## Wolters Kluwer N.V.

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

May 10, 2023





### **Ann Ziegler** Chair of the Supervisory Board Wolters Kluwer N.V.

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## Agenda

- 1. Opening
- 2. 2022 Annual Report
- 3. 2022 Financial Statements and dividend
- 4. Release of the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board from liability for the exercise of their respective duties
- 5. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Chris Vogelzang as member of the Supervisory Board
- 6. Proposal to extend the authority of the Executive Board
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# 1. Opening

# **2.** 2022 Annual Report

- 2a. Report of the Executive Board for 2022
- **2b.** Report of the Supervisory Board for 2022
- **2c.** Advisory vote on the remuneration report as included in the 2022 Annual Report

# **3.** 2022 Financial Statements and dividend

• **3a.** Proposal to adopt the Financial Statements for 2022 as included in the 2022 Annual Report

### Nancy McKinstry CEO and Chair of the Executive Board Wolters Kluwer N.V.

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### Introduction

2022: a year of strong performance on strategic, financial, and ESG goals

Accelerate Expert Solutions

Expand Our Reach

Evolve Core Capabilities 2022 Financial Results

Organic growth +6%

Adjusted operating profit margin 26.1%, up 80 bps

**Diluted adjusted EPS +8%** in constant currencies

Adjusted free cashflow €1.2 billion, +7% in constant currencies

**ROIC improved to 15.5%** 

Strong balance sheet

Substantial returns to shareholders

2022 Strategic and ESG Progress

Expert solutions organic growth +9%

Cloud software organic growth +17%

Product development spending: 11% of revenues

Employee engagement and belonging scores up 1 point

Completed assessment of GHG footprint and submitted SBTi targets

Created new division in 2023: Corporate Performance & ESG

### Strategy

#### We made early progress on our strategic priorities for 2022-2024

#### Strategy 2022-2024 Elevate Our Value: 2022 achievements

Product development spend <sup>1</sup> to be approximately 10% of revenues Fund investments and restructuring with cost	Accelerate Expert Solutions	<ul> <li>Grew expert solutions revenues +9% organically</li> <li>Grew cloud-based software revenues +17% organically</li> <li>Reinvested 11% of revenues in product development</li> </ul>
savings Accelerate transition to the cloud while evolving towards fewer platforms Bolt-on acquisitions that	Expand Our Reach	<ul> <li>Signed partnership with Microsoft for Health</li> <li>Expanded CCH Axcess Marketplace with additional third-party integrations</li> <li>Launched Legisway into the U.S. market</li> <li>Prepared plans to form new division</li> </ul>
Allocate capital efficiently, target 2.5x leverage, deliver shareholder returns	Evolve Core Capabilities	<ul> <li>Strengthened central functions</li> <li>Drove increases in employee engagement and belonging<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Completed greenhouse gas footprint assessment</li> <li>Submitted near-term targets to SBTi and committed to net-zero</li> </ul>

## **Financial performance**

We extended our track record of driving organic growth while delivering increases in margin, adjusted EPS, ROIC, and adjusted free cash flow

Organic Growth (%)





Organic Growth by Revenue Type (%)



ROIC (%)



#### Adjusted Free Cash Flow (€ million)



Note: 2018 restated for IFRS 16. 2017 restated for IFRS 15. 2016 restated to treat customer credits for 'bank product' services as a deduction to revenues and not as a cost of sales.

## Sustainability performance

We invested at record levels in our products and made advances in employee engagement, cybersecurity, and in rationalizing our real estate footprint



1. In 2021-2022, employee scores were measured by Glint, based on all-employee surveys. The 2022 engagement score is compared to the Glint Global Benchmark. We aspire to reach the Glint Top 25% Benchmark in coming years. In 2014-2020, our engagement score was measured by CultureIQ, who benchmark against a High-Performing Norm based on Fortune's World's Most Admired/Great Place to Work Companies. Due to the change in survey provider and methodology, historical comparison is not meaningful. 2. NIST-CSF: National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework.

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## Advancing ESG

We delivered on important ESG projects for 2022 which were to improve employee belonging, assess our GHG footprint, and submit our near-term targets to SBTi



- Improved employee engagement score by 1 point
- Improved belonging score by 1 point

• Expanded initiatives to attract, engage, and retain diverse talent

- Completed assessment of our greenhouse gas footprint, including Scope 3 emissions
- Committed to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) Net-Zero Standard
- Submitted near-term targets to the SBTi
- Made progress in aligning with TCFD<sup>1</sup> recommendations





### **Dividends and share buybacks**

The strength of our balance sheet allows us to propose a 15% increase in 2022 dividend and to proceed with intended share buyback program for 2023



#### Note: 2018 and 2021 share buybacks include net divestment proceeds deployed towards buybacks (2018: €350 million, 2021: €60 million). 2023 intended share buyback includes net proceeds from divestment of French and Spanish publishing assets.

## Share price performance

Wolters Kluwer shares have increased 50% in 2020-2022, significantly outperforming sector and market indices



#### **Price Performance**

Index	3 Years to End 2022	1 Year to End 2022	Year to Date 2023
Wolters Kluwer	+50%	-6%	+11%
AEX	+14%	-14%	+9%
EURO STOXX	+1%	-14%	+12%
MSCI Europe Commercial & Professional Services	+3%	-20%	+3%

## New division: Corporate Performance & ESG

In March 2023, we formed a new division in order to accelerate synergies and capitalize on growing ESG market opportunity



#### Pro Forma FY 2022 Revenues by Division

- In March 2023, we formed a new division, Corporate Performance & ESG
- New division is comprised of:
  - Corporate Performance Solutions (CCH Tagetik; U.S. Corporate Tax)
  - EHS/ORM Software (Enablon)
  - Finance, Risk & Reporting Solutions (OneSumX)
  - Internal Audit Solutions (TeamMate)
- All four enterprise software businesses have leading market positions in their areas of expertise
- New division allows us to accelerate synergies and leverage their combined strengths
- Growing demand from corporations and banks for integrated financial, operational, and ESG performance solutions
- Pro forma historical figures for the five divisions will be provided in advance of our half-year 2023 report

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## First-quarter 2023 trading update

Good start to the year with performance broadly as expected

- Full-year 2023 guidance reiterated
- First-quarter revenues up 5% in constant currencies and up 6% organically
- Recurring revenues (82%) up 7% organically; non-recurring revenues up 2% organically
- Expert solutions (58%) up 7% organically
- First-quarter adjusted operating profit margin decreased 270 basis points
- Personnel costs and related expenses increased, as expected
- First-quarter adjusted free cash flow decreased 23% in constant currencies
- Mainly due to lower working capital inflows related to timing of payments
- Net debt-to-EBITDA 1.3x

#### First-Quarter Organic Growth Rates

Division	1Q 2023	1Q 2022
Health	+5%	+9%
Tax & Accounting	+11%	+9%
Governance, Risk & Compliance	0%	+8%
Legal & Regulatory	+7%	+6%
Wolters Kluwer	+6%	+8%
Recurring revenues	+7%	+8%
Non-recurring revenues	+2%	+9%

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## **Reiterating Outlook 2023**

Expect high single-digit growth in diluted adjusted EPS in constant currencies

#### Full-year 2023 outlook

Performance indicators	2023 Guidance	2022 Actual	
Adjusted operating profit margin*	26.1%-26.5%	26.1%	
Adjusted free cash flow**	Around €1,200 million	€1,220 million	
ROIC*	16.5%-17.0%	15.5%	
Diluted adjusted EPS growth**	High single-digit	8%	

\*Guidance for adjusted operating profit margin and ROIC is in reporting currency and assumes an average EUR/USD rate in 2023 of €/\$1.07. \*\*Guidance for adjusted free cash flow and diluted adjusted EPS is in constant currencies (€/\$ 1.05). Guidance reflects share repurchases of €1 billion in 2023.

#### Full-year 2023 outlook by division

Division	Organic Growth	Adjusted Operating Profit Margin
Health	In line with 2022	Stable
Tax & Accounting	In line with 2022	Stable
Governance, Risk & Compliance	In line with 2022	Improve modestly
Legal & Regulatory	In line with 2022	Improve modestly

#### Forward-looking statements

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Growth rates are cited in constant currencies unless otherwise noted.

## Jeanette Horan

Member of the Supervisory Board and Chair of the Selection and Remuneration Committee dealing with remuneration matters Wolters Kluwer N.V.

May 10, 2023





### **Remuneration Report 2022**

Performance compared to short-term targets for 2022

#### Performance compared to 2022 Short Term Incentive Plan (STIP) targets

				Actual Performance	
STIP Measures		Weighting	Target	Performance	As % of target
Financial	Revenues, € million	34.0%	5,399	5,453	101%
	Adjusted net profit, € million	28.0%	1,018	1,059	104%
	Adjusted free cash flow, € million	28.0%	1,196	1,220	102%
Non-financial (ESG)	Employee belonging score <sup>1</sup>		+1 point	+1 point	100%
	Indexed cybersecurity maturity score		+2.0% improvement over 2021	+7.4% improvement over 2021	110%
	Number of on-premise servers decommissioned (reducing CO <sub>2</sub> footprint)		600-999	1,032	105%
	Average of Non-financial (ESG) measures	10.0%			105%

<sup>1</sup>Belonging is defined as the extent to which employees believe they can bring their authentic selves to work and be accepted for who they are

## **Remuneration Report 2022**

Performance compared to long-term targets for 2020-2022

#### **Diluted EPS Performance** CAGR<sup>2</sup> in constant currencies was 15.9% +80% over the 3-year period 2020-2022 +60% +40% 3-Year CAGR 15.9% +20% € 4.01 0% € 2.78 € 2.70 € 2.46 -20% -40% GG Equifax Verisk Experian Intertek Wiley SGS Thomson Reuters RELX Wolters Kluwer Pearson Sage Group **News** Corp S&P Global Bur. Veritas Informa 2019 2020 2021 2022

Three-year TSR<sup>1</sup> Performance

<sup>1</sup>TSR = Total Shareholder Return. TSR performance is calculated based on the 60-day average of the share price at the beginning and the end of the three-year performance period. <sup>2</sup>CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

## **Bas Savert**

*Partner* Deloitte Accountants B.V.

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Summary of the audit 2022



Materiality, scoping & ISA 600



Key audit matters and other audit attention areas

#### Key audit matters:

- Internal controls (incl. IT)
- Revenue recognition
- Goodwill

#### Other audit attention areas:

- Risk of fraud
- Risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations
- Going concern
- ESG (including climate change)

#### **Reportable matters:**

- Key audit matters and attention areas addressed in auditor's report
- Other observations

Audit fiscal year 2023



#### Audit fiscal year 2023

- The audit approach for 2023 is expected to be largely consistent with 2022.
- Some changes in group audit scoping are expected following the formation of the Corporate Performance & ESG division.

Questions on items **2a**, **2b**, **2c**, and **3a**  Please make yourself ready to vote – **voting starts**  **2c.** Advisory vote on the remuneration report as included in the 2022 Annual Report

**3a.** Proposal to adopt the Financial Statements for 2022 as included in the 2022 Annual Report

# **3.** Dividend policy

- **3b.** Explanation of dividend policy
- 3c. Proposal to distribute a total dividend of €1.81 per ordinary share, resulting in a final dividend of €1.18 per ordinary share

# Questions on items **3b** and **3c**

**4.** Release of the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board from liability for the exercise of their respective duties

- **4a.** Proposal to release the members of the Executive Board for the exercise of their duties
- **4b.** Proposal to release the members of the Supervisory Board for the exercise of their duties

# Questions on item **4a** and **4b**

5. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Chris Vogelzang as member of the Supervisory Board

# Questions on item **5**

Agenda items 6, 7, and 8

- **6a.** Proposal to extend the authority of the Executive Board to issue shares and/or grant rights to subscribe for shares
- **6b.** Proposal to extend the authority of the Executive Board to restrict or exclude statutory pre-emption rights
- **7.** Proposal to authorize the Executive Board to acquire shares in the company
- 8. Proposal to cancel shares

# Questions on items **6, 7 and 8**

**9.** Proposal to appoint the external auditor for the financial years 2025 – 2028

# Questions on item **9**

# Voting results

# **10.** Any other business

**11.** Closing

# Thank you!