

### **RESULTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2024 APPROVED**

Generalfinance closed the first half of 2024 with a net profit of EUR 8 million, up 19% YoY Significant growth in core business, turnover<sup>1</sup> at EUR 1,369 million (+20%) and EUR 1,045 million of disbursements (+12%) Gross NPE ratio<sup>2</sup> at 1.7% and cost of risk<sup>3</sup> at 13 basis points

#### **INCOME PERFORMANCE**

- Net profit of EUR 8 million, +19% compared to the same period of 2023
- *Cost/income ratio*<sup>4</sup> of 35% compared to 39% over the same period in 2023
- ROE<sup>5</sup> of 27%, significantly higher than the cost of capital

#### FURTHER GROWTH IN THE CORE BUSINESS

- Flow of loans disbursed at EUR 1,045 million, +12% YoY
- Turnover<sup>1</sup> at EUR 1,369 million, +20% over the same period of 2023

Roughly 79% of advances covered by insurance guarantee, through the long-established strategic partnership with Allianz Trade, a global leader in credit insurance.

**Milan, 26 July 2024** The Board of Directors of Generalfinance – meeting under the chairmanship of Professor **Maurizio Dallocchio** – has approved the interim report on operations for the first half of 2024, which shows a **net profit of EUR 8 million**, up (+19%) compared to the same period of 2023, and **shareholders' equity of** EUR 67 million.

**Massimo Gianolli, Chief Executive Officer of Generalfinance,** said: *"The first half of 2024 showed a performance substantially in line with expectations.* 

We recorded an excellent commercial performance, with business growth of 20% and overall profitability significantly up on the previous year. The return on invested capital remained high, at 27%, as did the cost/income ratio, at 35%, confirming high operational efficiency. We are constantly striving to support customers with customised financial solutions at a time in the economic cycle when it is particularly important to provide rapid answers and specialised assistance to businesses, and we expect our economic and business performance to accelerate in the second half of the year".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Turnover including operations involving advances on future receivables

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gross non-performing loans divided by gross loans to customers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Net value adjustments on loans divided by annual disbursement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Operating costs – net of non-recurring expenses – divided by net interest and other banking income

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Net profit divided by equity minus net profit

#### Main reclassified income statement data (in thousands of euro)

| Income for:                            | 30.06.2024 | 30.06.2023 | Change |
|--|------------|------------|--------|
| Net interest income                    | 4,958      | 3,843      | 29%    |
| Net fee and commission income          | 16,016     | 12,470     | 28%    |
| Net interest and other banking income  | 20,961     | 16,313     | 28%    |
| Operating costs                        | -7,423     | -6,372     | 17%    |
| Pre-tax profit from current operations | 12,109     | 9,677      | 25%    |
| Profit for the year                    | 7,984      | 6,699      | 19%    |

#### Key balance sheet data (in thousands of euro)

| Balance sheet item                               | 30.06.2024 | 31/12/2023 | Change |
|--|------------|------------|--------|
| Financial assets measured at amortised cost      | 432,729    | 462,365    | -6%    |
| Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | 410,614    | 409,388    | 0%     |
| Shareholders' equity                             | 67,032     | 66,433     | 1%     |
| Total assets                                     | 532,540    | 500,043    | 6%     |

#### Main performance indicators

| Indicator   | 30.06.2024 | 30.06.2023 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Cost/Income ratio   | 35%        | 39%        |
| ROE   | 27%        | 26%        |
| Net interest income/Net interest and other banking income           | 24%        | 24%        |
| Net fee and commission income/Net interest and other banking income | 76%        | 76%        |

#### **Economic data**

**Net interest income** amounted to EUR 5 million, up (+28.5%) compared to the same period of the previous year, due to the growth in loans disbursed and the positive effect generated by the full realignment of the lending rates of factoring contracts with respect to Euribor rate developments.

**Net fee and commission income** amounted to EUR 16 million, up compared to EUR 12.5 million in the first six months of 2023 (+28%). In this context, the trend in fee and commission income was affected by the particularly positive trend in turnover (+20% compared to the same period of the previous year), a careful pricing policy for services, and the optimisation of costs related to the insurance policy and existing funding lines.

**Net interest and other banking income** amounted to EUR 21 million (+28%), while net adjustments to loans were EUR 1.4 million, resulting in a risk cost of 13 basis points. The increase in the level of provisions was

driven in particular by the increase in stage 3 positions and the increase in the expected loss on stage 1 positions, also in connection with the more stringent classification and valuation policies introduced in 2023. **Operating costs** amounted to EUR 7.4 million (+16.5% compared to the same period in 2023). As at 30 June 2024, the number of employees of Generalfinance stood at 72 compared to 67 in the same period of 2023. Taking into account the tax item, estimated at approximately EUR 4.1 million, the **net result for the period** was approximately EUR 8 million, compared to EUR 6.7 million recorded in the same period of 2023.

#### Balance sheet, funding and asset quality data

**Net loans to customers** amounted to EUR 432.7 million, down 6% compared to 31 December 2023. The disbursement rate was approximately 76% (82% in 2023), while the average Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) – 71 in the first six months of 2024 – increased compared to the first half of 2023 (68).

Within the aggregate of loans, total **gross non-performing loans** amounted to EUR 7.6 million, with a gross NPE ratio of 1.75% (1.45% of the net NPE ratio). The **coverage of non-performing loans** stood at 18%. The increase in the stock of non-performing loans in the first half of the year was due, in particular, to the increase in positions classified as likely to default, also as a result of the more stringent classification and valuation policies introduced in 2023.

**Cash and cash equivalents** – mainly represented by loans to banks – amounted to approximately EUR 83.5 million, reflecting the prudent profile of liquidity management, while **total balance sheet assets** amounted to EUR 532.5 million, compared to EUR 500 million at the end of 2023.

**Property, plant and equipment** amounted to EUR 5.6 million, compared to approximately EUR 5 million in 2023. **Intangible assets** amounted to EUR 3 million, up from the end of 2023 (EUR 2.6 million).

**Financial liabilities** measured at amortised cost, equal to EUR 410.6 million, are made up of payables of EUR 377.7 million and securities issued totalling EUR 32.9 million.

#### Shareholders' equity and capital ratios

**Shareholders' equity** as at 30 June 2024 amounted to EUR 67 million, compared to EUR 66.4 million as at 31 December 2023.

The **capital ratios** of Generalfinance – also including the profit for the first half of 2024, net of expected dividends – show the following values:

- 14.5% CET1 ratio;
- 14.5% TIER1 ratio;
- 16.1% Total Capital ratio.

The ratios are well above the minimum regulatory values set forth in Bank of Italy Circular 288.

#### Impact resulting from the conflict between Russia and Ukraine

With reference to the information provided by ESMA in the public statement "Implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on half-yearly financial reports" on 14 March 2022 and the CONSOB communications of 19 May 2022 "Conflict in Ukraine: Call for the attention of the supervised entities on financial reporting and on the obligations related to compliance with the restrictive measures adopted by the European Union against Russia" and "Conflict in Ukraine: Implications on the obligations of online portal managers", in the context of the constant monitoring of its loan portfolio the Company has paid particular attention, on the geopolitical front, to the developments of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, which resulted in the invasion by Russia of the Ukrainian territory on 24 February 2022 and in the imposition of economic sanctions

by the European Union, Switzerland, Japan, Australia and NATO countries on both Russia and Belarus and some representatives of these countries; the conflict and sanctions have had, since February 2022, significant negative repercussions on the global economy, also taking into account the negative effects on the trend in raw material costs (with particular reference to the prices and availability of electricity and gas), as well as on the performance of the financial markets.

In said context, it should be stressed that Generalfinance has zero direct presence in the Russian/Ukrainian/Belarusian market (areas directly impacted by the conflict), since the Company has factoring relations solely with Transferors active in Italy. As at 30 June 2024, Generalfinance has a residual exposure of less than EUR 100,000 to Transferred Debtors based in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Since the invasion of Ukraine, Generalfinance has suspended the credit lines relating to Transferred Debtors operating in the countries directly involved in the conflict.

#### Significant events after the end of the year

As of today's date, no significant events occurred after the end of the year.

#### **Business outlook**

In said general scenario still characterised by critical elements for the real economy, the sales activities developed by Generalfinance in the first half of 2024 (trend in turnover, revenues and profitability) show a trend substantially in line with that defined in the budget on a consistent basis with the Business Plan in force with reference to the current year. These elements make it possible to forecast business performance and related net profitability for the whole of 2024 in line with the guidance communicated to the market (EUR 20 million) and in line with the budget.

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Mr Ugo Colombo, as Financial reporting manager, hereby states that, pursuant to art.154-bis, paragraph 2 of the TUF (Consolidated Law on Finance), the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the documentary results, the books and the accounting records.

Generalfinance's results as at 30 June 2024 will be presented to the financial community in a **conference call** scheduled for this afternoon, 26 July, at 3 p.m. (CET).

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A set of slides supporting the presentation will be available before the start of the conference call, on the homepage of the corporate website https://www.generalfinance.it/?lang=en or at the link

https://investors.generalfinance.it/en/financial-reportsand-presentations/. The conference call will be conducted in Italian and English.

To connect to the conference call, please register using the following link: <u>Pre registration Generalfinance</u> <u>260724</u>

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The half-yearly financial report will be made available to the public, according to law, at the company's registered office, as well as on the website <u>https://www.generalfinance.it/?lang=en</u> and disseminated through the authorised storage mechanism <u>www.emarketstorage.com</u>.

#### GENERALFINANCE

Founded in 1982 and led by Massimo Gianolli for over 30 years, Generalfinance is a supervised financial intermediary, specialised in factoring, able to guarantee rapid and customised interventions according to the different needs of its customers. Operating from its two offices in Milan and Biella with a team of roughly 70 professionals, Generalfinance is a leader in the segment of factoring for distressed companies.

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## BALANCE SHEET (values in euro)

|           | Asset items   | 30/06/2024  | 31/12/2023  |
|-----------|---|-------------|-------------|
| 10.       | Cash and cash equivalents                                       | 83,473,795  | 21,640,716  |
| 20.       | Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss  | 23,249      | 22,974      |
|           | c) other financial assets mandatorily measured at fair<br>value | 23,249      | 22,974      |
| 40.       | Financial assets measured at amortised cost                     | 432,728,950 | 462,365,495 |
|           | a) loans to banks   | 80,827      | 65,750      |
|           | b) receivables from financial companies                         | 121,461     | 200,017     |
|           | c) loans to customers   | 432,526,662 | 462,099,728 |
| 70.       | Equity investments  | 37,500      | 12,500      |
| 80.       | Property, plant and equipment                                   | 5,627,505   | 4,993,230   |
| 90.       | Intangible assets   | 2,968,833   | 2,603,700   |
|           | - of which goodwill   | 0           | 0           |
| 100.      | Tax assets  | 751,976     | 5,677,911   |
|           | a) current  | 185,741     | 5,120,420   |
|           | b) deferred   | 566,235     | 557,491     |
| 120.      | Other assets  | 6,927,731   | 2,726,576   |
| Total ass | ets   | 532,539,539 | 500,043,102 |

|          | Liabilities and shareholders' equity items       | 30/06/2024  | 31/12/2023  |
|----------|--|-------------|-------------|
| 10.      | Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | 410,613,674 | 409,388,039 |
|          | a) payables                                      | 377,703,329 | 376,750,770 |
|          | b) securities issued                             | 32,910,345  | 32,637,269  |
| 60.      | Tax liabilities                                  | 6,236,453   | 7,125,134   |
|          | a) current                                       | 6,163,019   | 7,077,869   |
|          | b) deferred                                      | 73,434      | 47,265      |
| 80.      | Other liabilities                                | 45,721,079  | 14,037,517  |
| 90.      | Employee severance indemnity                     | 1,360,132   | 1,471,156   |
| 100.     | Provisions for risks and charges                 | 1,576,233   | 1,587,887   |
|          | b) pension and similar obligations               | 171,156     | 164,705     |
|          | c) other provisions for risks and charges        | 1,405,077   | 1,423,182   |
| 110.     | Share capital                                    | 4,202,329   | 4,202,329   |
| 140.     | Share premium reserve                            | 25,419,745  | 25,419,745  |
| 150.     | Reserves   | 29,236,823  | 21,624,119  |
| 160.     | Valuation reserves                               | 188,773     | 119,783     |
| 170.     | Profit (loss) for the year                       | 7,984,298   | 15,067,393  |
| tal liab | ilities and shareholders' equity                 | 532,539,539 | 500,043,102 |

## **INCOME STATEMENT**

(values in euro)

|      | Items   | 30/06/2024   | 30/06/2023  |
|------|---|--------------|-------------|
| 10.  | Interest income and similar income                            | 18,213,432   | 12,116,781  |
|      | of which: interest income calculated using the effective      | 18,213,432   | 12,116,781  |
|      | interest method   | 10,213,432   | 12,110,781  |
| 20.  | Interest expense and similar charges                          | (13,255,251) | (8,274,112) |
| 30.  | Net interest income   | 4,958,181    | 3,842,669   |
| 40.  | Fee and commission income                                     | 18,016,786   | 14,593,436  |
| 50.  | Fee and commission expense                                    | (2,000,857)  | (2,123,439) |
| 60.  | Net fee and commission income                                 | 16,015,929   | 12,469,997  |
| 70.  | Dividends and similar income                                  | 62           | 0           |
| 80.  | Net profit (loss) from trading                                | (344)        | 629         |
| 110. | Net result of other financial assets and liabilities measured | (12,758)     | 0           |
|      | at fair value through profit or loss                          | (12,750)     | 0           |
|      | b) other financial assets mandatorily measured at fair        | (12,758)     | 0           |
|      | value   | (12,750)     | 0           |
| 120. | Net interest and other banking income                         | 20,961,070   | 16,313,295  |
| 130. | Net value adjustments/write-backs for credit risk of:         | (1,397,367)  | (264,459)   |
|      | a) financial assets measured at amortised cost                | (1,397,367)  | (264,459)   |
| 150. | Net profit (loss) from financial management                   | 19,563,703   | 16,048,836  |
| 160. | Administrative expenses                                       | (7,523,443)  | (6,861,433) |
|      | a) personnel expenses   | (4,289,683)  | (3,723,544) |
|      | b) other administrative expenses                              | (3,233,760)  | (3,137,889) |
| 170. | Net provisions for risks and charges                          | 237,082      | (9,275)     |
|      | b) other net provisions                                       | 237,082      | (9,275)     |
| 180. | Net value adjustments/write-backs on property, plant and      | (450,031)    | (391,118)   |
|      | equipment   |              |             |
| 190. | Net value adjustments/write-backs on intangible assets        | (331,678)    | (211,616)   |
| 200. | Other operating income and expenses                           | 645,074      | 1,101,904   |
| 210. | Operating costs   | (7,422,996)  | (6,371,538) |
| 220. | Gains (losses) on equity investments                          | (31,250)     | 0           |
| 260. | Pre-tax profit (loss) from current operations                 | 12,109,457   | 9,677,298   |
| 270. | Income taxes for the year on current operations               | (4,125,159)  | (2,978,171) |
| 280. | Profit (loss) from current operations after tax               | 7,984,298    | 6,699,127   |
| 300. | Profit (loss) for the year                                    | 7,984,298    | 6,699,127   |