



## Conclusions

Report of the evaluation on the efficiency of Bucharest Stock Exchange's risk management system between July- December 2022

Bucharest Stock Exchange (hereinafter abbreviated "BVB" or "Company") recognizes the importance of managing significant risks, aiming to establish and maintain the efficiency of the risk management framework through the Risk Management Department.

A risk management framework has been established at the BVB level, based on an integrated and comprehensive approach to all relevant risks. The Risk Management Department has specific attributions regarding the identification, evaluation, administration and permanent monitoring of the risks to which BVB is or may be subject and reports directly to the management bodies regarding the activity carried out. The adoption of the relevant risk management measures falls within the attributions of the Board of Directors, which benefits from the recommendation of the Risk Management Committee and of the Audit Committee, regarding the risk tolerance and effectiveness of the risk management systems within BVB.

The main characteristics of the risk management system are:

### **I Activity organisation of the risk management**

The risk management function at Bucharest Stock Exchange level is organized in the form of procedures that establish the necessary framework for identifying, evaluating, monitoring, managing and reporting the risks faced by the market operator, in a controlled and efficient way, in order to achieve the specific Bucharest Stock Exchange objectives. To achieve the proposed purpose, through the risk management procedures, the limits of risk tolerance, the activities necessary to identify and evaluate the risks as well as the specific type of risk response are established.

Bucharest Stock Exchange S.A. developed and adopted the Risk Management Policy to address the main aspects related to the Company's attitude towards risk and risk management.

Risk Management Policy is approved by the Board of Directors and defines the risk culture, terminology and risk management procedures, considering best practices in the field and the requirements of its Regulation no. 2/2016 on the application of corporate governance principles by entities authorized, regulated and supervised by the Financial Supervisory Authority ("FSA") with subsequent amendments and additions and Regulation no. 13/2018 regarding trading places, with subsequent amendments and additions in place. Bucharest Stock Exchange also aims to comply with best practices in corporate governance, including risk management, taking into account the BVB Corporate Governance Code.

### **II Risk profile and risk management**

The risk profile represents the set of all risks to which the company is exposed in a business plan, grouped by risk categories, described by means of company-specific risk values and classified according to tolerance thresholds. The risk profile is revised and adapted in compliance with the new risks identified by the Risk Management Department / Risk Management Committee, as well as in accordance with the changes in the company's strategy. The main risks to which BVB's activity is exposed are: strategic risks, financial risks and operational risks.

The identification of risks and the means that the Company uses in order to mitigate them are presented quarterly to the Risk Management Committee, the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

The procedures, mechanisms and systems used by BVB for the efficient management of the operational risks associated with the activities carried out by the company's departments ensure: the efficient and prompt collection and analysis of data and information regarding possible events; reporting the identified risks and the possible impact or the one already produced; identifying and implementing appropriate measures for the efficient management of situations that may lead to operational malfunctions or other losses for society; monitoring the identified risk.

The management of the continuity of BVB's operational activity consists in supporting a continuous process of identification of the risks to which BVB is exposed, the result of which will lead to the development and implementation of the necessary resources for the restoration of the operational activity, thus protecting the own interests and those of the clients / third parties with which it has contractual relations, but also of the reputation and of the value-creating activities of BVB.

Based on continuity management, BVB has created and maintains a continuity and recovery plan, which consists of a series of emergency response measures, operation with available alternative systems and restoration of systems in case of failure or partial destruction or in total, to ensure the availability of critical services and to allow the continuation of BVB's activity in case of major incidents, which may be cases of force majeure - in the terms defined by the applicable legal framework. Within the C&R Plan, the contingency plan for physical access restrictions in the BVB headquarters was included, which ensures the procedures for the protection of the BVB staff, their relocation to the reserve locations for BVB staff or in other spaces, including from their homes them in the event of a major incident that may pose endangering their lives and/or does not allow safe access to the BVB's headquarters (headquarters). In this way, the operation of BVB services continues, so that it can allow BVB partners to carry out their activity normally in the relationship with BVB.

BVB has adopted all the necessary measures (against the COVID-19 pandemic), so that its activity continues under normal conditions and has issued a series of instructions with the aim of preventing and/or detecting and remedying the effects of the spread of the virus at work.

BVB annually updates and tests security procedures and disaster recovery procedures.

### **III Auditors Activity**

Mazars Audit SRL is the financial auditor of the Bucharest Stock Exchange. At the date of preparation of this report, the financial statements for 2021 have been audited, and in the opinion of the financial auditor, the financial statements prepared by the company have faithfully presented, in all significant respects, the individual financial position of Bucharest Stock Exchange at 31.12.2021 and its individual performance and individual cash flows for the year ended in accordance with IFRS and ASF Norm no. 39/2015.

Internal Audit independently reviews the effectiveness of the internal control system, including the effectiveness of the risk management system. The internal audit function is outsourced and is carried out in accordance with the regulations in force. The company Audit Consulting Legal International S.R.L is the internal auditor of the Bucharest Stock Exchange for the period 2020-2022.

In compliance with Norm no. 4/2018 on the management of operational risks generated by information systems used by authorized / approved / registered, regulated and / or supervised by the Financial Supervisory Authority, Bucharest Stock Exchange is included in the category of major risk entities and has the obligation to audit externally, with annual periodicity, the computer system used.

The latest IT audit report for the compliance of BVB's IT system with Norm no. 4/2018 regarding the management of operational risks generated by IT systems used by authorized / approved / registered, regulated and / or supervised entities by the Financial Supervisory Authority, for 2021 , ended with a positive opinion from the independent external auditor, no problems were identified that would endanger the integrity, confidentiality, security and availability of data.

Considering the aspects analyzed during the meeting of 02/03/2023, the Board of Directors considers that the Bucharest Stock Exchange benefits from an efficient risk management system, documented by internal policies and procedures prepared according to the framework legally applicable and updated accordingly, which ensures the availability and reliability of the operations, these being carried out in excellent safety conditions.

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