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## Lucas Bols raises EUR 20 million through a private placement of new shares

Amsterdam, 12 March 2024 – Lucas Bols N.V. ("Lucas Bols" or the "Company"), a leading global cocktail and spirits player, announces that it has raised approximately EUR 20 million through a private placement (the "Private Placement") of 1,111,112 new ordinary shares (the "New Shares") with HollandsGlorie B.V., an affiliate of Nolet Holding B.V. and Enix NV. The New Shares have been placed at a price of EUR 18.00 per New Share (the "Placing Price") being equal to the consideration per ordinary share offered by HollandsGlorie B.V. under the recommended cash offer for all issued and outstanding ordinary shares in the capital of Lucas Bols, as declared unconditional (*gestand gedaan*) on 7 February 2024.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Private Placement to strengthen its balance sheet by further reducing its leverage.

The New Shares were placed at a premium of approximately 15% to the closing price of EUR 15.65 of the Company's shares listed on Euronext Amsterdam on 12 March 2024. The placement of the New Shares at the Placing Price results in gross proceeds of approximately EUR 20 million and the New Shares represent approximately 7.42% of the existing issued share capital of Lucas Bols.

The management board and supervisory board of Lucas Bols consider the Private Placement to be in the best interest of the Company and the sustainable, long-term success of its business, especially taking into account the interests of all the Company's stakeholders, including its shareholders.

Settlement of the transaction and admission to listing and trading of the New Shares on Euronext Amsterdam are expected to take place on 15 March 2024.

Following settlement of the Private Placement, the total number of shares that the Company has in issue will be 16,083,868 with a nominal value of EUR 0.10 each. The total number of voting rights of the Company will be 16,083,868 and this figure may be used by shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the Company. The New Shares will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing ordinary shares in the Company and will be issued under the Company's shareholder authorisation provided by the annual general meeting of Lucas Bols held on 7 July 2023.

No prospectus is required in respect of the Private Placement and no prospectus or similar document will be published in connection with the Private Placement.

# Advisers

ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (in cooperation with ODDO BHF SCA) and Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (in cooperation with Kepler Cheuvreux S.A.) have acted as financial advisers in relation to the Private Placement.

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### **About Lucas Bols**

The Lucas Bols Company is a leading global cocktail and spirits player in the worldwide cocktail market and one of the oldest Dutch companies still active. Lucas Bols' mission is to create great cocktail experiences around the globe. The Lucas Bols Company is active in over 110 countries worldwide with a portfolio of three global cocktail brands and more than 20 international and regional liqueurs and spirits. Bols, The World's First Cocktail Brand, includes the number-one liqueur range globally (not including the US). Lucas Bols is also the world's largest player in the genever segment, and our portfolio of cocktail brands includes Passoã, the number one passion fruit liqueur, and the ultra-premium Tequila Partida brand.

Through the House of Bols Cocktail & Genever Experience and the Bols Cocktail Academy, Lucas Bols showcases and inspires and educates bartenders and consumers a-like. With almost 450 years of experience in the art of distilling and blending spirits and cocktails combined with the creative spirit of Amsterdam, we truly are 'Masters of Taste'. Lucas Bols has been listed on Euronext Amsterdam (BOLS) since 4 February 2015.

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