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## **stc Group acquires a 9.9% interest in Telefónica**

stc Group announces that it has acquired a 9.9% interest in Telefónica, S.A. (“**Telefónica**”), one of the largest telecommunications companies in the world with significant presence in Spain, Germany, the UK, and Brazil, for a total consideration of EUR 2.1 billion.

The investment has been executed by way of an acquisition of shares representing 4.9% of Telefónica’s share capital and of financial instruments conferring an economic exposure over 5.0% of Telefónica’s share capital. stc Group will obtain the voting rights corresponding to such 5.0% through the physical settlement of such financial instruments after obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals. stc Group does not intend to acquire control or a controlling interest in Telefónica.

The investment demonstrates stc Group’s confidence in Telefónica’s leadership, its strategy and its ability to create value.

stc Group is the Middle East’s digital leader, providing innovative products and services in Saudi Arabia and the MENA region. It offers a variety of best-in-class digital solutions and services, including telecommunications, IOT, 5G, cloud computing, fintech and other advanced digital solutions. stc Group is listed on the Saudi Exchange with a market capitalisation of EUR 49.2 billion.

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