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# Consortium of PAI and Charles Jobson acquire 96.81% of Wessanen shares – delisting expected on 1 November 2019

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With reference to the joint press releases dated 10 April, 8 May, 11 July, 6 September, 10 September, 17 September, 23 September, 24 September and 25 September 2019 and the Offer Memorandum, the Consortium and Wessanen jointly announce that, with settlement of the Shares tendered during the Post Acceptance Period today, the Offeror holds 74,668,704 Shares, representing in aggregate approximately 96.81% of the total number of Shares.

# Transaction highlights

- Consortium has acquired 96.81% of the Shares
- Delisting of Shares on Euronext Amsterdam expected to occur on 1 November 2019
- Squeeze-Out procedure will start as soon as possible

#### Settlement

The Offeror has acquired 3,790,589 Shares<sup>1</sup>, representing approximately 4.91% of the Shares, against payment of an offer price of EUR 11.36 (cum dividend) in cash per Share (the "Offer Price") in respect of each Share validly tendered (or defectively tendered provided that such defect has been waived by the Offeror) during the Post Acceptance Period.

Together with the Shares acquired by the Offeror following Settlement of the Shares tendered during the Offer Period and the additional share market purchases, the Offeror will hold 74,668,704 Shares, representing in aggregate approximately 96.81% of the total number of Shares.

#### **Delisting**

In connection with the Offeror holding more than 95% of the Shares, the Offeror and Wessanen have requested the delisting of the Shares from Euronext Amsterdam. Subject to Euronext Amsterdam approval, delisting is expected to occur on 1 November 2019 and accordingly the last trading day of the Shares would be 31 October 2019. This may adversely affect the liquidity and market value of any Shares not tendered. Reference is made to Section 5.11 (Consequences of the Offer) of the Offer Memorandum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since the press release dated 25 September 2019, the Offeror has received additional acceptances in the amount of 58,425 Shares which it accepted as defective tenders.





# Squeeze-Out procedure

Additionally, as the Offeror now holds more than 95% of the Shares, the Offeror will initiate a Squeeze-Out procedure as soon as possible. Reference is made to Section 5.11.4 (*Squeeze-Out*) of the Offer Memorandum.

Finally, in connection with these developments, Wessanen has stopped publishing quarterly trading updates.

#### **Announcements**

Announcements in relation to the Offer will be issued by press release and will be available on the website of PAI Partners on behalf of the Offeror (www.paipartners.com) as well as on the corporate website of Wessanen (www.wessanen.com).

Subject to any applicable legal requirements and without limiting the manner in which the Offeror may choose to make any public announcement, the Offeror will have no obligation to communicate any public announcement other than as described above.

#### **Further information**

This announcement contains selected, condensed information regarding the Offer and does not replace the Offer Memorandum and/or the Position Statement. The information in this announcement is not complete and additional information is contained in the Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement.

Digital copies of the Offer Memorandum can be obtained through the websites of Wessanen (www.wessanen.com) and PAI Partners (www.paipartners.com). Copies of the Offer Memorandum are also available free of charge at the offices of Wessanen and the Exchange Agent at the addresses mentioned below. Digital copies of the Position Paper can be obtained through the websites of Wessanen (www.wessanen.com).

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#### **About PAI Partners**

PAI Partners is a leading European private equity firm with offices in Paris, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Munich, New York and Stockholm. PAI Partners manages EUR 13.4 billion of dedicated buyout funds. Since 1994, the company has completed 71 transactions in 11 countries, representing over EUR 50 billion in transaction value. PAI Partners is characterised by its industrial approach to ownership combined with its sector-based organisation. PAI Partners provides the companies it owns with the financial and strategic support required to pursue their development and enhance strategic value creation.

#### **About Charles Jobson**

Charles Jobson, CFA, has been a director at Good Times Restaurants Inc. (listed on NASDAQ) since May 24, 2018. He co-founded Delta Partners, LLC in 1999 and serves as its portfolio manager. Charles Jobson has been a long-term shareholder of Wessanen since 2009. Charles Jobson has shown strong support for the current management of Wessanen and believes in the current strategy. He would like to continue investing in the business to unlock its further potential as a growth company.

### About Koninklijke Wessanen

Koninklijke Wessanen is a leading company in the European market for healthy and sustainable food. In 2018, revenue was EUR 628 million, and the company employed on average 1,350 people. With its purpose 'connect to nature' Wessanen focuses on organic, vegetarian, fair trade and nutritionally beneficial products. The family of companies is committed to driving positive change in food in Europe. Wessanen's own brands include many pioneers and market leaders: Allos, Alter Eco, Bjorg, Bonneterre, Clipper, Destination, El Granero, Isola Bio, Kallø, Mrs Crimble's, Tartex, Whole Earth and Zonnatura.





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