



Indipendent
Auditors Report

Annual Financial Report at December 31, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14 OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE No. 39 OF JANUARY 27, 2010
AND ARTICLE 10 OF THE EU REGULATION 537/2014**

**To the Shareholders of
Valsoia S.p.A.**

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Valsoia S.p.A. (the "Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2024 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the European Union and the requirements of national regulations issued pursuant to art. 9 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 38/05.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements applicable under Italian law to the audit of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Recoverability of goodwill and trademarks**Description of the key audit matter**

The Company recognizes in its financial statements as at December 31, 2024 goodwill and trademarks, allocated to three different cash generating units (CGUs): i) goodwill and Santa Rosa trademark with an indefinite useful life amounting to Euro 3.2 million and Euro 20.1 million respectively; ii) goodwill and Diete.Tic trademark with a definite useful life amounting to Euro 5.0 million and Euro 0.7 million respectively; iii) goodwill and Loriana trademark with a definite useful life amounting to Euro 9.3 million and Euro 2.7 million respectively.

The mentioned goodwill and the Santa Rosa trademark, with an indefinite useful life, in accordance with the provisions of accounting standard IAS 36 - Impairment of assets, are not depreciated. Instead, impairment tests are carried out, at least annually, by comparing the recoverable value of each CGU - determined according to the value in use method - and the related carrying amount, that consider goodwill and other assets allocated to each CGU, including trademarks.

As a result of the impairment tests, approved by the Board of Directors on March 17, 2025, the Company has not recognized any impairment losses.

Management's assessment process to ascertain possible impairment losses is based on assumptions concerning, among other things, the forecast of the expected cash flows, as well as the determination of appropriate discount rate (WACC) and long-term growth rate (g-rate).

Considering the relevance of the amount of goodwill and trademarks recognized in the financial statements, the subjective nature of the estimates relating to the determination of the cash flow forecasts and the key variables of the impairment model, we considered the recoverability of goodwill and trademarks a key audit matter of the Company's financial statements as at December 31, 2024.

The notes to the financial statements provide in notes 5 and 6 the disclosure on goodwill and intangible assets, including trademarks, and in note 6.1 the disclosure on the impairment tests performed and on the related sensitivity analyses, which illustrate the effects deriving from changes in key variables used to carry out the tests.

Audit procedures performed

Firstly, we examined the methods used by Management to determine the value in use of each CGU, analyzing the criteria and assumptions used by Management for the preparation of the impairment tests.

In the context of our work, we performed, among others, the following audit procedures, also through the involvement of experts belonging to our network:

- identification and understanding of the relevant controls implemented by Management in the performance of the impairment tests;
- reasonableness analysis of the main assumptions adopted for the determination of cash flow forecasts, also by analyzing data and obtaining information, that we deemed to be relevant, from Management;
- analysis of the current period actual results compared to the original plans in order to assess the nature of the variances and the reliability of the budgeting process;
- evaluation of the reasonableness of the discount rates (WACC) and long-term growth rates (g-rate) applied in the tests;
- verification of the mathematical accuracy of the model used to determine the value in use of each CGU;
- verification of the accurate determination of the carrying amount of each CGU;
- verification of the sensitivity analyses prepared by Management.

Finally, we examined the adequacy of the disclosure provided by the Company on the impairment tests and its compliance with the requirements of IAS 36.

Other Matter

The financial statements of Valsoia S.p.A. for the year ended December 31, 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on March 28, 2024.

Responsibilities of the Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the European Union and the requirements of national regulations issued pursuant to art. 9 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 38/05 and, within the terms established by law, for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they have identified the existence of the conditions for the liquidation of the Company or for the termination of the operations or have no realistic alternative to such choices.

The Board of Statutory Auditors is responsible for overseeing, within the terms established by law, the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors;
- conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance, identified at an appropriate level as required by ISA Italia, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit

and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence applicable in Italy, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report.

Other information communicated pursuant to art. 10 of the EU Regulation 537/2014

The Shareholders' Meeting of Valsoia S.p.A. has appointed us on April 24, 2024 as auditors of the Company for the years from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2032.

We declare that we have not provided prohibited non-audit services referred to in art. 5 (1) of EU Regulation 537/2014 and that we have remained independent of the Company in conducting the audit.

We confirm that the opinion on the financial statements expressed in this report is consistent with the additional report to the Board of Statutory Auditors, in its role of Audit Committee, referred to in art. 11 of the said Regulation.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Opinion on the compliance with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815

The Directors of Valsoia S.p.A. are responsible for the application of the provisions of the European Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 with regard to the regulatory technical standards on the specification of the single electronic reporting format (ESEF – European Single Electronic Format) (hereinafter referred to as the “Delegated Regulation”) to the financial statements as at December 31, 2024, to be included in the annual financial report.

We have carried out the procedures set forth in the Auditing Standard (SA Italia) n. 700B in order to express an opinion on the compliance of the financial statements with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

In our opinion, the financial statements as at December 31, 2024 have been prepared in XHTML format in accordance with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

Opinions and statement pursuant to art. 14, paragraph 2, sub-paragraphs e), e-bis) and e-ter), of Legislative Decree 39/10 and pursuant to art. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree 58/98

The Directors of Valsoia S.p.A. are responsible for the preparation of the report on operations and the report on corporate governance and ownership structure of the Company as at December 31,

2024, including their consistency with the related financial statements and their compliance with the law.

We have carried out the procedures set forth in the Auditing Standard (SA Italia) n. 720B in order to:

- express an opinion on the consistency of the report on operations and of some specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and ownership structure set forth in art. 123-bis, n. 4 of Legislative Decree 58/98 with the financial statements;
- express an opinion on the compliance with the law of the report on operations and of some specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and ownership structure set forth in art. 123-bis, n. 4 of Legislative Decree 58/98;
- make a statement about any material misstatement in the report on operations and in some specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and ownership structure set forth in art. 123-bis, n. 4 of Legislative Decree 58/98.

In our opinion, the report on operations and the specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and ownership structure are consistent with the financial statements of Valsoia S.p.A. as at December 31, 2024.

In addition, in our opinion, the report on operations and the specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and ownership structure set forth in art. 123-bis, n. 4 of Legislative Decree 58/98 are prepared in accordance with the law.

With reference to the statement referred to in art. 14, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph e-ter), of Legislative Decree 39/10, made on the basis of the knowledge and understanding of the entity and of the related context acquired during the audit, we have nothing to report.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE S.p.A.

Signed by
Giovanni Borasio
Partner

Bologna, Italy
April 2, 2025

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