

**EQS-Adhoc: AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG RESOLVES TO IMPLEMENT A NEW SHARE BUY-BACK PROGRAM**

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Vienna, this 7 January 2025

The management board of AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG (the "Company") resolved today to implement a new share buy-back program for own shares (the "**Share Buy-Back Program III**") on the basis of the authorization resolution pursuant to Sec 65 para 1 no 4 and 8 Austrian Stock Corporation Act of the annual general meeting held on 30 June 2023, which was published on 30 June 2023. The supervisory board of AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG approved the implementation of the new Share Buy-Back Program III by resolution passed today.

The Share Buy-Back Program III is conducted in order to acquire own shares for remuneration purposes, i.e. transferring shares to employees, senior executives, as well as members of the management board of the Company or its subsidiaries in accordance with the authorization resolution of the annual general meeting of 30.6.2023.

The share buy-backs are carried out by PIRAEUS SECURITIES S.A. via the stock exchange (and multilateral trading facilities (MTFs), if the case maybe). PIRAEUS SECURITIES S.A. makes its decision on the time of acquisition independently and without influence from AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG and must comply with the trading conditions pursuant to Art 3 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1052 of 8 March 2016.

The maximum volume of the Share Buy-Back Program III amounts to up to 727,077 own shares (corresponding to approx. 2% of the current total share capital). The share buy-back under the Share Buy-Back Program III will start on 10.01.2025 and is anticipated to continue up to (including) 09.07.2025.

In accordance with the resolution of the annual general meeting held on 30 June 2023, the consideration to be paid per share when acquiring shares must (i) not be lower than EUR 1 (i.e., the calculated proportion of the share capital per share), and (ii) not be more than 20% above the volume-weighted average price of the last 20 trading days preceding the respective purchase. Additionally, the management board has determined a maximum price of EUR 12 per share.

The maximum total consideration under the Share Buy-Back Program III amounts to EUR 5,816,616.

The share buy-backs are carried out within the framework of the safe harbor rule pursuant to Art 5 of the Market Abuse Regulation.

The Share Buy-Back Program III does not have any effects on the listing of the shares.

The details of the Share Buy-Back Program III, details of the transactions carried out under the Share Buy-Back Program III and any changes to the Share Buy-Back Program III will be published in accordance with valid legislation and on the website of AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG under <https://www.austriacard.com/investor-relations-ac/press-releases-ac/>. This

announcement is not a public offer to purchase shares of AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG and does not impose any obligations on AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG or any of its subsidiaries to accept offers to buy back shares of AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG.

**ABOUT AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG**

AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG leverages over 130 years of experience in information management, printing, and communications to deliver secure and transparent experiences for its customers. They offer a comprehensive suite of products and services, including payment solutions, identification solutions, smart cards, card personalization, digitization solutions, and secure data management. ACAG employs a global workforce of 2,500 people and is publicly traded on both the Athens and Vienna Stock Exchanges under the symbol ACAG.

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