

# **Press Release**

# Results of the Annual General Meeting of GAM Holding AG

Zurich, 30 April 2015

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 30 April 2015, the shareholders of GAM Holding AG approved a dividend of CHF 0.65 per share and also confirmed in their office all members of the Board of Directors who stood for re-election.

The annual report, the parent company's financial statements and the consolidated financial statements for 2014 were approved at the AGM, and shareholders discharged the members of the Board of Directors and the Group Management Board for the 2014 financial year.

# Dividend of CHF 0.65 per share

Shareholders approved a dividend of CHF 0.65 per share for 2014, leaving it unchanged from the previous year. Shareholders agreed that the dividend would be distributed from capital contribution reserves (which totalled CHF 1,323.0 million as at 31 December 2014), making it exempt from Swiss federal withholding tax for all shareholders. For shareholders resident in Switzerland who hold the shares as part of their private assets, the dividend will also be exempt from Swiss income tax. In total, the dividend distribution will amount to around CHF 104 million, corresponding to approximately 60% of GAM's underlying net profit in 2014.

# Compensation Report 2014 and maximum compensation amounts for 2015

In a voluntary consultative vote, the shareholders approved the Compensation Report for 2014. The shareholders also approved the proposed maximum aggregate compensation amounts for the Board of Directors for the forthcoming one-year term of office and for the Group Management Board for 2015.

# **Amended Articles of Incorporation**

The amended Articles of Incorporation of GAM Holding AG to implement the Swiss Ordinance Against Excessive Compensation in Listed Stock Companies were approved.

#### Re-elections to the Board of Directors

Shareholders re-elected all Board members standing for re-election – Daniel Daeniker, Diego du Monceau, Hugh Scott-Barrett and Tanja Weiher. They also re-elected Johannes A. de Gier and confirmed him as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The proposed members of the Compensation Committee (Daniel Daeniker, Diego du Monceau and Johannes A. de Gier) were also confirmed.

At the AGM, Chairman Johannes A. de Gier thanked Dieter Enkelmann, who chose not to stand for re-election and thereby ended his tenure with GAM Holding AG's Board, for his valuable contributions to the development of the company since its independent listing in 2009.

# Share capital reduction

At the AGM, shareholders approved the cancellation of the shares bought back during 2014 (3,276,000 shares repurchased at an average price of CHF 16.12 per share) and the corresponding reduction in share capital.

The current share buy-back programme, launched in April 2014, allows for the repurchase of up to 16.7 million shares over a maximum period of three years. Absent opportunities for growth investments, these repurchases are intended to add flexibility in returning excess cash to shareholders, complementing future dividend payments.

Further information relating to the AGM of GAM Holding AG, including the voting results on all agenda items, can be found at <a href="https://www.gam.com/agm2015">www.gam.com/agm2015</a>.

#### Forthcoming events:

5 May 2015 Ex-dividend date
6 May 2015 Dividend record date
7 May 2015 Dividend payment date
11 Aug 2015 Half-year results 2015

**20 Oct 2015** Interim management statement Q3 2015

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Headquartered in Zurich, GAM is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and is a component of the Swiss Market Index Mid (SMIM) with the symbol 'GAM'. The Group has assets under management of CHF 123.3 billion\* (USD 126.9 billion)\*.

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<sup>\*</sup> Source: GAM. Data as at 31 March 2015.

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