

## APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT BY Gfi Informatique's BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Saint-Ouen (France), 15 January 2016** - At its meeting of 22 November 2015, Gfi Informatique's board of directors took note of the start of exclusive negotiations between the shareholders, Apax Partners and Boussard & Gavaudan, and Qatari Mannai Corporation with a view to the latter's acquisition, in several stages, of 51% of the Company's capital and voting rights (on a diluted basis) at a price of €8.50 per share and €4.66 per convertible warrant to subscribe for and/or acquire new and/or existing shares (BSAAR).

It should be noted that the funds that Apax Partners (including Altamir) and Boussard & Gavaudan manage currently jointly own 80% of the Company's capital and voting rights.

Should the acquisition of a first block of 25% of the Company's capital and voting rights (on a diluted basis) be completed, Mannai Corporation, Apax Partners and Boussard & Gavaudan would become new joint shareholders under the terms of a shareholder agreement.

In accordance with Article 234-2 of the General Regulation of the AMF (Autorité des Marchés Financiers), the French financial markets regulator, Mannai Corporation intends to file a draft simplified public tender offer (OPAS) for Gfi Informatique at the same price of €8.50 per share.

At its meeting of 26 November 2015, the board of directors appointed as independent expert the firm Finexsi, represented by Olivier Peronnet, who will be responsible for issuing, in accordance with Article 261-1 of the AMF General Regulation, a report on the financial terms and conditions of the draft public tender offer. It should be noted that the two directors with interests in the simplified public tender offer did not vote on this appointment.

The independent expert's report and Gfi Informatique's board of director's reasoned opinion will be included in the draft reply memorandum that Gfi Informatique will prepare and file for approval by the AMF in accordance with the provisions laid down in the applicable regulations.

Next release: publication of fourth-quarter 2015 revenue on 3 February 2016

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### **About Gfi Informatique**

*Gfi Informatique is a major player in value-added IT services and software in Europe, and occupies a strategic position in its differentiated approach to global firms and niche entities. With its multi-specialist profile, the Group serves its customers with a unique combination of proximity, sector organisation and industrial-quality solutions. The Group has around 11,000 employees and generated revenue of €804m in 2014.*

*Gfi Informatique is listed on the Paris Euronext, NYSE Euronext (Compartment B) - ISIN: FR0004038099.*

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