Efecte Plc ("**Efecte**" or the "**Company**") that are not held by Efecte or its subsidiaries (the "**Shares**" or, individually, a "**Share**") and for all the issued and outstanding stock options in Efecte that are not held by Efecte or its subsidiaries (the "**Stock Options**" or, individually, a "**Stock Option**") (the "**Tender Offer**"). The offer period for the Tender Offer commenced on January 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and will expire on March 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time).

The Offeror has today received the approval from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland required under the Act on the Monitoring of Foreign Corporate Acquisitions in Finland. The Offeror announces that it has received all necessary regulatory approvals for the completion of the Tender Offer. Therefore, the Offeror confirms that the condition to completion of the Tender Offer concerning the receipt of all necessary approvals by regulatory authorities has been fulfilled.

The completion of the Tender Offer is still subject to the fulfilment or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waiver by the Offeror of certain other conditions on or prior to the date of the Offeror's announcement of the final result of the Tender Offer. Such conditions include, among others, the Tender Offer having been validly accepted with respect to Shares representing, together with any other Shares otherwise acquired by the Offeror prior to or during the offer period, more than ninety (90) percent of the Shares and voting rights in the Company on a fully diluted basis calculated in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 1 of the Finnish Companies Act.

The Offeror will announce the preliminary result of the Tender Offer on or about March 20, 2024 and the final result of the Tender Offer on or about March 22, 2024. If the Tender Offer is completed, the offer price will be paid to each shareholder of Efecte and holder of Stock Options who has validly accepted, and not validly withdrawn, the Tender Offer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer. The schedule for the payment of the offer price will be confirmed in connection with the announcement of the preliminary result of the Tender Offer.

The Offeror has appointed Danske Bank A/S, Finland Branch as financial adviser and arranger in connection with the Tender Offer and Roschier, Attorneys Ltd. as legal adviser and Milton Ltd as the communication adviser in connection with the Tender Offer. Efecte has appointed Carnegie Investment Bank AB, Finland Branch as financial adviser and Castrén & Snellman Attorneys Ltd as legal adviser in connection with the Tender Offer.

**Investor and Media enquiries:**

For further information, please see the dedicated website at: <https://efecte.tenderoffer.fi/en/>.

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European 24 Bidco Oy is a private limited liability company incorporated and existing under the laws of Finland that is directly wholly owned by Matrix42 Holding GmbH. European 24 Bidco Oy has not previously conducted, and currently does not conduct, any business. European 24 Bidco Oy was formed to make the Tender Offer and its sole business purpose is to make the Tender Offer and to operate as the parent company of Efecte.

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Shareholders and holders of Stock Options of Efecte in the United States are advised that the Shares or Stock Options are not listed on a U.S. securities exchange and that Efecte is not subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), and is not required to, and does not, file any reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) thereunder.

The Tender Offer will be made for the Shares and Stock Options of Efecte, which is domiciled in Finland, and is subject to Finnish disclosure and procedural requirements. The Tender Offer is expected to be made in the United States pursuant to Section 14(e) of, and Regulation 14E, under the Exchange Act, subject to the exemption provided under Rule 14d-1(d) under the Exchange Act, for a Tier II tender offer and otherwise in accordance with the disclosure and procedural requirements of Finnish law, including with respect to the Tender Offer timetable, settlement procedures, withdrawal, waiver of conditions and timing of payments, which are different from those applicable under the tender offer procedures and laws of the United States for domestic offers. In particular, the financial information included in this announcement has been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in Finland, which may not be comparable to the financial statements or financial information of U.S. companies. The Tender Offer is made to Efecte’s shareholders and holders of Stock Options resident in the United States on the same terms and conditions as those made to all other shareholders and holders of Stock Options of Efecte to whom an offer is made. Any informational documents, including this announcement, are being disseminated to U.S. shareholders and holders of Stock Options on a basis comparable to the method that such documents are provided to Efecte’s other shareholders and holders of Stock Options.

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulations, the Offeror and its affiliates or its brokers and its brokers’ affiliates (acting as agents for the Offeror or its affiliates, as applicable) may from time to time after the date of this release and during the pendency of the Tender Offer, and other than pursuant to the Tender

Offer, directly or indirectly purchase or arrange to purchase Shares or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for Shares. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices, and the consideration in the Tender Offer must be increased to match any such consideration paid outside the Tender Offer. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in Finland, such information will be disclosed by means of a press release or other means reasonably calculated to inform U.S. shareholders and holders of Stock Options of Efecte of such information. In addition, the financial adviser to the Offeror may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of Efecte, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities. To the extent required in Finland, any information about such purchases will be made public in Finland in the manner required by Finnish law.

Neither the SEC nor any U.S. state securities commission has approved or disapproved the Tender Offer, passed upon the merits or fairness of the Tender Offer, or passed any comment upon the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the disclosure in relation to the Tender Offer. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Tender Offer by a U.S. holder of Shares or Stock Options may be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes and under applicable U.S. state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each holder of Shares or Stock Options is urged to consult its independent professional advisers immediately regarding the tax and other consequences of accepting the Tender Offer.

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