Atos to sell part of its minority stake in Worldline

— Sale of ca.€1.2bn Worldline shares representing ca. 12% of the Worldline share capital through a private placement by way of accelerated bookbuilding offering
— Issue of €500 million zero coupon bonds exchangeable into Worldline shares with a maturity of 5 years and an exchange premium of 35%
— Transfer of £198 million (representing ca. €230 million) of Worldline shares to Atos’ Pension Fund
— Atos would, upon completion of the Transaction and in case of exchange in full of the Bonds, retain a stake of ca. 13% of the share capital and 22% of the voting rights of Worldline

Paris, October 29, 2019 - After having distributed 23.4% of Worldline’s share capital to its shareholders on May 7, 2019, Atos launches the sale of ca.€1.2bn Worldline shares (the “Shares”), representing ca.12% of the Worldline share capital, through a placement to qualified investors only by way of accelerated bookbuilding offering.

Separately, SIX Group has entered into a Collar transaction over ca. €500 million. In connection therewith, the Collar counterparty will sell ca. €420 million as part of the above mentioned accelerated bookbuilding offering and at the same price, in order to establish the initial hedge position (together with the sale of Shares by Atos, the “Equity Placement”).

Concurrently with the Equity Placement, Atos intends to issue bonds due 2024 for an aggregate nominal amount of approximately €500 million (the “Bonds”), which will be exchangeable into Worldline shares at a premium of 35% above the placing price of the Equity Placement or any other price determined in the offering of the Bonds (the “Bond Issue”), as further described below.

In addition, Atos has agreed to transfer to Atos UK 2019 Pension Scheme (the “Pension Fund”) £198 million (representing ca. €230 million) of Worldline shares on the settlement date of the Equity Placement (the “Transfer”, together with the Equity Placement and the Bond Issue, the “Transaction”). The Pension Fund may receive additional Worldline shares until January 2020 under certain circumstances according to arrangements between Atos and the Pension Fund.

With this Transaction, Atos plans to dispose of an overall ca.52% of its stake in Worldline. It will retain certain economic upside exposure on the Worldline shares underlying the Bonds. Upon completion of the Transaction and in case of exchange in full of the Bonds or exercise of the Share Redemption Option (as defined below), Atos would retain a direct stake of ca.13% of Worldline share capital and ca.22% of voting rights. In addition, in accordance with the terms of the Transfer, the Pension Fund will vote the Worldline shares it holds in accordance with Atos’ instructions.
Atos and SIX Group have agreed to a 120-day lock-up for their remaining shares in Worldline, subject to waiver from the Joint Global Coordinators (as defined below) and certain exceptions, including exceptions like the transfer of shares to a subsidiary and in the context of any public tender offer over all or part of the Worldline shares.

The proceeds of the Transaction will be used by Atos for existing debt repayment and for general corporate purposes.

The Bonds will not bear interest and will have a maturity of 5 years (except in case of an early redemption). The Bonds will be offered at a price comprised between 107.25% and 110.5% of the principal amount and redeemed at their principal amount at maturity, corresponding to an annual yield to maturity comprised between -1.98% and -1.40%.

The exchange price of the Bonds will be set at a premium of 35% to the placing price of the Equity Placement. The holders of the Bonds may exercise their exchange right at any time from 41st calendar day following the expected issue date (i.e., November 6, 2019) until the 31st business day before the maturity date of the Bonds or, in the event of early redemption at the option of Atos, until the 10th business day before the relevant redemption date, if applicable. Upon exchange, Atos will have the flexibility to settle in cash, deliver shares of Worldline or a combination thereof. The exchange price will be subject to customary adjustments pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be issued in principal amounts of €100,000 per Bond and will be redeemed at par at maturity, subject to Atos’ option to deliver shares of Worldline and, as the case may be, an additional amount in cash (the “Share Redemption Option”). Under certain conditions, the Bonds may be redeemed prior to maturity at Atos’ option. In particular, the Bonds may be redeemed early at Atos’ option as from 3 years following the expected issue date (i.e., November 6, 2019) if the arithmetic average of the product of the Worldline’ volume weighted average share price on Euronext Paris and the prevailing exchange ratio (over a 10-trading day period chosen by Atos from among the 20 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the publication of the early redemption notice) exceeds 130% of the principal amount of the Bonds.

The Equity Placement and the Bond Issue are targeted at eligible institutional investors with their definitive terms and the final size of the Equity Placement to be determined following the completion of bookbuilding processes. There will be no public offering other than to qualified investors in any country.

Goldman Sachs International and J.P. Morgan Securities plc are Joint Global Coordinators of the Equity Placement and the Bond Issue (together the “Joint Global Coordinators”).

Rothschild & Co. is acting as financial advisor to Atos in relation to the Transaction.

The final terms of the Equity Placement and of the Bond Issue are expected to be announced on October 30, 2019 at the latest. Settlement for the Equity Placement is expected to take place on or around November 1, 2019 and the settlement on the Bond Issue is expected to take place on or around November 6, 2019. An application will be made for the Bonds to be admitted to trading on the Euronext Access market.

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