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Somers Limited reports half year results

Somers Limited (“Somers” or “the Company”, BSX: SOMS.BH), a financial services investment holding company, is pleased to report its half year results for the six months ended March 31, 2024. Net Asset Value (“NAV”) per share at the end of March was £12.26 and shareholders’ equity was £299.4 million.

Overview of the six months ended March 31, 2024:

- Shareholders’ equity of £299.4 million as at March 31, 2024 (September 30, 2023: £271.0 million);
- Net profit of £28.3 million for the first half of the year (2023: net loss of £21.4 million) resulting from an increase in the market value of the investment portfolio;
- NAV per share of £12.26 as at March 31, 2024 (September 30, 2023: £11.10); and
- Dividend of \$1.22 per share to be paid to shareholders on June 28, 2024.

Investment highlights:

- Waverton Investment Management Group Limited (“Waverton”), Somers’ largest investment, received regulatory approval for its merger with London and Capital Group and completion occurred on June 28, 2024. Somers received cash on completion and an 18% economic interest in the combined group;
- Waverton reported Funds under Management and Administration (“FUMA”) as at March 31, 2024 of £15.4 billion; and
- Resimac Group Limited (“Resimac”), announced Home Loan AuM of A\$12.5 billion, Asset Finance AuM of A\$1.0 billion and normalized net profit after tax of A\$26 million for the six months ended December 31, 2023.

Commenting on the financial results, David Morgan, Chairman of Somers said:

“Our investee companies have continued to develop their businesses in the era of ‘higher for longer’ interest rates and their growth continues to be positive. Going forward, we believe that we, and our investee companies, are well placed to take advantage of increasing opportunities in the financial services sector as interest rates begin to reduce over the next 12 months.

It was pleasing to receive FCA regulatory approval for the merger of Waverton and London and Capital. The proceeds of the transaction are being used to reduce bank and other debt including the repayment of loan notes due on July 26, 2024.

As a result of the strong performance the Board of Somers has agreed to pay a dividend of \$1.22 per share to shareholders on June 28, 2024.”

Summary of Somers’ results for the six months ended March 31, 2024

Introduction

Somers recorded a net profit of £28.3 million (2023: loss of £21.4 million) and the earnings per share was £1.16 (2023: loss per share of £0.87). Somers’ net asset value per share ended the period at £12.26 (September 30, 2023: £11.10).

During the half, Somers recorded a £26.1 million gain on its investment portfolio (2023: loss of £13.2 million). The majority of the Company’s investments increased in value during the first half of the year. Waverton continued to experience strong growth in its FUMA and remains Somers’ largest investment. Resimac’s share price increased by 14.2% over the first half of the year and there were valuation increases for the AKJ Token which offset a reduction in the value of ICM Mobility.

Net foreign exchange gains were £1.3 million for the half year (2023: loss of £12.3 million). As at March 31, 2024, 46.2% of Somers’ investment portfolio was exposed to non GBP denominated foreign currencies, primarily the Australian Dollar but also the Euro. These exchange gains were primarily unrealised.

Somers’ total assets increased over the half year to £381.0 million (September 30, 2023: £360.3 million) due to the valuation increases and currency movements outlined above. The investment portfolio was £345.6 million as at March 31, 2024 (September 30, 2023: £321.6 million) with equity investments (£326.4 million) accounting for 94.4% of this total. The remaining portfolio investments consisted of other financial investments. Within investments, Waverton at £143.9 million, Resimac at £117.8 million, and ICM Mobility at £37.8 million together represent 86.7% of total investments. Somers’ net asset value per share ended the period at £12.26 (September 30, 2023: £11.10).

Borrowings

Total borrowings were £76.6 million at March 31, 2024 (September 30, 2023: £84.0 million). Gearing reduced to 26.2% due to both the reduced level of borrowings and an increase in the Company’s shareholders’ equity (September 30, 2023: 31.9%).

Within total borrowings, loan notes were \$22.7 million at March 31, 2024, unchanged from the September 30, 2023 balance. These redeemable 6% loan notes were issued in July 2022 to all Somers shareholders not associated with SNB Investments Limited (“SNB”) following Somers’ merger with SNB. The loan notes mature on July 26, 2024 and will be repaid in full to loan note holders on that date.

Shareholders’ Equity

Shareholders’ equity was £299.4 million as at March 31, 2024 (September 30, 2023: £271.0 million). The number of shares in issue as at March 31, 2024 was 24,410,115.

Directors and Officers Interest in Somers' Share Capital

At March 31, 2024, the Directors and Officers of Somers and their related interests had combined interests totaling 119,000 common shares representing 0.5% of Somers' issued share capital.

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About Somers Limited:

Somers is a listed financial services investment holding company with shareholders' funds of approximately £299.4 million. Somers' shares are publicly traded and listed on the Mezzanine Market of the Bermuda Stock Exchange (Ticker: SOMS.BH). More details on the Company can be found at www.somers.limited.