### **REPORT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EBRO FOODS, S.A. REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO RE-ELECT THE DIRECTOR JAVIER FERNÁNDEZ ALONSO**

#### 1. Introduction

Javier Fernández Alonso was re-elected Director of Ebro Foods, S.A. ("**Ebro**" or the "**Company**") for the statutory term of four years by virtue of a resolution adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 16 December 2020, in view of the proposal and report issued by the Board of Directors and the favourable report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, pursuant to section 529 decies.4, 5 and 6 of the Corporate Enterprises Act.

Javier Fernández Alonso is classified as a Proprietary Director on the grounds that he was appointed and re-elected Director at the proposal of the significant shareholder Corporación Financiera Alba S.A., which he represents on the Board of Directors of Ebro.

Pursuant to the Corporate Enterprises Act section 222, directors' appointments end, after expiry of their term of office, as of the date of the general meeting or on expiry of the compulsory term for holding the general meeting that is to approve the accounts for the preceding year. No general meetings have been held since 16 December 2024.

Since the term of office of the Director Javier Fernández Alonso expired on 16 December 2024 and since the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of the Company that is to resolve on approval of the 2024 accounts is scheduled for 11 June 2025 on first call and 12 June 2025 on second call, the Board of Directors has resolved to table a motion at the AGM, in view of the proposal submitted by the significant shareholder Corporación Financiera Alba S.A., to re-elect the Director Javier Fernández Alonso for the statutory term of four years, on the terms set out in <u>Annex 1</u>.

The motion to be tabled at the AGM to re-elect the Director Mr Fernández Alonso has been previously assessed and a favourable report issued by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee pursuant to section 529.decies.6 of the Corporate Enterprises Act and Article 25.4(a) of the Regulations of the Board.

A copy is appended in <u>Annex 2</u> hereto of the report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, containing: (i) an analysis of the composition and present needs of the Board, in accordance with the company's Policy on the Selection of Directors and Diversity in the Composition of the Board; (ii) the assessment made by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee regarding the classification of Mr Fernández Alonso, concluding that he is classified as a Proprietary Director; and (iii) the assessment of the competence, experience and merits of Mr Fernández Alonso and his contribution to the Board of Directors of the Company and the diversity of expertise and profiles in that body.

The professional profile of Javier Fernández Alonso is also appended in <u>Annex 3</u> hereto.

This Report and the Annexes hereto will be made available to shareholders through publication on the corporate website <u>www.ebrofoods.es</u>, coinciding with the publication

of the notice of call to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting 2025. They will also be incorporated in the minutes of the corresponding Board and meetings and the General Meeting.

## 2. Legal and regulatory aspects

## 2.1. Expiry of appointment

The term of office of the Director Javier Fernández Alonso expired on 16 December 2024 (four years after his appointment) and, pursuant to Corporate Enterprises Act section 222, his appointment will end as of the date of the general meeting or on expiry of the compulsory term for holding the general meeting that is to approve the accounts for the preceding year.

In view of the foregoing and since no general meetings have been held since 16 December 2024, his term of office will expire at the end of the Annual General Meeting 2025 (which, as mentioned earlier, will be held on 11 June 2025 on first call, or the following day on second call).

### 2.2. <u>Category of director</u>

Pursuant to the Corporate Enterprises Act section 529.duodecies.3, proprietary directors are those with a shareholding interest equal to or greater than that considered by law as significant, or appointed by virtue of their status as shareholders, even though their interest does not reach that level, and those representing shareholders as above.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors concludes that Javier Fernández Alonso will continue to be a Proprietary Director as he would be nominated for re-election by the significant shareholder Corporación Financiera Alba S.A., which he would continue to represent on the Board.

### 2.3. <u>Re-election by the General Meeting of a Director</u>

Pursuant to Article 20 of the company's Articles of Association, directors are appointed for a term of four years, after which they are eligible for re-election on one or several occasions for terms of an equal duration. The re-election of directors is also contemplated in section 221.2, second paragraph, of the Corporate Enterprises Act and in Article 30.1 of the Regulations of the Board.

Pursuant to the Corporate Enterprises Act, section 529 decies, the Board members of a listed company must be appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders.

That section 529 decies also establishes, in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, that (i) the Board is competent to propose the appointment of non-independent directors (paragraph 4); and (ii) that proposal must necessarily be accompanied by a supporting report by the Board assessing the competence, experience and merits of the proposed candidate, which will be appended to the minutes of the general meeting or board meeting, as the case may be (paragraph 5) and preceded by a report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (paragraph 6).

Similarly, Article 25.4(a) of the Regulations of the Board provides that the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall inform always prior to submission to the General Meeting of any proposal regarding the appointment of Directors.

## 3. Justification of the motion

The Board considers it appropriate to re-elect Javier Fernández Alonso as director by virtue of his nomination by the significant shareholder of the company, Corporación Financiera Alba S.A., and the assessment made in this report.

### 4. Assessment of the competence, experience and merits of the candidate

The Board considers that Javier Fernández Alonso has the necessary competence, experience and merits to continue as Director on the Board of Directors of Ebro, in view of the following qualities:

- The excellent work performed so far by Javier Fernández Alonso as Director and member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee, having amply demonstrated his capacity and professional worth in the performance of his duties and his valuable contribution to the Board.
- The broad, in-depth knowledge he has of business activities in general and, in particular, those of the Ebro Group, having been on the Board since 25 January 2017 (up to July 2020 as representative of the corporate Director Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. and since then in his own right as a natural person).
- His extensive experience as Director of corporate enterprises, holding or having held directorships directly or representing corporate Directors, both in Ebro Foods and in other companies, both listed and otherwise.
- The excellent qualifications of Javier Fernández Alonso as BA in Business Management and Administration specialising in Finance, his extensive expertise in accounting and auditing and his experience in the administration of companies operating in different sectors, which make him a valuable asset on the Board of Directors of Ebro, favouring diversity of expertise, profiles and professional experience on the Board.

In accordance with: (i) the company's Policy on the Selection of Directors and Diversity in the Composition of the Board, (ii) Article 32.2 of the Regulations of the Board and (iii) Recommendation 25 of the Good Governance Code for Listed Companies, Javier Fernández Alonso has informed the company that he is sufficiently available to be able to correctly perform his duties.

Finally, the Board of Directors, with a favourable report from the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, considers that Javier Fernández Alonso meets the necessary conditions of competence, experience and merits to continue as member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee. The Board highlights Mr Fernández Alonso's expertise and experience in matters within the remit of the Audit and Control Committee.

#### 5. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Board considers that:

- 5.1. The necessary legal, statutory and regulatory conditions are met to re-elect the Director Javier Fernández Alonso for the statutory term of four years.
- 5.2. Javier Fernández Alonso has proved that he has the necessary qualifications, training and professional experience required for this position, considering the needs of the Company.
- 5.3. Mr Fernández Alonso's broad, thorough knowledge of business in general and, in particular, the business of the Ebro Group, having been on the Board since 2017, make him a valuable asset for the Company.
- 5.4. The re-election of Javier Fernández Alonso was proposed by the significant shareholder Corporación Financiera Alba S.A.
- 5.5. Javier Fernández Alonso will continue have the same category of Proprietary Director.
- 5.6. In the opinion of the Board, with the appointment of Javier Fernández Alonso as Director the composition of the Board of Directors reflects the correlation between the portion of capital controlled by significant shareholders and the percentage held by institutional investors and non-significant shareholders.
- 5.7. The re-election of the Director Javier Fernández Alonso maintains the current size of the Board, set at 14 members at the General Meeting held on 29 July 2020, and its gender parity, giving the Board adequate diversity in terms of gender, age, expertise, profiles and professional experience in keeping with the Policy on the Selection of Directors and Diversity in the Composition of the Board.
- 5.8. Javier Fernández Alonso is sufficiently available to ensure adequate performance of his duties as Director and member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee.

In short, the board considers it appropriate to re-elect the company Director Javier Fernández Alonso for the statutory term of four years. Mr Fernández Alonso is a Proprietary Director. He is also considered a suitable candidate to continue as member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee.

Madrid, 30 April 2025

Annexes:

Annex 1. Proposed resolution to be laid before the shareholders at the AGM

Annex 2. Report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee



Annex 3. Professional profile of Javier Fernández Alonso

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## Annex 1

## Proposed resolution submitted to the Annual General Meeting

"Re-election of the director Javier Fernández Alonso.

To re-elect Javier Fernández Alonso as Director of Ebro Foods, S.A. for the statutory term of four years. Javier Fernández Alonso is classified as a proprietary director."

## Annex 2

### **REPORT BY THE NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE OF EBRO FOODS, S.A. ON THE PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR JAVIER FERNÁNDEZ ALONSO**

#### 1. Introduction

Javier Fernández Alonso was re-elected Director of Ebro Foods, S.A. ("**Ebro**" or the "**Company**") for the statutory term of four years by virtue of a resolution adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 16 December 2020, in view of the proposal and report issued by the Board of Directors and the favourable report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, pursuant to section 529 decies.4, 5 and 6 of the Corporate Enterprises Act. Javier Fernández Alonso is classified as a proprietary director.

The term of office of the Director Javier Fernández Alonso expired on 16 December 2024, which means that, pursuant to the Corporate Enterprises Act section 222, his appointment will end as of the date of the Annual General Meeting 2025 (scheduled for 11 June 2025 on first call or the following day on second call). No general meetings have been held since 16 December 2024.

Section 221.2, second paragraph, of the Corporate Enterprises Act, Article 20 of the Articles of Association and Article 30.1 of the Regulations of the Board stipulate that directors may be re-elected to office on one or several occasions for periods equal to the term contemplated in the Articles of Association.

For this purpose, pursuant to section 529 decies of the Corporate Enterprises Act, in addition to the corresponding report by the Board on the competence, experience and merits of the proposed candidate (paragraph 5), the motion must also be preceded by a report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (paragraph 6).

In addition, Article 25.4(a) of the Regulations of the Board of Directors of Ebro provides that the Nomination and Remuneration Committee shall inform always prior to the submission to the General Meeting of any proposal regarding the appointment of Directors.

In compliance with the aforesaid legal and regulatory provisions, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee issues this Report on the proposal submitted to the AGM for to re-elect the Director Javier Fernández Alonso for the statutory term of four years.

# 2. Prior analysis of the skills and competence required by the Board of Directors, and its composition and present needs

According to the Code of Good Governance and the company's Policy on the Selection of Directors and Diversity in the Composition of the Board, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee analyses in this point the composition and present needs of the Board of Directors.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has recently assessed these aspects: (i) in its favourable reports issued on 27 November 2024 and submitted to the Board regarding the appointment by cooptation of two Directors, one classified as proprietary and the other as executive; (ii) in the process of self-assessment of the Board and its Committees corresponding to 2023, made in 2024; and (iii) in its proposal to the Board on 30 April 2025 regarding the appointment by cooptation of an independent director to fill the vacancy left by another Independent Director as of 27 January 2025.

The analysis made by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is indicated below:

• Following the appointment by cooptation of Meritxell Batet Lamaña resolved by the Board on 30 April 2025 to fill the vacancy produced by the resignation of Marc Thomas Murtra Millar, the Board once again has 14 members, which is the number set at the Annual General Meeting held on 29 July 2020. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee considers 14 to be the ideal number of Directors, since it gives this body: (i) the necessary size to favour its effective operation, participation by all the Directors and timely decision-making; (ii) adequate diversity of expertise, experience and gender in its composition; (iii) and an adequate balance between Directors representing majority shareholders and minority shareholders on the Board.

• From the point of view of categories of Directors, of the 14 Directors in office at present, 2 are classified as executive, 8 as proprietary and 4 as independent.

In this regard, the Committee considers that the following aspects must be taken into account:

- (i) Although he was nominated by the significant shareholder Hercalianz Investing Group, S.L. (with which he has a corporate related-party relationship), the Director Félix Hernández Callejas is classified as an Executive Director on the grounds that he is an executive in one subsidiary of Ebro Foods, S.A. and director in several subsidiaries of the Ebro Group.
- (ii) There is no relationship between the significant shareholders represented on the Board of Directors.
- (iii) 68.63% of the capital is represented on the Board.
- (iv) The Company has a non-free float of 72.29% (as at the date of issuing this report).

• The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has assessed the degree of compliance with Recommendation 17 of the Code of Good Governance, according to which: "when the company is not highly capitalised (as is the case of Ebro) [...], the number of independent directors should be at least one third of the total."

Since the number of independent Directors (4) is slightly less than one-third (4.67) of the total Board members (14) recommended for companies that do not have a large capitalisation, the Committee has indicated the need to continue working towards raising the number of independent Directors until at least the recommended third is reached. It should, nevertheless, be borne in mind that at the date of issue of this Report, 68.63% of the total capital of the Company is concentrated in the Board of Directors.



• It has also assessed the degree of compliance with Recommendation 16 of the Code of Good Governance, according to which: "The percentage of proprietary directors out of all non-executive directors should be no greater than the proportion between the ownership stake of the shareholders they represent and the remainder of the company's capital. This criterion may be relaxed (as in the case of Ebro): a) In large-cap companies where few or no equity stakes attain the legal threshold for significant shareholdings. b) In companies with a plurality of shareholders represented on the board but not otherwise related."

In this regard, the Committee takes into account that the percentage of proprietary Directors in the total number of non-executive directors (66.67% of the total of 14 members set by the General Meeting) is no greater than the proportion between the company's capital represented by those Directors and the remainder of the company's capital (68.63%).

In view of the foregoing, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee considers that the composition of the Board combines the principles of adequate size, balance and ample majority of non-executive Directors recommended by the Code of Good Governance. Accordingly, the Committee concludes that any vacancy that may arise on the Board should be filled with an independent Director, or at least a Director of the same category as the outgoing Director.

• With regard to numbers of men and women in the present composition of the Board, the Committee points out the gender parity existing at present.

• Finally, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee assesses the fact that all the Directors currently in office were appointed on the grounds that their expertise, skills, professional experience, availability and suitability were adequate for the performance of their duties.

In this respect, in view of the diverse professional profiles of the Directors (all specialists in very varied, and at the same time complementary, sectors such as economic, financial, legal, industrial, institutional, consumer and distribution markets, beverages, rice and pasta), and taking account of the thorough knowledge that some of them have of the entire Group, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee considers that the current composition of the Board of Directors has an adequate diversity of expertise and professional experience for the interests of the Company and its Group and it has not identified any specific profiles that are missing from the Board. This justifies the favourable report issued for the re-election of the Director Javier Fernández Alonso.

# **3.** Analysis of the motion tabled by the Board at the Annual General Meeting for re-election of the director Javier Fernández Alonso

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee took the following into consideration to issue this favourable report:

a) The excellent work as Director and member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee performed so far by Javier Fernández Alonso, who has amply demonstrated his capacity and professional worth in the performance of his duties and his valuable contribution to the board, thanks to the broad, in-depth knowledge he has of business in general and the business of the Ebro Group in particular.

- b) The background of Javier Fernández Alonso as BA in Business Management and Administration specialising in Finance, his expertise in accounting and auditing and his well-known experience as director and member of different committees in several listed companies make him a valuable asset on the Board of Directors of Ebro, favouring diversity of expertise, profiles and professional experience within this body.
- c) Javier Fernández Alonso is a proprietary director because he was nominated by Corporación Financiera Alba S.A., a significant shareholder of Ebro.
- d) It is convenient for Javier Fernández Alonso to remain on the Board in order to maintain optimum stability and balance in the composition of this body.
- e) The re-election of Javier Fernández Alonso as Director complies with the applicable legal, statutory and regulatory provisions and the principles of the company's Policy on the Selection of Directors and Diversity in the Composition of the Board.

Provided the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders resolves to re-elect Javier Fernández Alonso as director and he accepts that re-election, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee has also assessed and agreed to submit a favourable report to the Board regarding his continuity as member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee.

### 4. Conclusions

Following the analysis and assessment made, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee unanimously resolved on 30 April 2025 to submit a favourable report to the Board on the motion to be tabled at the AGM for re-election of the Director Javier Fernández Alonso for the statutory term of four years. Javier Fernández Alonso is classified as a proprietary director.

Provided the General Meeting resolves to re-elect him and he accepts his re-election, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee further resolved to submit a favourable report on the re-election of Javier Fernández Alonso, as member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Control and Sustainability Committee and the Strategy and Investment Committee.

Madrid, 30 April 2025

## Annex 3

## Professional profile of Javier Fernández Alonso

#### (Bilbao, 15-08-1977)

BA Cum Laude in Business Management and Administration from Deusto University (La Comercial), specialising in Finance.

He began his career in investment banking and M&A at Goldman Sachs in London in 2000 and joined ABN AMRO in Madrid in 2002.

In 2006 he joined the Investment Department of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A., where he was appointed Deputy Investment Director in 2007, Chief Investment Officer in 2012 and CEO in 2020, still serving to this day in the latter capacity.

He currently represents Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. on the boards of CIE Automotive, Viscofan and the investment vehicles Rioja and Rioja Acquisition (Naturgy).

He is also a Director of the private equity vehicle of the Alba Group and is on the Investment Committees of two funds managed by Artá Capital. He has formerly served on the boards of Acerinox, ACS, Dragados, ACS Servicios y Concesiones, Euskaltel, Parques Reunidos and Clínica Baviera, among others.

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## INFORMATION RELATED TO JAVIER FERNÁNDEZ ALONSO

IDENTITY, CATEGORY AND PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Javier Fernández Alonso was born in Bilbao on 15 August 1977.

He is Proprietary Director.

BA Cum Laude in Business Management and Administration from Deusto University (La Comercial), specialising in Finance.

He began his career in investment banking and M&A at Goldman Sachs in London in 2000 and joined ABN AMRO in Madrid in 2002.

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