

# FONDATION MERIEUX

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## Statutory auditor's report on the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

*This is a translation into English of the statutory auditor's report on the financial statements of the Foundation issued in French and it is provided solely for the convenience of English-speaking users.*

*This statutory auditor's report includes information required by French law, such as information about the appointment of the statutory auditor or verification of the management report and other documents provided to members.*

*This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.*

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To the Board of FONDATION MERIEUX

### **Opinion**

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your Board of Directors, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of FONDATION MERIEUX for the year ended 31 December 2024.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Foundation as at 31 December 2024 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with French accounting principles.

## **Basis for Opinion**

### **Audit Framework**

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Statutory Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report.

### **Independence**

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with independence requirements of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and the French Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for statutory auditors, for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to the date of our report.

### **Justification of Assessments**

In accordance with the requirements of Articles L.821-53 and R.821-180 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the following assessments 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, approved in the conditions mentioned above, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the financial statements.

The note "Accounting principles, methods and rules" to the financial statements sets out in particular the accounting rules and methods relating to the valuation of investments. As part of our assessment of the accounting rules and principles followed by your Foundation, we have verified the appropriateness of the accounting methods referred to above and the information provided in the notes to the financial statements, and have ensured that they are correctly applied.

### **Specific verifications**

We have also performed, in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the specific verifications required by French law and regulations.

We have no matters to report as to the fair presentation and the consistency with the financial statements of the information with respect to the financial position and the financial statements given in the management report of the Treasurer and in the other documents provided to the Board members.

## **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with French accounting principles, and for such internal control as management determines 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, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation'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 it is expected to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations.

The financial statements were approved by the Treasurer.

## **Statutory Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our role is to issue a report on the financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards 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 specified in Article L. 823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Foundation or the quality of management of the affairs of the Foundation.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his 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.
- Obtains 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 internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management in the financial statements.

- Assesses 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 Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to modify the opinion expressed therein.
- Evaluates the overall presentation of the financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Lyon, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Statutory Auditor

***French original signed by***

**DELOITTE & ASSOCIÉS**

Arnauld de GASQUET