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# ODYSSEY AND BENEVOLENTAL ANNOUNCE €60M IN NEW EQUITY COMMITMENTS FROM ALLY BRIDGE GROUP AND BLEICHROEDER LP PROVIDING ENHANCED TRANSACTION CERTAINTY

- Ally Bridge Group to provide €40m fully-committed share redemption backstop increasing its total equity investment in BenevolentAI to up to €66.5m<sup>1</sup>
- Bleichroeder LP to provide €20m non-redemption commitment
- Increase of guaranteed transaction cash proceeds to €216m
- Odyssey and BenevolentAl agree to amend the minimum cash condition to €216m², providing enhanced transaction certainty
- Combination of Odyssey and BenevolentAI expected to close in April 2022

**LONDON AND AMSTERDAM – 3 March 2022** — Odyssey Acquisition S.A. ("Odyssey"), a Euronext Amsterdam-listed special-purpose acquisition company, and BenevolentAI, a leading clinical-stage AI drug discovery company, today announce that Odyssey Sponsor and certain existing shareholders of BenevolentAI have secured €60m of new equity commitments in Odyssey (the "New Equity Commitments") comprised of:

- €40m backstop agreement with Ally Bridge Group, a global healthcare-focused investment group and existing PIPE investor
- €20m non-redemption agreement with Bleichroeder LP, one of Odyssey's largest shareholders

Together with €136m of fully-committed PIPE investments and a €20m non-redemption commitment provided by Odyssey sponsor principals Michael Zaoui and Yoel Zaoui (through an affiliated entity), the New Equity Commitments guarantee cash proceeds of at least €216m to the combined group. In connection therewith, Odyssey and BenevolentAl have agreed to amend the minimum cash condition under the business combination agreement to €216m².

The combination between Odyssey and BenevolentAl remains subject to approval by a general meeting of Odyssey's shareholders which is expected to be held by mid-April.

## MANAGEMENT COMMENTARY

Joanna Shields, Chief Executive Officer of BenevolentAI, said: "The new equity commitments announced today meaningfully enhance the execution certainty of our combination with Odyssey. We will use the proceeds to accelerate the development of our clinical pipeline and continue investing in our technology platform. We expect this business combination will catalyse further growth, consolidate our leadership position in AI-enabled drug discovery and enable us to deliver multiple value inflection points in the near future."

Michael Zaoui, Chairman of Odyssey, said: "These new equity commitments further demonstrate the strong interest of equity investors in the AI drug discovery space and in our proposed business combination. It also provides transaction certainty to both Odyssey and BenevolentAI. We are convinced BenevolentAI offers superior growth prospects in a sector with high potential. We see our merger with BenevolentAI as a compelling investment opportunity and are confident that this transaction will create value for our shareholders."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assuming full utilisation of Ally Bridge Group's backstop commitment of €40m and including Ally Bridge's PIPE investment of €26.5m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Post exercise of redemption rights and backstop commitment, prior to transaction fees, deferred underwriting commission and negative interest, and without taking into account any excess cash at Odyssey held outside of escrow.

Frank Yu, Founder and CEO of Ally Bridge Group, said: "We are very pleased to be partnering with BenevolentAl and Odyssey. We have been very impressed by BenevolentAl, its high-caliber board and management team and the company's unique strength in discovering novel drug targets through a powerful combination of its proprietary Al engine and hundreds of experienced scientists. We strongly believe that BenevolentAl is further differentiating itself as a leading player in the fast-growing Al-based drug discovery sector and look forward to supporting the company, alongside the sponsors of Odyssey Acquisition, as a long-term shareholder."

Andrew Gundlach, President and co-CEO of Bleichroeder LP, said: "We are delighted to be supporting BenevolentAI, one of the most promising companies in the highly attractive field of AI-based drug discovery. The leadership and governance team which results from this merger is exceptionally talented and experienced, and clearly aligned with shareholders for meaningful future value creation. The quality of the investor group in BenevolentAI is testament to its extraordinarily high potential."

#### **ENDS**

# **ABOUT BENEVOLENTAL**

BenevolentAl is a leading, clinical-stage Al drug discovery company. Through the combined capabilities of its Al platform, scientific expertise and wet-lab facilities, BenevolentAl is well-positioned to deliver novel drug candidates with a higher probability of clinical success than those developed using traditional methods. BenevolentAl has a consistently proven track-record of scientifically validated discoveries. The BenevolentAl Platform™ powers a growing in-house pipeline of over 20 drug programmes, spanning from target discovery to clinical studies, and it maintains successful commercial collaborations with leading pharmaceutical companies. BenevolentAl is headquartered in London, with a research facility in Cambridge (UK) and a further office in New York.

# **ABOUT ODYSSEY**

Odyssey is a special-purpose acquisition company incorporated in Luxembourg for the purpose of completing a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganisation or similar business combination with a European business with principal activities in healthcare or TMT. On 2 July 2021, Odyssey raised €300 million for this purpose in its initial public offering. Odyssey is led by Chairman Michael Zaoui, co-CEOs Yoël Zaoui and Jean Raby, alongside industry experts Dr Olivier Brandicourt and Michel Combes.

# **ABOUT ALLY BRIDGE GROUP**

Ally Bridge Group is a global healthcare investment manager focused on high-impact life science innovation across private and public markets. Founded in 2013 by Frank Yu, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer, the firm manages assets from offices in New York and Hong Kong. Ally Bridge's mission is to generate superior risk-adjusted returns for investors while seeking to address unmet medical needs. Its aim is to achieve this by blending deep scientific and clinical research with financial and capital markets expertise.

### ABOUT BLEICHROEDER LP

Bleichroeder LP is a registered investment advisor based in New York.

# **ADVISORS**

Goldman Sachs International is serving as financial advisor to BenevolentAI in connection with the business combination. Goldman Sachs International is also acting as placement agent on the PIPE. Latham & Watkins (London) LLP, NautaDutilh Avocats Luxembourg S.a r.l. and NautaDutilh N.V. are serving as legal advisors to BenevolentAI.

J.P. Morgan SE and Zaoui & Co are serving as financial advisors to Odyssey. J.P. Morgan SE is also acting as placement agent on the PIPE. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, ELVINGER HOSS PRUSSEN, société anonyme and Stibbe N.V. are serving as legal advisors for Odyssey.

Linklaters LLP is serving as legal advisor to the placement agents on the PIPE. Morrison & Foerster LLP, Houthoff Coöperatief U.A. and Arendt & Medernach SA are serving as legal advisors to Ally Bridge Group.

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