



## **Sofina successfully completes the placement of inaugural EUR 700,000,000 Senior Unsecured Bonds with a 7 year maturity and 1.000% coupon**

- **EUR 700 million 7 year fixed rate senior unsecured bonds maturing in 2028, with a coupon of 1.000%**
- **Inaugural bond issuance which benefitted from significant investor support across Europe with more than 25 investors participating in investor meetings**
- **Issuance to diversify funding sources, optimise Sofina's overall cost of capital and increase its financial flexibility**
- **Bond transaction to support ongoing growth and investment initiatives**

*Brussels, Belgium, 16 September 2021 after 5.45 pm* – Sofina SA (Euronext Brussels: SOF), a Belgium-based investment company founded in 1898 and controlled by the descendants of Gustave Boël, has today completed the placement of inaugural EUR 700 million senior unsecured bonds maturing in 2028 (the “**bonds**”). The bonds and Sofina are unrated. The bonds will be issued on 23 September 2021 and listed on Euronext Growth Brussels.

The favourable market conditions and the positive reception from investors allowed Sofina to price its inaugural bond with a coupon of 1.000% per annum.

This inaugural access to debt capital markets will increase the financial flexibility with which Sofina operates as well as improve its average cost of capital.

The proceeds of the inaugural bond issuance will be used for general corporate purposes, including funding of new investments, support of portfolio companies and generally, further development of its strategy across the focus sectors, the investment styles and geographies where Sofina is active.

Sofina management team hosted investors' meetings on 14 and 15 September 2021 during which the team met with more than 25 investors. The investor presentation is available on Sofina's website through the following [link](#).

BNP Paribas and Morgan Stanley acted as Joint Global Coordinators, and Belfius, KBC and Société Générale acted as Joint Lead Managers on this transaction.

*Harold Boël (Chief Executive Officer): "With a diversified investment portfolio of over EUR 10 billion deployed globally covering different investment styles and four focus sectors, Sofina confirms its position among relevant European growth investors."*

*Over the last decade, Sofina's team has built a franchise in the growth capital space, returning resilient and stable performance through the cycle. Sofina seeks to benefit from the acceleration in the digitization of the economy following the pandemic, and the global trends in private markets.*

*The increased liquidity will allow Sofina to optimise its mostly equity funded capital structure, capture attractive investment opportunities while maintaining its historic commitment to a disciplined and prudent capital management”.*

## **About Sofina**

Sofina is a family-controlled investment company listed on Euronext Brussels, managing its own assets that represent ca. EUR 10.4 billion. Sofina aspires to be the preferred partner of entrepreneurs and families who lead growing companies by backing them with patient capital and supportive advice. Common vision and strong alignment of interests with its partners are paramount in the deployment of its strategy.

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