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# GENFIT ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESS OF ITS OFFERING OF BONDS CONVERTIBLE INTO NEW SHARES AND/OR EXCHANGEABLE FOR EXISTING SHARES ("OCEANES") DUE 2022 FOR AN AMOUNT OF €180 MILLION

**Lille (France), Cambridge (Massachusetts, United States), October 11**<sup>th</sup>, **2017** – GENFIT (Euronext: GNFT - ISIN: FR0004163111), a biopharmaceutical company at the forefront of developing therapeutic and diagnostic solutions in metabolic and inflammatory diseases, that notably affect the liver or the gastrointestinal system, has successfully completed an offering of bonds convertible into new shares and/or exchangeable for existing shares ("**OCEANEs**") due October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by way of a private placement to institutional investors for a nominal amount of €179,999,997.60 (the "**Offering**").

Following strong investors' demand, the initial amount of €150 million has been increased to €180 million in accordance with corporate authorizations of the Company.

#### **Purpose of the Offering:**

The proceeds of the Offering will be used by the Company notably to:

- Complete the Phase 3 clinical development program for elafibranor in NASH and continue the Pediatric Investigation Plan in the same disease;
- Prepare, subject to the results of the Phase 3 pivotal study, the application for marketing approval of elafibranor in NASH;
- Prepare the potential commercialization of elafibranor in certain diseases and/or in certain territories;
- Finance the industrial development stage of a new in vitro diagnostic test as part of the continuation of the biomarker program; and
- Reinforce the Company's pipeline through in-licensing or combination therapy strategies in therapeutic areas of interest to the Company.

Commenting this success, **Jean-François Mouney**, **Chairman & CEO of GENFIT**, declared: "The great success of this financing demonstrates the confidence that many institutional investors have in the Company's prospects and its products; and in particular the potential of elafibranor in NASH.





It also allows new institutional investors to participate in GENFIT's development and raises our profile internationally."

#### Main terms and conditions of the OCEANES:

The nominal unit value of the OCEANEs has been set at €29.60, representing a conversion/exchange premium of 30% to GENFIT's reference share price<sup>1</sup>.

The OCEANEs will entitle their holders to receive new and/or existing GENFIT shares at an initial conversion/exchange ratio of one share per OCEANE, subject to any potential subsequent adjustments.

The OCEANEs will bear interest at an annual nominal rate of 3.50% payable semi-annually in arrears on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and October 16<sup>th</sup> of each year (or the following business day if this date is not a business day) with a first interest payment date on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The OCEANEs will be issued at par on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the expected date for the settlement and delivery of the OCEANEs (the "**Issue Date**"), and will be redeemed at par on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (or the following business day if this date is not a business day).

Under certain conditions, the OCEANEs may be redeemed prior to maturity at the option of the Company. In particular, the OCEANEs may be redeemed early at GENFIT's option as from November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 if the arithmetic volume-weighted average price of GENFIT's listed share price on the regulated market of Euronext in Paris and the then prevailing conversion ratio (over a 20-trading day period) exceeds 150% of the nominal value of the OCEANEs.

Considering an offering of OCEANEs for an amount of 179,999,997.60, represented by 6,081,081 OCEANEs of a nominal unit value of €29.60, dilution would represent up to 19.5% of oustanding share capital of GENFIT, if only new shares were delivered upon conversion.

The OCEANEs will be issued pursuant to the 11<sup>th</sup> resolution approved by the shareholders' ordinary and extraordinary general meeting held on 16 June 2017 and have been offered only by way of a private placement, conducted in accordance with Article L.411-2 II of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), in France and outside France (excluding the United States of America, Canada, Australia or Japan) to qualified investors.

The Offering is not subject to a prospectus approved by the French financial market authority (*Autorité des marchés financiers*) (the "**AMF**"). Detailed information on GENFIT, including its business, results, prospectus and related risk factors are described in the Company's reference document filed with the AMF on April 28, 2017 under number R.17-034, which is available together with all the press releases and other regulated information about the Company, on GENFIT's website (<u>www.genfit.fr</u>).

An application for the listing of the OCEANEs on Euronext Access<sup>TM</sup> (Open market of Euronext in Paris) will be made. Such listing will occur within 30 days after the Issue Date.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The reference share price is equal to the volume-weighted average price of the Company's share recorded on the regulated market of Euronext in Paris from the launch of the Offering today until the determination of the final terms and conditions (pricing) of the OCEANEs on the same day, i.e. €22.77.





In the context of the Offering, GENFIT will agree to a lock-up undertaking for a period starting from the announcement of the final terms and conditions of the OCEANEs and ending 90 calendar days after the Issue Date, subject to certain exceptions or to the prior agreement of the Joint Bookrunners (as defined below).

Kepler Chevreux and Natixis acted as joint bookrunners for the Offering (the "Joint Bookrunners").

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#### **About GENFIT:**

GENFIT is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of drug candidates in areas of high unmet medical needs corresponding to a lack of suitable treatment and an increasing number of patients worldwide. GENFIT'S R&D efforts are focused on bringing new medicines to market for patients with metabolic, inflammatory, autoimmune and fibrotic diseases, that affect the liver (such as NASH – Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis) and more generally the gastro-intestinal arena. GENFIT's approach combines novel treatments and biomarkers. Its lead proprietary compound, elafibranor, is currently in a Phase 3 study. With facilities in Lille and Paris, France, and Cambridge, MA (USA), the Company has approximately 130 employees. GENFIT is a public company listed in compartment B of Euronext's regulated market in Paris (Euronext: GNFT - ISIN: FR0004163111). <a href="https://www.genfit.com">www.genfit.com</a>

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- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive.

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