Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) and Holonic Network Srl SB (Holonic Network) Endorsed Scheme Agreement

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Holonic Network Srl SB (Holonic Network)** is the owner of the Get It Fair – GIF ESG rating and reporting assurance (GIF) scheme. Holonic Network has sought and received endorsement of their GIF scheme listed in Schedule 1 to this Agreement, from now on referred to as "the Scheme", as a sub-scope of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) in accordance with Global ACI MRA-003 and this Agreement.

1.2 The Scheme requires Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) operating in the Scheme to be accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB) that is a signatory to the Global ACI MRA with a main scope of Validation and Verification and a sub-scope of the Scheme included in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (Global ACI MRA signatories).

1.3 Holonic Network provides a wide range of services in the field of sustainability and business excellence. The name "Network" is used to identify a lean organisation designing, developing and implementing projects and initiatives in collaboration with a wide range of partners. The activities carried out include designing of conformity assessment schemes, inspection and auditing and training.

1.4 The Get It Fair ESG Rating and reporting assurance scheme has been positively assessed for accreditation purposes by Accredia, the Italian AB, for the following scopes: 1) ESG Rating (and issuance of the validated claim "GIF Responsible Organizations"), and 2) Sustainability Reporting Assurance. Therefore, at present, all approved validation bodies and validated organisations are based in Italy.

1.5 The GIF requirements for the professional competence of auditors are defined in the relevant scheme documents.

1.6 GIF delegates the responsibility of supervision of the CABs it contracts with to the corresponding Global ACI AB members, noting that harmonisation of criteria applied by the different ABs is increasingly important to ensure consistency of that supervision.

1.7 The Scheme provides the standard and framework for independent, recognised third-party ESG Rating validation and sustainability reporting verification associated with the scope of the Scheme.

1.8 **Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI)** is the world association of conformity assessment accreditation bodies in the fields of management systems, products, services, process, persons, validation and verification and other similar programs of conformity assessment.

1.9 Global ACI is responsible for the harmonisation and continuous improvement of the accreditation practices of its members with the goal to ensure sound technical competence of accredited CABs and to support its Global ACI MRA.

1.10 The Global ACI MRA is established and maintained based on the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 through regular peer evaluations and is the tool by which Global ACI contributes to the elimination of technical barriers to trade and to promoting the free circulation of certificates issued by accredited CABs.

2 ADMINISTRATION AND COOPERATION

2.1 Both Global ACI and Holonic Network, by means of this formal Agreement, have decided to develop and maintain a close cooperation between the two organisations to ensure harmonisation in the accreditation practices performed by Global ACI members for the Scheme and to cooperate in the continuous improvement of the Scheme with the final goal of assuring the highest level of competence in the Scheme's accredited CABs.

2.2 Global ACI and Holonic Network shall comply with the respective requirements of Global ACI MRA-003 *Policies and Procedures for the Management and Expansion of the Scope of the Global ACI Arrangement*, operating and administrating in an open, non-discriminatory and transparent manner, avoiding conflicts of interest or limitation on the acceptance of CABs or ABs other than relevant technical considerations.

2.3 The Scheme will be open to all CABs that are accredited by Global ACI MRA signatories. The ABs will be signatory members of the Global ACI MLA for Validation and Verification and have agreed to implement the requirements as per this Agreement. A list of Global ACI ABs that have agreed to implement this Agreement shall be maintained on the Holonic Network website.

2.4 Holonic Network will only work with Global ACI MRA signatories who have agreed to implement this Agreement. Holonic Network will stop working with an AB that is no longer a signatory to the Global ACI MRA or has not implemented and maintained this Agreement.

2.5 Both Global ACI and Holonic Network shall appoint a liaison person of each organisation to act as contact persons.

3. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

In order to achieve such goals both organisations have agreed upon the following:

3.1 Holonic Network shall inform the Global ACI of the following:

a) Changes to the Scheme listed in Schedule 1, that may impact compliance with Global ACI MRA-003.

b) Any revision/extension of the Scheme's standards/documents.

c) Outcomes from any AB workshop held by Holonic Network on the Scheme.

d) Feedback Holonic Network may have regarding the Global ACI MRA signatory ABs.

3.2 Global ACI shall inform Holonic Network of the following:

a) When a Global ACI MRA signatory with a sub-scope of the Scheme has been suspended or had their Global ACI MRA signatory status withdrawn.

b) Any general or technical questions regarding the interpretation of the Scheme's standards/documents.

c) Changes in policy, procedure or documentation that may impact the Global ACI MRA and Scheme sub-scope.

4. MANDATORY INTERPRETATION OF THE SCHEME DOCUMENTS

4.1 The Scheme's documents shall be prepared using the Holonic Network procedure for the setting and revision of Schemes' documentation. This shall include a stakeholder consultation phase comprising of comment submissions by interested parties each lasting a specified timeframe with feedback being provided to organisations that made the comment.

4.2 Global ACI will be included as a stakeholder and invited during any stakeholder consultation period of the Scheme revision process.

4.3 The Scheme normative documents shall be available free of charge on the Holonic Network website (https://getitfair.com).

4.4 Holonic Network will provide new draft Scheme version document(s) with a gap analysis and proposed transition plan for implementation of the new version documents to Global ACI as soon as a technically sound new version is available in order to make sure, that the new scheme version continues to comply with the requirements of Global ACI MRA-003. Holonic Network accepts the process to be followed according to Global ACI MRA-003 for Global ACI MRA sub-scope inclusion of new versions of the Scheme.

4.5 The need for the development of specific Global ACI application documents for inclusion of publicly owned standards/normative documents in the Global ACI MRA shall be proposed by the Global ACI Technical Committee 3 (TC 3) and the need for additional preparation of peer evaluation by the Global ACI Arrangement Committee as specified in Global ACI MRA-003.

4.6 Schemes endorsed as Global ACI MRA sub-scopes are included in the relevant Global ACI MRA status lists. After the end of the transition period to a new scheme version the old version will no longer be published as a Global ACI MRA sub-scope.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Global ACI and Holonic Network shall each bear their own costs.

5.2 The Scheme will be included as a sub-scope under the main scope of validation and verification, ISO/IEC 17029. Those accreditation bodies currently providing accreditations to the Scheme will automatically have their MRA scope extended to include the Scheme once this agreement is signed.

5.3 The revision of the implementation of this Agreement is in the scope of the MRA peer evaluation to the Global ACI MRA signatories working in the Scheme that have agreed to implement this Agreement.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 Global ACI shall hold all Confidential Information in strictest confidence and shall only use it for the purpose for which it was provided and shall not disclose or make available any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of Holonic Network.

7. TERM

7.1 This Agreement shall commence from the original Date of Signing and, unless terminated earlier according to clause 8, continues indefinitely.

8. CANCELLATION

8.1 This Agreement between Holonic Network and Global ACI can be cancelled by either party in writing with a period of notice of three months.

SCHEDULE 1

Holonic Network scheme(s) endorsed for inclusion as sub-scopes to the Global ACI MRA:

1. Get It Fair (GIF) - GIF ESG rating and reporting assurance scheme, Revision 03

   Level 4 - GIF DOC 100, Regulations, Revision 03, Sections 3 to 15

   Level 5 - GIF DOC 121, GIF Framework, Revision 02

Execution of the agreement

Global ACI	Holonic Network Srl SB (Benefit Company)
Brahim Houla Global ACI Chair	Signature of authorised person

Date of Agreement: 20 November, 2026