

Item 10 Additional information**A. Share capital**

Not applicable.

B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

The information set forth in our Registration Statement on Form F-3ASR (File No. 333-230639), automatically effective upon filing with the SEC on March 29, 2019, under the heading “Description of Share Capital”, as further supplemented by Exhibit 2.3 to this Annual Report (“Description of Securities”), is incorporated by reference.

C. Material contracts

For information on our material contracts, please see the sections of this annual report titled “Item 4–Information on the Company” and “Item 7–Major shareholders and related party transactions.”

D. Exchange controls

There are no Belgian exchange control regulations that impose limitations on our ability to make, or the amount of, cash payments to residents of the United States.

We are in principle under an obligation to report to the National Bank of Belgium certain cross-border payments, transfers of funds, investments and other transactions in accordance with applicable balance-of-payments statistical reporting obligations. Where a cross-border transaction is carried out by a Belgian credit institution on our behalf, the credit institution will in certain circumstances be responsible for the reporting obligations.

E. Taxation**Certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations to U.S. holders**

The following is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to ownership and disposition of ADSs by a U.S. holder (as defined below). This summary addresses only the U.S. federal income tax considerations for U.S. holders of the ADSs and that will hold such ADSs as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes. This summary does not address all U.S. federal income tax matters that may be relevant to a particular U.S. holder. This summary does not address all tax considerations that may be applicable to a holder of ADSs that may be subject to special tax rules including, without limitation, the following:

- banks, financial institutions or insurance companies;
- brokers, dealers or traders in securities, currencies, commodities, or notional principal contracts;
- tax-exempt entities or organizations, including an “individual retirement account” or “Roth IRA” as defined in Section 408 or 408A of the Code (as defined below), respectively;
- real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies or grantor trusts;

- persons that hold the ADSs as part of a “hedging,” “integrated” or “conversion” transaction or as a position in a “straddle” for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- partnerships (including entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or other pass-through entities (including S Corporations), or persons that will hold the ADSs through such an entity;
- persons that received the ADSs as compensation for the performance of services;
- certain former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- holders that own directly, indirectly, or through attribution 10% or more of the voting power or value of the ADSs and shares; and
- holders that have a “functional currency” for U.S. federal income tax purposes other than the U.S. dollar.

Further, this summary does not address the U.S. federal estate, gift, or alternative minimum tax considerations, or any U.S. state, local, or non-U.S. tax considerations of the ownership and disposition of the ADSs.

This description is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code; existing, proposed and temporary U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, administrative and judicial interpretations thereof; and the income tax treaty between Belgium and the United States in each case as of and available on the date hereof. All the foregoing is subject to change, which change could apply retroactively, and to differing interpretations, all of which could affect the tax considerations described below. There can be no assurances that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, will not take a contrary or different position concerning the tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the ADSs or that such a position would not be sustained. Holders should consult their own tax advisers concerning the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences of owning, and disposing of the ADSs in their particular circumstances.

For the purposes of this summary, a “U.S. holder” is a beneficial owner of ADSs that is (or is treated as), for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity that is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust, if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of such trust or has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person.

If a partnership (or any other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds ADSs, the U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to an investment in the ADSs will depend in part upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Such a partner or partnership should consult its tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax considerations of owning and disposing of the ADSs in its particular circumstances.

In general, a U.S. holder who owns ADSs will be treated as the beneficial owner of the underlying shares represented by those ADSs for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, no gain or loss will generally be recognized if a U.S. holder exchanges ADSs for the underlying shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury has expressed concern that parties to whom ADSs are released before shares are delivered to the depository (“pre-release”), or intermediaries in the chain of ownership between holders and the issuer of the security underlying the ADSs, may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits by holders of ADSs. These actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate holders.

Accordingly, the creditability of Belgian taxes, and the availability of the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non-corporate U.S. holders, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by such parties or intermediaries.

As indicated below, this discussion is subject to U.S. federal income tax rules applicable to a “passive foreign investment company,” or a PFIC.

Persons considering an investment in the ADSs should consult their own tax advisors as to the particular tax consequences applicable to them relating to ownership and disposition of the ADSs, including the applicability of U.S. federal, state and local tax laws and non-U.S. tax laws.

Distributions. Although we do not currently plan to pay dividends, and subject to the discussion under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations” below, the gross amount of any distribution (before reduction for any amounts withheld in respect of Belgian withholding tax) actually or constructively received by a U.S. holder with respect to ADSs will be taxable to the U.S. holder as a dividend to the extent of the U.S. holder’s pro rata share of our current and accumulated earnings and profits as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of earnings and profits will be non-taxable to the U.S. holder to the extent of, and will be applied against and reduce, the U.S. holder’s adjusted tax basis in the ADSs. Distributions in excess of earnings and profits and such adjusted tax basis will generally be taxable to the U.S. holder as either long-term or short-term capital gain depending upon whether the U.S. holder has held the ADSs for more than one year as of the time such distribution is received. However, since we do not calculate our earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles, it is expected that any distribution will be reported as a dividend, even if that distribution would otherwise be treated as a non-taxable return of capital or as capital gain under the rules described above. Non-corporate U.S. holders may qualify for the preferential rates of taxation with respect to dividends on ADSs applicable to long-term capital gains (i.e., gains from the sale of capital assets held for more than one year) applicable to qualified dividend income (as discussed below) if we are a “qualified foreign corporation” and certain other requirements (discussed below) are met. A non-U.S. corporation (other than a corporation that is classified as a PFIC for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year) generally will be considered to be a qualified foreign corporation (a) if it is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States which the Secretary of Treasury of the United States determines is satisfactory for purposes of this provision and which includes an exchange of information provision, or (b) with respect to any dividend it pays on ADSs which are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States. The ADSs are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or Nasdaq, which is an established securities market in the United States, and we expect the ADSs to be readily tradable on Nasdaq. However, there can be no assurance that the ADSs will be considered readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States in later years. We are incorporated under the laws of Belgium, and we believe that we qualify as a resident of Belgium for purposes of, and are eligible for the benefits of, The Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on November 27, 2006, or the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty, although there can be no assurance in this regard. Further, the IRS has determined that the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty is satisfactory for purposes of the qualified dividend rules and that it includes an exchange-of-information program. Therefore, subject to the discussion under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations” below, such dividends will generally be “qualified dividend income” in the hands of individual U.S. holders, provided that a holding period requirement (more than 60 days of ownership, without protection from the risk of loss, during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date) and certain other requirements are met. The dividends will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to corporate U.S. holders.

A U.S. holder generally may claim the amount of any Belgian withholding tax as either a deduction from gross income or a credit against U.S. federal income tax liability. However, the foreign tax credit is subject to numerous complex limitations that must be determined and applied on an individual basis. Generally, the credit cannot exceed the same proportion of a U.S. holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability which such U.S. holder’s “foreign source” taxable income bears to such U.S. holder’s worldwide taxable income. In applying this limitation, a U.S. holder’s various items of income and deduction must be classified, under complex rules, as either “foreign source” or “U.S. source.” In addition, this limitation is calculated separately with respect to specific categories of income. The amount of a distribution with respect to the ADSs that is treated as a “dividend” may be lower for U.S. federal income tax purposes than it is for Belgian income tax purposes, potentially resulting in a reduced foreign tax credit for the U.S. holder. Furthermore, Belgian income taxes that are withheld in excess of the rate applicable under the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty or that are refundable under Belgian law will not be eligible for credit against a U.S. holder’s federal income tax liability. Each U.S. holder should consult its own tax advisors regarding the foreign tax credit rules.

In general, the amount of a distribution paid to a U.S. holder in a foreign currency will be the dollar value of the foreign currency calculated by reference to the spot exchange rate on the day the U.S. holder receives the distribution, regardless of whether the foreign currency is converted into U.S. dollars at that time. Any foreign currency gain or loss a U.S. holder realizes on a subsequent conversion of foreign currency into U.S. dollars will be U.S. source ordinary income or loss. If dividends received in a foreign currency are converted into U.S. dollars on the day they are received, a U.S. holder should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend.

Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of the ADSs. A U.S. holder will generally recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of ADSs in an amount equal to the difference between the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized from such sale or exchange and the U.S. holder's tax basis for those ADSs. Subject to the discussion under "Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations" below, this gain or loss will generally be a capital gain or loss. The adjusted tax basis in the ADSs generally will be equal to the cost of such ADSs. Capital gain from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of ADSs of a non-corporate U.S. holder is generally eligible for a preferential rate of taxation applicable to capital gains, if the non-corporate U.S. holder's holding period determined at the time of such sale, exchange or other taxable disposition for such ADSs exceeds one year (i.e., such gain is a long-term taxable gain). The deductibility of capital losses for U.S. federal income tax purposes is subject to limitations. Any such gain or loss that a U.S. holder recognizes generally will be treated as U.S. source income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

For a cash basis taxpayer, units of foreign currency paid or received are translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the settlement date of the purchase or sale. In that case, no foreign currency exchange gain or loss will result from currency fluctuations between the trade date and the settlement date of such a purchase or sale. An accrual basis taxpayer, however, may elect the same treatment required of cash basis taxpayers with respect to purchases and sales of the ADSs that are traded on an established securities market, provided the election is applied consistently from year to year. Such election may not be changed without the consent of the IRS. For an accrual basis taxpayer that does not make such an election, units of foreign currency paid or received are translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the trade date of the purchase or sale. Such an accrual basis taxpayer may recognize exchange gain or loss based on currency fluctuations between the trade date and the settlement date. Any foreign currency gain or loss a U.S. holder realizes will be U.S. source ordinary income or loss.

Net Investment Income Tax. Certain U.S. holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are subject to a 3.8% tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," which may include all or a portion of their dividend income and net gains from the disposition of ADSs. Each U.S. holder that is an individual, estate or trust is urged to consult its tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Net Investment Income tax to its income and gains in respect of its investment in the ADSs.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations. If we are a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. holder would be subject to special rules generally intended to reduce or eliminate any benefits from the deferral of U.S. federal income tax that a U.S. holder could derive from investing in a non-U.S. company that does not distribute all of its earnings on a current basis.

A corporation organized outside the United States generally will be classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes in any taxable year in which, after applying certain look-through rules with respect to the income and assets of its subsidiaries, either: (i) at least 75% of its gross income is "passive income" or (ii) at least 50% of the average quarterly value of its total gross assets, for which purpose, assuming we are treated as a publicly traded company pursuant to Section 1297(e)(3) of the Code, the total value of our assets may be determined in part by reference to the market value of its ADSs and ordinary shares, which is subject to change) is attributable to assets that produce "passive income" or are held for the production of "passive income."

Passive income for this purpose generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, gains from commodities and securities transactions, the excess of gains over losses from the disposition of assets which produce passive income, and includes amounts derived by reason of the temporary investment of cash, including the funds raised in offerings of the ADSs. If a non-U.S. corporation owns directly or indirectly at least 25% by value of the stock of another corporation, the non-U.S. corporation is treated for purposes of the PFIC tests as owning its proportionate share of the assets of the other corporation and as receiving directly its proportionate share of the other corporation's income for purposes of the PFIC tests. If we are classified as a PFIC for any year with respect to which a U.S. holder owns ADSs, we will continue to be treated as a PFIC with respect to such U.S. holder in all succeeding years during which the U.S. holder owns ADSs, regardless of whether we continue to meet the tests described above.

Whether we are a PFIC for any taxable year will depend on the composition of our income and the projected composition and estimated fair market values of our assets in each year, and because this is a factual determination made annually after the end of each taxable year, there can be no assurance that we will not be considered a PFIC for any taxable year. The market value of our assets may be determined in large part by reference to the market price of the ADSs and our ordinary shares, which is likely to fluctuate. Based on the foregoing, with respect to our 2020 taxable year, we do not anticipate that we will be a PFIC based upon the expected value of our assets, including any goodwill, and the expected composition of our income and assets, however, as previously mentioned, we cannot provide any assurances regarding our PFIC status for the current, prior or future taxable years.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year, then unless you make one of the elections described below, a special tax regime will apply to both (a) any "excess distribution" by us to you (generally, your ratable portion of distributions in any year which are greater than 125% of the average annual distribution received by you in the shorter of the three preceding years or your holding period for the ADSs) and (b) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the ADSs. Under this regime, any excess distribution and realized gain will be treated as ordinary income and will be subject to tax as if (a) the excess distribution or gain had been realized ratably over your holding period,

(b) the amount deemed realized in each year had been subject to tax in each year of that holding period at the highest marginal rate for such year (other than income allocated to the current period or any taxable period before we became a PFIC, which would be subject to tax at the U.S. holder's regular ordinary income rate for the current year and would not be subject to the interest charge discussed below), and (c) the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax had been imposed on the taxes deemed to have been payable in those years. In addition, dividend distributions made to you will not qualify for the lower rates of taxation applicable to long-term capital gains discussed above under "Distributions."

Certain elections exist that would result in an alternative treatment (such as mark-to-market treatment) of the ADSs. If a U.S. holder makes the mark-to-market election, the U.S. holder generally will recognize as ordinary income any excess of the fair market value of the ADSs at the end of each taxable year over their adjusted tax basis, and will recognize an ordinary loss in respect of any excess of the adjusted tax basis of the ADSs over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year (but only to the extent of the net amount of income previously included as a result of the mark-to-market election). If a U.S. holder makes the election, the U.S. holder's tax basis in the ADSs will be adjusted to reflect these income or loss amounts. Any gain recognized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs in a year when we are a PFIC will be treated as ordinary income and any loss will be treated as an ordinary loss (but only to the extent of the net amount of income previously included as a result of the mark-to-market election). The mark-to-market election is available only if we are a PFIC and the ADSs are "regularly traded" on a "qualified exchange." The ADSs will be treated as "regularly traded" in any calendar year in which more than a de minimis quantity of the ADSs are traded on a qualified exchange on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter (subject to the rule that trades that have as one of their principal purposes the meeting of the trading requirement as disregarded). Nasdaq is a qualified exchange for this purpose and, consequently, if the ADSs are regularly traded, the mark-to-market election will be available to a U.S. holder.

If we are a PFIC for any year during which a U.S. holder holds the ADSs, we must generally continue to be treated as a PFIC by that U.S. holder for all succeeding years during which the U.S. holder holds the ADSs, unless we cease to meet the requirements for PFIC status and the U.S. holder makes a "deemed sale" election with respect to the ADSs. If such election is made, the U.S. holder will be deemed to have sold the ADSs it holds at their fair market value on the last day of the last taxable year in which we qualified as a PFIC, and any gain from such deemed sale would be subject to the consequences applicable to sales of PFIC shares described above. After the deemed sale election, the U.S. holder's ADSs with respect to which the deemed sale election was made will not be treated as shares in a PFIC unless we subsequently become a PFIC.

The tax consequences that would apply if we were a PFIC would also be different from those described above if a U.S. holder were able to make a valid "qualified electing fund," or QEF, election. However, we do not currently intend to provide the information necessary for U.S. holders to make a QEF election if we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and prospective investors should assume that a QEF election will not be available. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors to determine whether any of these above elections would be available and if so, what the consequences of the alternative treatments would be in their particular circumstances.

If we are determined to be a PFIC, the general tax treatment for U.S. holders described in this section would apply to indirect distributions and gains deemed to be realized by U.S. holders in respect of any of our subsidiaries that also may be determined to be PFICs ("lower-tier PFICs").

If a U.S. holder owns ADSs during any taxable year in which we are a PFIC, the U.S. holder generally will be required to file an IRS Form 8621 (Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund) with respect to the company and any lower-tier PFICs, generally with the U.S. holder's federal income tax return for that year. If our company were a PFIC for a given taxable year, then you should consult your tax advisor concerning your annual filing requirements.

The U.S. federal income tax rules relating to PFICs are complex. Prospective U.S. investors are urged to consult their own tax advisers with respect to ownership and disposition of the ADSs, the consequences to them of an investment in a PFIC, any elections available with respect to the ADSs and the IRS information reporting obligations with respect to ownership and disposition of the ADSs.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting. U.S. holders generally will be subject to information reporting requirements with respect to dividends on ADSs and on the proceeds from the sale, exchange or disposition of ADSs that are paid within the United States or through U.S.-related financial intermediaries, unless the U.S. holder is an "exempt recipient." In addition, U.S. holders may be subject to backup withholding on such payments, unless the U.S. holder provides a correct taxpayer identification number and a duly executed IRS Form W-9 or otherwise establishes an exemption. Backup withholding is not an additional tax, and the amount of any backup withholding will be allowed as a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle such holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Foreign Asset Reporting. Certain U.S. holders who are individuals and certain entities controlled by individuals may be required to report information relating to an interest in the ADSs, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for shares held in accounts maintained by U.S. financial institutions) by filing IRS Form 8938 (Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets) with their federal income tax return. U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding their information reporting obligations, if any, with respect to their ownership and disposition of the ADSs.

THE DISCUSSION ABOVE IS A GENERAL SUMMARY. IT DOES NOT COVER ALL TAX MATTERS THAT MAY BE OF IMPORTANCE TO A PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR. EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR IS URGED TO CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR ABOUT THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO IT OF AN INVESTMENT IN ADSS IN LIGHT OF THE INVESTOR'S OWN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Belgian tax consequences

The following paragraphs are a summary of material Belgian tax consequences of the ownership and disposal by an investor of ADSs representing our shares. The summary is based on laws, treaties and regulatory interpretations in effect in Belgium on the date of this prospectus supplement, all of which are subject to change, including changes that could have retroactive effect.

The summary only discusses Belgian tax aspects which are relevant to U.S. holders of ADSs representing our shares, or **"Holders"**. This summary does not address Belgian tax aspects which are relevant to persons who are fiscally resident in Belgium or who are engaged in a business in Belgium through a permanent establishment or a fixed base in Belgium to which the ADSs are effectively connected.

This summary does not purport to be a description of all of the tax consequences of the ownership and disposal of ADSs representing our shares, and does not take into account the specific circumstances of any particular investor, some of which may be subject to special rules, or the tax laws of any country other than Belgium. This summary does not describe all tax consequences of investors that are subject to special rules, such as banks, insurance companies, collective investment undertakings, dealers in securities or currencies, persons that hold, or will hold, ADSs representing our shares as a position in a straddle, share-repurchase transaction, conversion transactions, synthetic security or other integrated financial transactions. Investors should consult their own advisers regarding the tax consequences of an investment in ADSs representing our shares in the light of their particular circumstances, including the effect of any state, local or other national laws.

In addition to the assumptions mentioned above, it is also assumed in this discussion that for purposes of the domestic Belgian tax legislation, the owners of ADSs will be treated as the owners of the ordinary shares represented by such ADSs. However, the assumption has not been confirmed by or verified with the Belgian Tax Authorities.

Dividend withholding tax

For Belgian income tax purposes, the gross amount of all benefits paid on or attributed to the ordinary shares represented by the ADSs is generally treated as a dividend distribution. By way of exception, the repayment of fiscal capital carried out in accordance with the Belgian Companies and Associations Code is not treated as a dividend distribution to the extent that such repayment is imputed to the fiscal capital (subject to certain conditions and the pro rata rule, see below). This fiscal capital includes, in principle, the actual paid-up statutory share capital and, subject to certain conditions, the paid-up issuance premiums and the cash amounts subscribed to at the time of the issue of profit sharing certificates. However, for any decision of capital reduction, in accordance with the Belgian Companies and Associations Code, the amount of the capital reduction will be deemed to be derived proportionally (a) from the fiscal capital of our company, on the one hand and (b) on the other hand, from certain reserves (i.e., and in the following order: (i) certain taxed reserves incorporated in the capital of our company, (ii) certain taxed reserves not incorporated into the capital of our company and (iii) certain tax-exempt reserves incorporated into the capital of our company). Only the part of the capital reduction that is deemed to be paid out of the fiscal capital may, subject to certain conditions, not be considered as a dividend distribution for Belgian tax purposes. The part of the capital reduction that is deemed to be derived from the abovementioned taxed (irrespective of whether they are incorporated into the capital) and/or tax-exempt reserves incorporated into the capital will be treated as a dividend distribution from a tax perspective and be subject to Belgian withholding tax, if applicable. Such portion is determined on the basis of the ratio of the taxed reserves (except for the legal reserve up to the legal minimum and

certain unavailable retained earnings) and the tax-exempt reserves incorporated into the capital (with a few exceptions) over the aggregate of such reserves and the fiscal capital.

As a general rule, a withholding tax of 30% is levied on the gross amount of dividends paid on or attributed to the ordinary shares represented by the ADSs, subject to such relief as may be available under applicable domestic or tax treaty provisions. In case of a redemption by us of our own shares represented by ADSs, the redemption distribution (after deduction of the portion of fiscal capital represented by the redeemed shares) will be treated as a dividend which in principle is subject to the withholding tax of 30%, subject to such relief as may be available under applicable domestic or tax treaty provisions. In case of a liquidation of our company, any amounts distributed in excess of the fiscal capital will also be treated as a dividend, and will in principle be subject to a 30% withholding tax, subject to such relief as may be available under applicable domestic or tax treaty provisions. No Belgian withholding tax will be triggered if this redemption is carried out on a stock exchange and meets certain conditions. For non-residents the dividend withholding tax, if any, will be the only tax on dividends in Belgium, unless the non-resident is engaged in a business in Belgium through a fixed base in Belgium or a Belgian permanent establishment to which the ADSs are effectively connected. Prospective Holders should consult their own advisors regarding the tax consequences in case the ADSs are effectively connected to a fixed base or a permanent establishment in Belgium.

Relief of Belgian Dividend Withholding Tax

Under the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty, under which we are entitled to benefits accorded to residents of Belgium, there is a reduced Belgian withholding tax rate of 15% on dividends paid by us to a U.S. resident which beneficially owns the dividends and is entitled to claim the benefits of the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty under the limitation of benefits article included in the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty, or **"Qualifying Holders"**.

If such Qualifying Holder is a company that owns directly at least 10% of our voting stock, the Belgian withholding tax rate is further reduced to 5%. No withholding tax is however applicable, if the Qualifying Holder does not carry on a business in Belgium through a permanent establishment situated therein, with which our shares, represented by the ADSs, are effectively connected and is either of the following:

- a company that is a resident of the United States that has directly owned our shares, represented by the ADSs, representing at least 10% of our capital for a twelve-month period ending on the date the dividend is declared, or
- a pension fund in the meaning of Article 3, (1), (k) of the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty, that is a resident of the United States, provided that such dividends are not derived from the carrying on of a business by the pension fund or through an associated enterprise.

Under the normal procedure, we or our paying agent must withhold the full Belgian withholding tax, without taking into account the reduced U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty rate. Qualifying Holders may then make a claim for reimbursement for amounts withheld in excess of the rate defined by the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty. The reimbursement form (Form 276 Div-Aut.) can be obtained as follows:

- by letter from Centrum Buitenland - Team 6 - 17P, Kruidtuinlaan 50, mailbox 3429, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium;
- by telephone at +32 (0)257 740 40;
- via e-mail at foreigners.team6@minfin.fed.be; or at
- <https://financien.belgium.be/nl/ondernemingen/internationaal/terugbetaling-van-de-roerende-voorheffing#q1>.

The reimbursement form is to be sent to Centrum Buitenland - Team 6 - 17P, Kruidtuinlaan 50, mailbox 3429, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium as soon as possible and in each case within a term of five years starting from the first of January of the year the withholding tax was paid to the Belgian Treasury.

Qualifying Holders may also, subject to certain conditions, obtain the reduced U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty rate at source. Qualifying Holders should deliver a duly completed Form 276 Div-Aut. to us no later than ten days after the date on which the dividend has been paid or attributed (whichever comes first).

Additionally, pursuant to Belgian domestic tax law, dividends paid or attributed to non-resident individuals who do not use our shares represented by ADSs in the exercise of a professional activity may be exempt from non-resident individual income tax up to the amount of 812 EUR (for income year 2020). Consequently, if Belgian withholding tax has been levied on dividends paid or attributed to our shares represented by ADSs, such Belgian non-resident may request in his or her non-resident income tax return that any Belgian withholding tax levied on dividends up to the amount of EUR 812 (for income year 2020) be credited and, as the case may be, reimbursed. However, if no Belgian non-resident income tax return has to be filed by the non-resident individual, any Belgian withholding tax levied on dividends up to such an amount could in principle be reclaimed by filing a request thereto addressed to the designated tax official. Such a request has to be made at the latest on December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the relevant dividend(s) have been received, together with an affidavit confirming the non-resident individual status and certain other formalities which are determined by Royal Decree. For the avoidance of doubt, all dividends paid or attributed to the non-resident individual are taken into account to assess whether the maximum amount of EUR 812 (for income year 2020) is reached (and hence not only the amount of dividends paid or attributed on our shares represented by ADSs).

Additionally, pursuant to Belgian domestic tax law, dividends distributed to corporate Holders that qualify as a parent company will be exempt from Belgian withholding tax, provided that the shares which are represented by ADSs held by the Holder amount to at least 10% of our share capital upon payment or attribution of the dividends and such minimum participation is held or will be held during an uninterrupted period of at least one year, and provided the general anti-abuse provision does not apply. A Holder qualifies as a parent company (i) if it has a legal form similar to the ones listed in the annex to the EU Parent-Subsidiary Directive of November 30, 2011 (2011/96/EU) as amended from time to time, (ii) if it is considered to be a tax resident according to the laws of the United States of America and the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty, and

(iii) if it is subject to a tax similar to the Belgian corporate income tax without benefiting from a tax regime that derogates from the ordinary tax regime. Please note that this withholding tax exemption will not be applicable to dividends which are connected to an arrangement or a series of arrangements ("*rechtshandeling of geheel van rechtshandelingen*" / "*acte juridique ou un ensemble d'actes juridiques*") for which the Belgian Tax Administration, taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, has proven, unless evidence to the contrary, that this arrangement or this series of arrangements is not genuine ("*kunstmatig*" / "*non authentique*") and has been put in place for the main purpose or one of the main purposes of obtaining the dividend received deduction, the above dividend withholding tax exemption or one of the advantages of the Parent-Subsidiary Directive in another EU Member State. An arrangement or a series of arrangements is regarded as not genuine to the extent that they are not put into place for valid commercial reasons which reflect economic reality.

In order to benefit from this exemption, the Holder must provide us or our paying agent with a certificate confirming its qualifying status and the fact that it satisfies the abovementioned conditions.

If the Holder holds the above-mentioned minimum participation for less than one year, at the time the dividends are paid on or attributed to the shares represented by the ADSs, we must levy the withholding tax but we do not need to transfer it to the Belgian Treasury provided that the Holder provides us or our paying agent, at the latest upon the attribution of the dividends, its qualifying status, with a certificate confirming - in addition to its qualifying status and the fulfilment of the relevant conditions - , the date as of which the Holder has held the minimum participation, and the Holder's commitment to hold it for an uninterrupted period of at least one year. The Holder must also inform us or our paying agent when the one-year period has expired or if its shareholding drops below 10% of our share capital before the end of the one-year holding period. Upon satisfying the one-year shareholding requirement, the dividend withholding tax which was temporarily withheld will be paid to the Holder.

Dividends paid or attributed to a corporate Holder will be exempt from withholding tax, provided that (i) the Holder is subject to corporate income tax or a similar tax without benefiting from a tax regime that derogates from the ordinary tax regime, (ii) upon the date of payment or attribution of the dividends, the Holder holds a participation in us with an acquisition value of at least € 2,500,000, but representing less than 10% of our capital, (iii) the dividends relate to shares represented by the ADSs which are or will be held in full ownership for at least one year without interruption, (iv) the Holder has a legal form similar to the ones listed in the annex to the EU Parent-Subsidiary Directive of November 30, 2011 (2011/96/EU), as amended from time to time and (v) the general anti-abuse provision is not be applicable. The exemption from withholding tax is only applicable to the extent that the ordinary Belgian withholding tax, which would be due in the absence of said exemption, is, in principle, neither creditable nor reimbursable in the hands of the Holder.

In order to benefit from the above exemption of withholding tax, the corporate Holder must provide us or our paying agent with a certificate confirming (i) that it has a legal form as described above, (ii) that it is subject to corporate income tax or a similar tax without benefiting from a tax regime that deviates from the ordinary domestic tax regime, (iii) that it holds a participation of less than 10% in our capital, but with an acquisition value of at least € 2,500,000 upon the date of payment or attribution of the dividend, (iv) that the dividends relate to shares in us represented by the ADSs which it has held or will hold in full legal ownership for an uninterrupted period of at least one year, (v) to which extent it could in principle, in case this exemption would not exist, credit the levied Belgian withholding tax or obtain a reimbursement thereof according to the legal provisions applicable on December 31st of the year preceding the year of the payment or attribution of the dividends, and (vi) its full name, legal form, address and fiscal identification number, if applicable. Furthermore, we or our paying agent may also request confirmation from the Holder that the Holder commits to keep the participation with an acquisition value of at least € 2,500,000 until the completion of the minimum holding period of one year and that the Holder immediately notifies us or our paying agent of the completion of said one year holding period.

Withholding tax is also not applicable, pursuant to Belgian domestic tax law, on dividends paid to a U.S. pension fund which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) to be a legal entity with separate legal personality and fiscal residence in the United States,
- (ii) whose corporate purpose consists solely in managing and investing funds collected in order to pay legal or complementary pensions,
- (iii) whose activity is limited to the investment of funds collected in the exercise of its statutory mission, without any profit making aim,
- (iv) which is exempt from income tax in the United States, and
- (v) provided that it (save in certain particular cases as described in Belgian law) is not contractually obligated to redistribute the dividends to any ultimate beneficiary of such dividends for whom it would manage our shares or ADSs, nor obligated to pay a manufactured dividend with respect to our shares or ADSs under a securities borrowing transaction.

The exemption will only apply if the U.S. pension fund provides an affidavit confirming that it is the full legal owner or usufruct holder of our shares or ADSs and that the above conditions are satisfied. The organization must then forward that affidavit to us or our paying agent.

Please note that the above withholding tax exemption will not be applicable to dividends which are connected to an arrangement or a series of arrangements ("*rechtshandeling of geheel van rechtshandelingen*" / "*acte juridique ou un ensemble d'actes juridiques*") for which the Belgian Tax Administration, taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, has proven, unless evidence to the contrary, that this arrangement or this series of arrangements is not genuine ("*kunstmatig*" / "*non authentique*") and has been put in place for the main purpose or one of the main purposes of obtaining the dividend received deduction, the above dividend withholding tax exemption or one of the advantages of the Parent-Subsidiary Directive in another EU Member State. An arrangement or a series of arrangements is regarded as not genuine to the extent that they are not put into place for valid commercial reasons which reflect economic reality. There is a rebuttable presumption that dividends are deemed to be connected to an artificial transaction if the shares have not been held by the pension fund in full legal ownership for an uninterrupted period of at least 60 days within 15 days from the date of the attribution or payment of the income.

Prospective Holders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisers to determine whether they qualify for an exemption or a reduction of the withholding tax rate upon payment of dividends and, if so, the procedural requirements for obtaining such an exemption or a reduction upon the payment of dividends or making claims for reimbursement.

Capital gains and losses

Pursuant to the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty, capital gains and/or losses realized by a Qualifying Holder entitled to claim the benefits of the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty under the limitation of benefits article in the U.S.-Belgium Tax Treaty from the sale, exchange or other disposition of our shares represented by ADSs are exempt from tax in Belgium.

Capital gains realized on our shares represented by ADSs by a corporate Holder who is not such a Qualifying Holder are generally not subject to taxation in Belgium unless these ADSs are held in connection with a business conducted in Belgium through a Belgian permanent establishment or a fixed place in Belgium to which the ADSs are effectively connected (in which case a 25% (applicable as of January 1, 2020) or 0% tax on the capital gain may apply, depending on the particular circumstances).

Capital losses are generally not tax deductible in Belgium. Private individual Holders who are not such Qualifying Holders and who are holding our shares represented by ADSs as a private investment and within the bounds of the normal management of one's private estate will, as a rule, not be subject to tax in Belgium on any capital gains arising out of a disposal of our shares represented by ADSs.

Capital losses will, as a rule, not be tax deductible in Belgium. Capital gains realized by a Holder upon the redemption of shares represented by ADSs or upon our liquidation will generally be taxable as a dividend. See "– Dividend Withholding Tax" above.

Estate and gift tax

There is no Belgium estate tax on the transfer of our shares represented by ADSs on the death of a Belgian non-resident. Donations of our shares represented by ADSs made in Belgium may or may not be subject to gift tax depending on the modalities under which the donation is carried out.

Belgian Tax on Securities Accounts

Parliament adopted on February 11, 2021 a bill submitted by the Belgian federal government introducing an annual tax on securities accounts. This bill was published in the Belgian State Gazette on February 25, 2021 and entered into force, subject to certain exceptions, on February 26, 2021.

An annual tax of 0.15% is levied on securities accounts of which the average value of the taxable financial instruments (covering, amongst others, financial instruments such as our shares represented by ADSs) held thereon during a reference period of twelve consecutive months (in principle) starting on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the subsequent year, would exceed EUR 1 million. The first reference period begins on February 26, 2021 and ends on September 30, 2021.

The amount of the tax due is limited to 10% of the difference between said average value of the taxable financial instruments, and the threshold of EUR 1 million.

The tax targets, among others, securities accounts held by non-resident individuals, companies and legal entities with a financial intermediary established or located in Belgium.

A financial intermediary is defined as (i) the National Bank of Belgium, the European Central Bank and foreign central banks performing similar functions, (ii) a central securities depository included in article 198/1, §6, 12° of the Belgian Income Tax Code, (iii) a credit institution or a stockbroking firm as defined by Article 1, §3 of the Law of April 25, 2014 on the status and supervision of credit institutions and investment companies and (vi) the investment companies as defined by Article 3, §1 of the Law of October 25, 2016 on access to the activity of investment services and on the legal status and supervision of portfolio management and investment advice companies, which are, pursuant to national law, admitted to hold financial instruments for the account of customers.

There are various exemptions, such as securities accounts (in)directly held by non-residents for their own account at central securities depositories or at a depository bank accredited by the National Bank of Belgium. This exemption is subject to the condition that the securities accounts are not attributable to a Belgian branch of the non-residents.

Pursuant to the bill, anti-abuse provisions, retroactively applying as from October 30, 2020, are also introduced: a rebuttable general anti-abuse provision and two irrebuttable specific anti-abuse provisions. The latter covers the splitting of a securities account into multiple securities accounts held at the same intermediary and the conversion of taxable financial instruments held on a securities account, into registered financial instruments.

Belgian tax on stock exchange transactions

The purchase and the sale and any other acquisition or transfer for consideration by a Holder of existing shares represented by ADSs (secondary market transactions) is subject to the Belgian tax on stock exchange transactions ("*taks op de beursverrichtingen*" / "*taxe sur les opérations de bourse*") if it is entered into or carried out in Belgium through a professional intermediary. The tax on stock exchange transactions is not due upon the issuance of new shares represented by ADSs (primary market transactions). The tax on stock exchange transactions is levied at a rate of 0.35% of the purchase/sales price, capped at € 1,600 per transaction and per party. A separate tax is due by each party to any such transaction, and both taxes are in principle collected by the professional intermediary.

Belgian non-residents who purchase or otherwise acquire or transfer, for consideration, existing shares represented by ADSs in Belgium for their own account through a professional intermediary may be exempt from the stock exchange tax if they deliver a certificate to the financial intermediary in Belgium confirming their non-resident status.

In addition to the above, no tax on stock exchange transactions is due on transactions entered into by the following parties, provided they are acting for their own account: (i) professional intermediaries described in Article 2, 9° and 10° of the Law of August 2, 2002, (ii) insurance companies described in Article 2, §1 of the Law of July 9, 1975 (as replaced by Article 5 of the Law of March 13, 2016 on the status and supervision of insurance and reinsurance undertakings),

(iii) professional retirement institutions referred to in Article 2, §1 of the Law of October 27, 2006 relating to the control of professional retirement institutions, (iv) collective investment institutions, or (v) regulated real estate companies, (vi) the aforementioned non-residents (upon delivery of a certificate of non-residency in Belgium).

No stock exchange tax will thus be due by Holders on the subscription, purchase or sale of existing shares represented by ADSs, if the Holders are acting for their own account. In order to benefit from this exemption, the Holders must deliver a certificate to their financial intermediary in Belgium confirming their non-resident status for Belgian tax purposes.

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common financial transactions tax (the “FTT”). The proposal currently stipulates that once the FTT enters into force, the participating Member States shall not maintain or introduce taxes on financial transactions other than the FTT (or VAT as provided in the Council Directive 2006/112/EC of November 28, 2006 on the common system of value added tax). For Belgium, the tax on stock exchange transactions should thus be abolished once the FTT enters into force. The proposal is still subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and therefore may be changed at any time.

Common Reporting Standard

Following recent international developments, the exchange of information is governed by the Common Reporting Standard (“CRS”). On 10 December 2020, the total of jurisdictions that have signed the multilateral competent authority agreement (“MCAA”) amounts to 110. The MCAA is a multilateral framework agreement to automatically exchange financial and personal information, with the subsequent bilateral exchanges coming into effect between those signatories that file the subsequent notifications.

Under CRS, financial institutions resident in a CRS country are required to report, according to a due diligence standard, financial information with respect to reportable accounts, which includes interest, dividends, account balance or value, income from certain insurance products, sales proceeds from financial assets and other income generated with respect to assets held in the account or payments made with respect to the account. Reportable accounts include accounts held by individuals and entities (which include trusts and foundations) with fiscal residence in another CRS country. The standard includes a requirement to look through passive entities to report on the relevant controlling persons.

On December 9, 2014, EU Member States adopted Directive 2014/107/EU on administrative cooperation in direct taxation (“DAC2”), which provides for mandatory automatic exchange of financial information as foreseen in CRS. DAC2 amends the previous Directive on administrative cooperation in direct taxation, Directive 2011/16/EU and replaces the EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (commonly referred to as the “Savings Directive”) as from January 1, 2016. Austria has been nonetheless allowed to exchange information under DAC2 as from January 1, 2017.

On May 27, 2015, Switzerland signed an agreement with the European Union in order to implement, as from January 1, 2017, an automatic exchange of information based on the CRS. This new agreement will replace the agreement on the taxation of savings that entered into force in 2005. As from January 1, 2017, financial institutions in the EU and Switzerland apply the due diligence procedures envisaged under the new agreement to identify customers who are reportable persons, i.e., for Switzerland residents of any EU Member State. This data was exchanged for the first time in autumn 2018.

As a result of the Law of December 16, 2015, the mandatory automatic exchange of information applies in Belgium

(i) as of income year 2016 (first information exchange in 2017) towards the EU Member States (including Austria, irrespective of the fact that the automatic exchange of information by Austria towards other EU Member States is only foreseen as of income year 2017), (ii) as of income year 2014 (first information exchange in 2016) towards the US and (iii), with respect to any other non-EU States that have signed the MCAA, as of income year 2016 (first information exchange in 2017) for a first list of 18 countries, as of income year 2017 (first information exchange in 2018) for a second list of 44 countries, as of income year 2018 (first information exchange in 2019) for a third list of 1 country and as of income year 2019 (first information exchange in 2020) for a fourth list of 6 countries.