

# Corporate Governance Roadshow

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# Sopra Steria in 2023



# **Sopra Steria: A European leader in digital transformation**

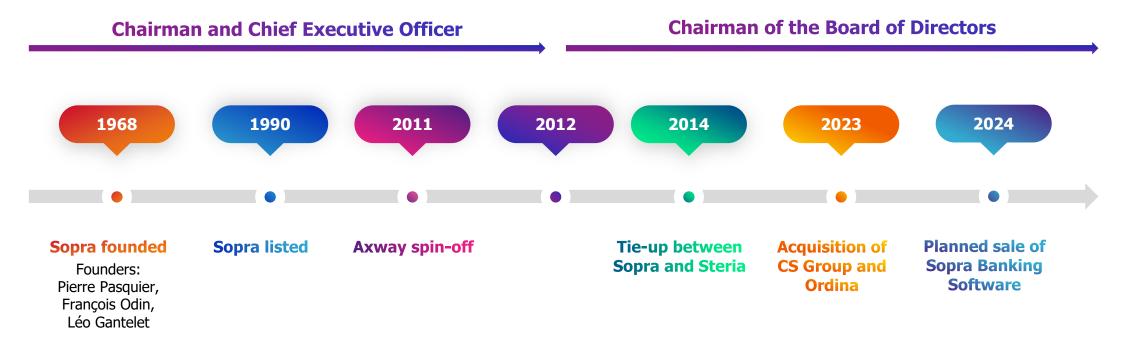
Position in 2023

# Become a compelling European alternative to global providers for major clients



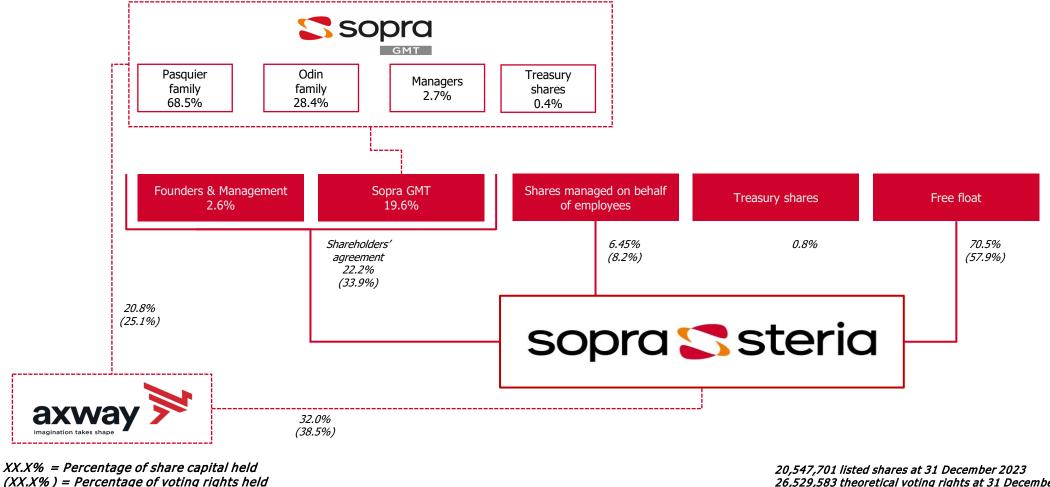
# More than 50 years of growth and transformations

## Pierre Pasquier, a pioneer in France's digital services sector, founded Sopra in 1968





# A core shareholder backing the corporate strategy & aligned with minority interests



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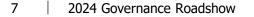
20,547,701 listed shares at 31 December 2023 26,529,583 theoretical voting rights at 31 December 2023 SODra Steria

# Strong growth since stock exchange listing - solid financial position

Historical performance 1990 - 2023



2023 consolidated revenue: €5.8bn x70 since 1990 Average organic growth over past 20 years: c. 6% a year	Net financial debt for 2023 Free cash flow for 2023	€946m €390m
Operating margin on business activity for 2023: €548m x88 since 1990 Operating margin: 7.6% -> 9.4%	<b>Dividends in respect of financial year 2023</b>	€96m
Net profit attributable to the Group for 2023: €184m	EBITDA leverage for 2023	<b>1.50</b> x
x55 since 1990 Adjusted 2023 Group net profit €273m (x84 since 1990)	Gearing for 2023	<b>49%</b>





# **Strong shareholder returns**

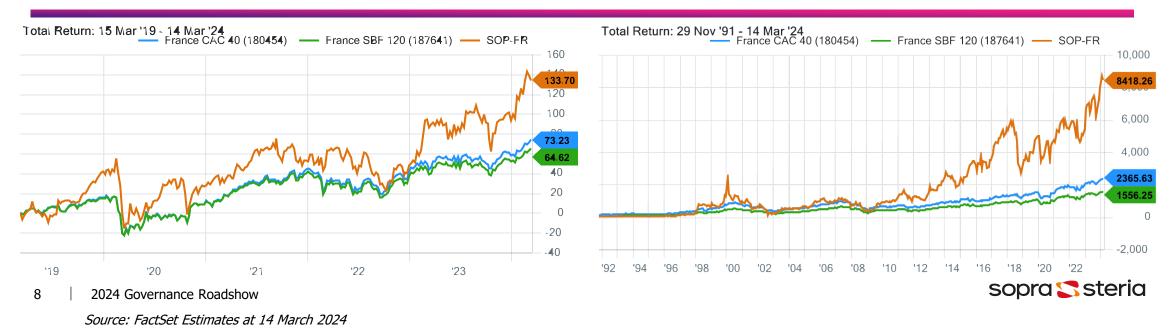
### Share price listing at €4.62 in 1990



### Dividend

Payout ratio Averages c. 30% over past 20 years

### TSR over the past 5 years and since 1991



# **Corporate Governance: Sopra Steria attentive to shareholder interests and aligned with best practices**

- Directors' terms of office reduced to four years (since 2020)
- "Bons Breton" warrants withdrawn (2020)
- ESG criteria factored into compensation (2018)
- Proportion of independent directors on the Board of Directors >50% (since 2018)
- Directors' terms of office staggered (since 2018)
- Individual directors' board and committee attendance rates published (since 2018)
- Professional development of the Board of Directors (since 2018)
- Non-Voting director role (aka "censor") discontinued (2018)
- Proportion of gender diversity on the Board of Directors >40% (since 2016)
- Separation of the roles of Chairman and CEO (since 2012)





# **Board of Directors**



# Chairman and CEO roles separated since 2012

### Strategy oversight Chairman Pierre Pasquier

- Guides the Group's strategy and all related matters, including mergers and acquisitions
- Assists Executive Management with the Group's transformation
- Oversees investor relations and manages the Board's relations with shareholders

### **Operational management** Chief Executive Officer Cyril Malargé

- Works with the Chairman to formulate strategy
- Supervises the implementation of decisions adopted
- Ensures the operational management of all Group entities

## **Constructive working relationship between Chair & CEO**



# **Board of Directors**

Structure as of 31/12/2023

### **Chairman: Pierre Pasquier**

18 members

15 Directors appointed by shareholders at the General Meeting3 Directors representing the employees and employee shareholders

40% Female Directors 60% Male Directors 67% Independent Directors 10% Average age of Directors Nationalities

# Board self-assessment

- Annual discussion and search for ways to improve how the Board operates
- Formal assessment at least every 3 years

Sopra Steria Group

35-point questionnaire

It is a top priority for the Board of Directors to have a diverse range of skills. Ten key competencies were identified by members of the Board of Directors.

and social issues

<b>61%</b> Knowledge of consulting, digital services, software development, ability to promote innovation	<b>50%</b> Knowledge of one of the Group's main vertical markets	<b>44%</b> Entrepreneurial experience	<b>33%</b> CEO of a major group	<b>56%</b> Finance, risk management and control	
<b>44%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>44%</b>	
CSR – Human	CSR –	International teams	Knowledge of	Operational	
resources and	Environmental	and organisations	Axway Software	experience within	

labour relations



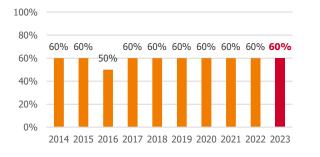
# **Independent directors and attendance rate within the Board of Directors and its committees**

### **Independent directors (%)**

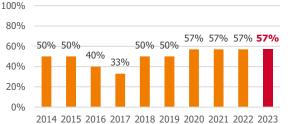




Nomination, Governance, Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee



Compensation Committee



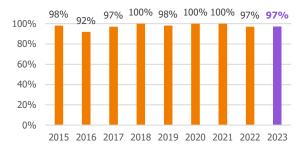
### **Attendance rate**



Compensation Committee 100% 98% 92% 96% 98% 94% 98% 100% 100% 98% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0% 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023



Nomination, Governance, Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee





# Main focus of the works of the Board of Directors in 2023

### Strategy and investment

- External growth transactions
- Human resources policy in line with strategy

### Accounting and financial information

- Approval of the financial statements
- ∟ Selection of Statutory Auditors
- ∟ Funding policy
- **Control and prior authorisations**
- Monitoring of routine agreements
- Continuation of previously authorised agreements
- Authorisation to guarantee commitments by subsidiaries controlled by the Group

### \_ ESG/CSR

- ∟ Multi-year CSR priorities
- Policy on workplace and pay equality and targets for bringing more women into Group management positions

### **Corporate governance**

- Composition and operation of the Board of Directors
- Compensation of company officers, including targets for the Chief Executive Officer
- Decisions regarding share ownership programmes for employees and company officers – "We Share 2023" and LTI plans



# **Results from the Board of Directors' last 3 selfassessments**

### **2022 formal assessment**

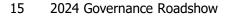
 Identified opportunities for improvement, notably relating to its composition, and consideration of CSR by the Board of Directors and its committees

### 2019 formal assessment

Identified opportunities for improvement, notably relating to information provided to members of the Board of Directors, particularly between meetings, minutes of the committees' work, and more in-depth work on key environmental issues by the committee tasked with overseeing corporate responsibility

### \_ 2016 formal assessment

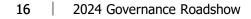
- A need was identified in response to which it was decided that the members of the Board of Directors should attend the start-of-year kick-off meeting with the Group's broader management community and that a meeting should be held with the members of the Executive Committee
- The self-assessment also allowed for specific requests to be expressed concerning the annual schedule of work and the provision of preparatory materials
- Implementation of a dedicated electronic platform for Directors







# **Sopra GMT** (Holding company)





# Sopra GMT's resources and role

**Competent and experienced team assisting the Chairman to perform those duties entrusted to him by the Board of Directors** 

## Resources

- Four exectives outside the Pasquier family, three of whom are former Sopra Steria and Axway executives who have not served as officers of either company
- In-depth knowledge of the Group, its organisational structure and its business lines – hard to find among outside providers
- Able to provide the Chairman and the Board of Directors with an outside perspective that is independent of Sopra Steria

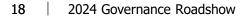


- Strategy and acquisitions
- Corporate secretarial affairs for the Board and its committees
- Providing support for functional departments
- Participating in various steering committees: acquisitions, corporate responsibility, internal control and audit, employee share ownership, etc.
- The last change to the agreement was approved at the 2013 AGM with a majority of over 95%; reviewed annually by the Board
- Rebilling to Sopra Steria: €1.7m net in 2023, i.e.
   0.03% of revenue





# **Proposed resolutions**





# Agenda (1/2)

### Ordinary General Meeting

### Approval of the financial statements

- Resolutions 1 and 3: Parent company and consolidated financial statements for financial year 2023
- **Resolution 2** Final discharge to the Board of Directors
- Appropriation of earnings
  - **Resolution 3** Proposed dividend: €4.65 per share

#### Compensation of company officers

- Resolution 5 Approval of the report on the compensation of company officers
- Resolutions 6 and 7 Approval of the fixed and variable components of compensation paid or allotted in respect of financial year 2023 to the executive company officers Pierre Pasquier and Cyril Malargé
- Resolution 8 and 9 Compensation policy for the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer

#### Decision setting the amount of compensation awarded to Directors

Resolution 10 – Decision setting the amount of compensation awarded to Directors for their service \_ Reappointment of 5 Directors

- Resolutions 12 to 16
  - Pierre Pasquier, Chairman
  - Éric Pasquier, Vice-Chairman
  - Sopra GMT, represented by Kathleen Clark, Chairwoman of the Nomination, Governance, Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee
  - Éric Hayat, Vice-Chairman
  - Marie-Hélène Rigal-Drogerys, Chairwoman of the Audit Committee

#### Appointment of Statutory Auditors

- Resolution 17 Appointment of KPMG as one of the Company's two Principal Statutory Auditors
- Resolutions 18 and 19 Appointment of ACA Nexia and Cabinet de Saint Front as Joint Sustainability Auditors

#### Authorisation for the Company to buy back its own shares

Resolution 20 – Buyback by the Company of its own shares

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# Agenda (2/2)

### Extraordinary General Meeting

- Authorisation for the potential retirement of treasury shares
  - **Resolution 21** Potential retirement of treasury shares
- Financial delegations granted to the Board of Directors
  - Resolutions 22 to 26 Financial delegations granted to the Board of Directors to carry out share capital increases other than as consideration for in-kind contributions
  - Resolutions 27 and 28 Financial delegations granted to the Board of Directors to carry out share capital increases as consideration for in-kind contributions
  - Resolution 29 Capital increase through the capitalisation of reserves

- Financial delegations aimed at giving employees and/or company officers a stake in the share capital
  - Resolution 30 Allotment of free shares to employees and company officers
  - Resolution 31 Capital increase reserved for employees enrolled in a group savings plan
- Amendments to the Articles of Association
  - Resolution 32 Amendment to Article 14 of the Articles of Association concerning the method of appointing Directors representing the employees
  - Resolution 33 Amendment to Article 15 of the Articles of Association concerning the age limit for the Chairman of the Board of Directors





# **Articles of Association Chairman age limit**

Requires a two-thirds majority vote at the EGM

## **Raising the Chairman age limit from 89 to 95**

### **Pierre Pasquier**

- Pioneer in France's digital services sector, behind the establishment of Sogeti and then of Sopra in 1968
- Unrivalled experience and recognised strategic vision
- Interests naturally aligned with those of all shareholders
- CEO until 2012, Chairman of the Board of Directors since 2012
- Key role in the disposal of most of Sopra Banking Software's activities (c. €340m in revenue) to ensure transaction completed under good conditions

### Framework

- Term of office of 4 years as a Director and 2 years as Chairman
- Continued active preparation for the transition of the Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Annual review of the succession plan for unforeseen vacancy in the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Experience and leadership considered necessary following the recent decision to divest a Group activity, and this divestment is in line with minority shareholder expectations



## Reappointment for a 4-year term

#### Pierre Pasquier, Chairman of the Board of Directors



- Member of the Nomination, Governance, Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee Age: 88
- Nationality: French
- Date of first appointment: 1968 (date Sopra was founded)
- Number of shares in the Company owned personally: 108,113

#### Main positions and appointments currently held

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sopra Steria Group
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Axway Software
- Chairman and CEO of Sopra GMT
- Executive company officer, Director or permanent representative of Sopra GMT at Sopra Steria Group subsidiaries (direct and indirect)
- Company officer of direct and indirect subsidiaries of Axway Software

#### Individual attendance rate



consulting, digital services, software	one of the Group's main vertical	Entrepreneur- ial experience	CEO of a major group	,		Knowledge of Axway Software	Operational experience within Sopra Steria Group



### Reappointment for a 4-year term

### Éric Pasquier, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors



- Member of the Audit Committee
- Age: 52
- Nationality: French
- Date of first appointment: 27/06/2014
- Number of shares in the Company owned personally: 4,366

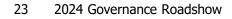
#### Main positions and appointments currently held

- Head of Strategy, Sopra Steria Group
- Managing Director and member of the Board of Directors of Sopra GMT
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sopra Banking Software
- Company officer of direct and indirect subsidiaries of Sopra Steria Group

#### Individual attendance rate



Knowledge of consulting, digital services, software development, ability to promote innovation	Knowledge of one of the Group's main vertical markets	CEO of a major group	Finance, risk management and control	CSR – Human resources and labour relations	International teams and organisations	Knowledge of Axway Software	Operational experience within Sopra Steria Group





Reappointment for a 4-year term

# Sopra GMT, represented by Kathleen Clark in this capacity



- Chairwoman of the Nomination, Governance, Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee
- Member of the Compensation Committee
- Age: 56
- Nationality: American and French
- Date of first appointment: 27/06/2014
- Number of shares in the Company held by Sopra GMT: 4,035,669

#### Main positions and appointments currently held

- Director of Corporate Development of Sopra Steria Group
- Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Axway Software
- Deputy Director of Sopra GMT
- Director or permanent representative of Sopra GMT at Sopra Steria Group subsidiaries (direct and indirect)

#### Individual attendance rate



Knowledge of consulting, digital services, software development, ability to promote innovation	one of the , Group's main vertical	Entrepreneur- ial experience		CSR – Environmental and social issues	International teams and organisations	Knowledge of Axway Software	Operational experience within Sopra Steria Group



### Reappointment for a 4-year term



- Member of the Compensation Committee
- Member of the Nomination, Governance, Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee
- Age: 82

Nationality: French

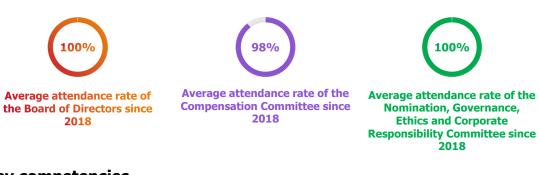
Éric Hayat, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors

- Date of first appointment: 27/06/2014
- Number of shares in the Company owned personally: 37,068

#### Main positions and appointments currently held

- President of Éric Hayat Conseil
- Chairman of the public interest group Modernisation des Déclarations Sociales (MDS GIP)

#### Individual attendance rate







## **Reappointment for a 2-year term**

#### Marie-Hélène Rigal-Drogerys, Independent Director



- Chairwoman of the Audit Committee
- Age: 53
- Nationality: French
- Date of first appointment: 27/06/2014
- Number of shares in the Company owned personally: 100

#### Main positions and appointments currently held

- Director of Axway Software
- Member of the Board of Directors of Chapter Zero France

#### Other directorships and offices held during the last five years

- Expert member of the Advisory Board, Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT) Albi-Carmaux
- Adviser to the President, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon

#### Individual attendance rate









# Annexes



# **Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer** 1/3

In respect of financial year 2023 (decision of the Board on 21 February 2024)

### Fixed compensation: €500,000

Calculation of annual variable compensation

Criteria	Туре	Potential amount as % of AVC <sup>(1)</sup>	Potential amount	Threshold	Target	Achieved	Amount awarded
Consolidated operating margin on business activity	Quantifiable	50.0%	€150,000	8.9%	9.3%	9.4%	€150,000
Consolidated revenue growth	Quantifiable	10.0%	€30,000	3.0%	6.0%	6.6%	€30,000
Increasing the proportion of women in the Group's management positions (% women in the two highest echelons of the organisation, levels 5 and 6)	Quantifiable	5.0%	€15,000	19.0%	20.0%	>20.0%	€15,000
Reduction in direct GHG <sup>2</sup> emissions per employee (SBTi III) <sup>3</sup> (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Quantifiable	5.0%	€15,000	0.74 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	0.69 tCO <sub>2</sub> e		€15,000
Qualitative target related to the requirements of the strategic plan and operational organisation	Qualitative	30.0%	€90,000			Target around 90% achieved	€80,000
Total		100.0%	€300,000				€290,000

[1] AVC: Annual variable compensation

[2] GHG: Greenhouse gas

[3] Science Based Targets initiative



# **Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer 2/3**

Performance share award plan of 24 May 2023

## **\_\_\_\_** Rights to shares granted in 2023: 3,000

- □ 3 performance criteria, allocated the same weighting, with a total of 90%
- □ Organic revenue growth, operating profit on business activity, free cash flow
- $\_$  1 corporate responsibility criterion, with a weighting of 10%
- □ Proportion of women in the Group's senior management positions

2023	3–2025			Weighting over 3 years
Sopra Steria Group performance targ	gets and criteria		Weighting	
Organic revenue growth	90%			
Operating profit on business activity a	2070			
Free cash flow			30%	
2023	3–2025			Weighting over 3 years
	Target	Threshold		
				10%
Proportion of women in senior management positions	22% in 2025	>19.5%		



# **Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer 3/3**

In respect of financial year 2024

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### No changes were made to annual fixed compensation or the compensation policy

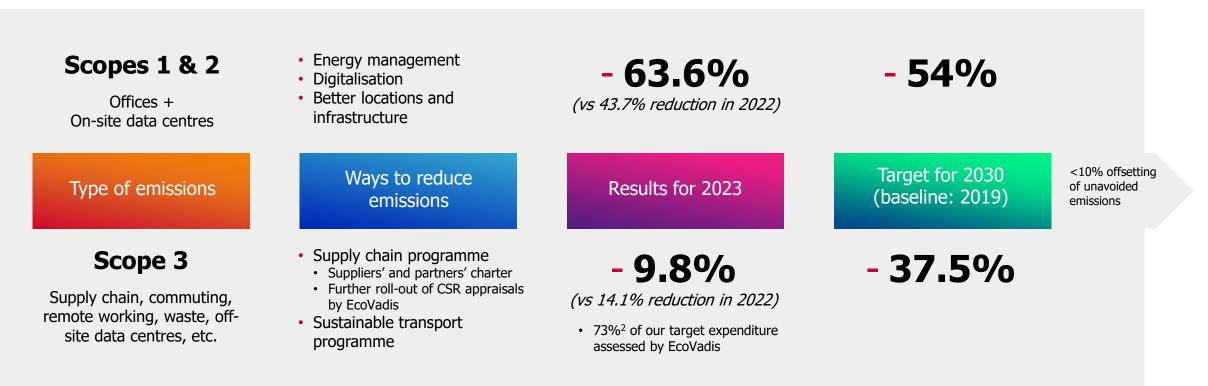
⊢ Fixed compensation: €500,000

	_		Potential amount as %		
Criterion	Туре	of AVC <sup>[1]</sup>	of AFC <sup>[2]</sup>	Potential amount in €	
Consolidated operating margin on business					
activity	quantifiable	40.0%	24.0%	€120,000	
Consolidated revenue growth	quantifiable	20.0%	12.0%	€60,000	
Environmental criteria	quantifiable	5.0%	3.0%	€15,000	
Criterion of proportion of women in senior					
management positions at the Group	quantifiable	5.0%	3.0%	€15,000	
Qualitative targets consistent with the Group's					
strategy and organisation and/or the					
assessment of the company officer's					
performance	qualitative	30.0%	18.0%	€90,000	
TOTAL		100.0%	60.0%	€300,000	

Once the schedule for completing the planned disposal of most of Sopra Banking Software's activities to Axway Software is confirmed, the Board of Directors will set specific targets in accordance with the criterion set forth above.
Sopra Steria

# Helping combat climate change

New SBTi<sup>1</sup> targets covering our entire value chain by 2030



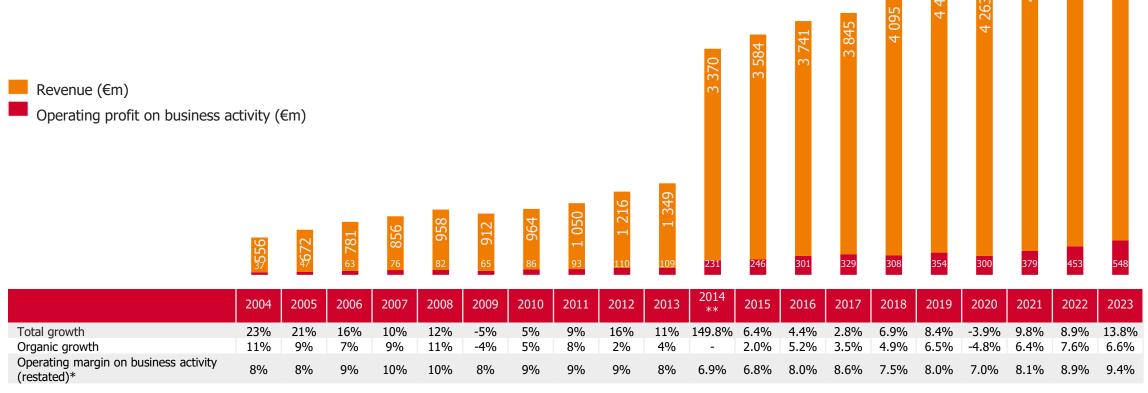
(1) Validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

(2) Total target expenditure in 2023 of €1,164m (vs. €868m in 2022) with our target suppliers (>26 employees, annual expenditure >€150k)



# **Historical operating performance**

Historical average: organic revenue growth 6%, operating margin 8.4%



\* Restated according to equivalent tax laws for the financial years up to and including 2009 and at constant scope (excluding Axway)

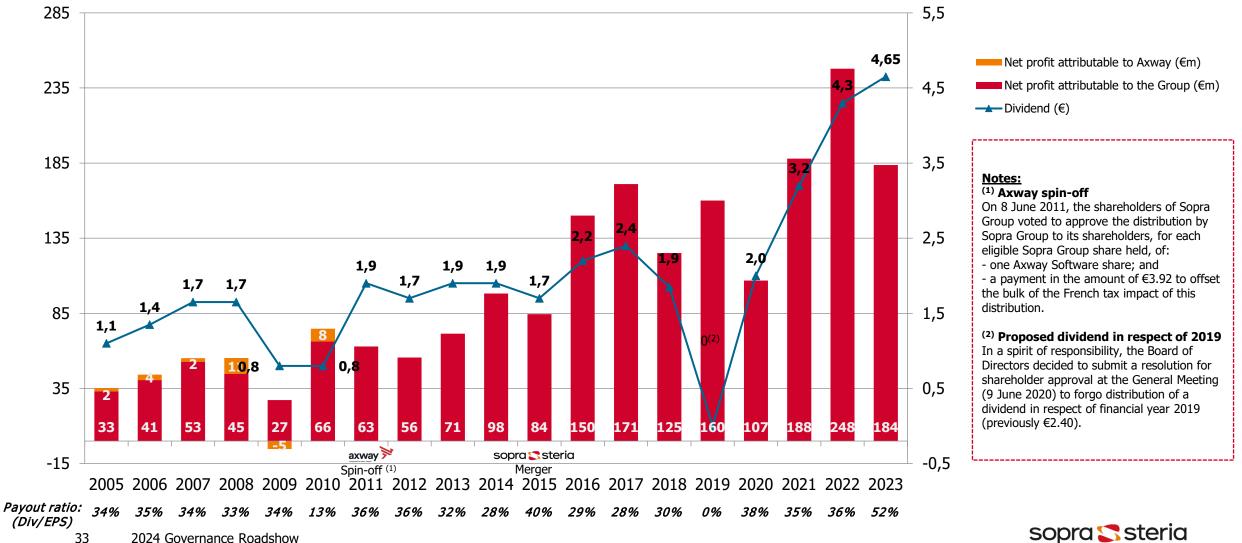
\*\* Pro forma basis of comparison adjusted for the Sopra Steria merger

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# Net profit and dividends

Historical average DPS/EPS: c. 30%



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