Stichting 5 Media Singel 134 1015 AG Amsterdam Annual accounts 2024

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#### I. MANAGEMENT BOARD'S REPORT

#### General

Stichting 5 Media is a foundation as described in Article 285, Title 6, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

#### *The objective*

Stichting 5 Media (hereafter "Imagine5" or the "Foundation") is a non-profit environmental storytelling platform on a mission to inspire a greener life. We tell positive stories at the intersection of culture and climate, showing that a sustainable lifestyle isn't just the responsible option; it's the most exciting and desirable choice. We are here to make greener living desirable, creating social tipping points that will make sustainable behavior the norm. Our role is to educate people about what makes an impact, inspire them to make changes in their lives and guide them through positive storytelling to all the great initiatives and change-makers already present.

## The policy to meet the objective

As a non-profit impact media foundation, Imagine 5 offers:

- 1) storytelling about sustainable initiatives that elevate awareness and ignite action on web, social media and in our annual magazine; and
- 2) support to organisations and green changemakers to scale their initiatives with storytelling.

Imagine 5 will maintain the highest level of integrity and transparency, exist solely for philanthropic purposes, and recycle any and all monetary returns back into the organization for the purpose of creating an evergreen fund over time as it continues to support non-governmental organizations and social businesses.

## Financial information

# Fundraising

Funding for Imagine5's activities currently come from the Board's network, ensuring the Foundation's continued operations for the coming years. Additionally, the Foundation sells its own Imagine5 magazine through its website and a global network of stockists. In 2025, Imagine5 will continue to diversify its revenue streams by welcoming contributions from new donors and offering its community the opportunity to support its work directly through donations.

#### Expenditure of funds

In principle, all received funding and donations are directly used to promote and support the objectives of the Foundation. However, reservations can be made to support long-term projects, which need financial support over several years as well as reservations to ensure the Foundation's long-term sustainability. During the financial year, EUR 1.450.000 was contributed to the Danish entity, 5 Media Fonden, to support its operations and activities. To one of the USA entities, 5 Media Inc., EUR 1.575.000 was donated.

## Management of funds

Imagine5 will receive donations on or from a bank account in the name of Stichting 5 Media. Donations can be received from the (network of) of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is not involved in fund outflows or payments from the designated bank account. In accordance with article la, section d in conjunction with article lb of the Uitvoeringsregeling Algemene Wet Inzake Rijksbelastingen 1994, Imagine5 will not retain more assets than in the opinion of the board is reasonably necessary to guarantee the continuity of Imagine5's work in pursuit of its objective as referred to above. Furthermore, Imagine5 will state in its financial accounts the purpose for which assets are retained, as well as a reason for the amount of capital retained. Returns on the investments of Imagine5 will be used to make future grants to charitable organizations and projects.

## Financial policy

The financial statements will be published within six months after the end of the calendar year. This is in accordance with the articles of the Foundation. In general, the financial statements are prepared in compliance with article 640 of the Decree for annual reporting (de Richtlijn van de Raad voor de Jaarverslaggingeving voor organisaties zonder winststreven). The financial statements will be approved and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors does not receive any remuneration for their services as members of the Board of Directors. Reimbursement of expenses is possible. Staff compensation is in line with industry standards and fully disclosed in these financial statements.

As 2024 closed, we reviewed a growth in our partnerships both in terms of location and numbers, reflecting our emphasis on our increased presence in the US and deepening our collaboration and impact.

# Impact

Our 2024 Impact report confirms that Imagine5's storytelling is driving meaningful change. 86% of our 1.421 respondents reported making changes to their lifestyle, with 80% saying that Imagine5 influenced those changes to some extent. These results indicate that our content plays a meaningful role in motivating and empowering people to adopt more sustainable habits — a clear reflection of our mission in action.

During 2024 our social business partners within the sustainability focus area included:

#### Arbutus (Reasons to be Cheerful & David Byrne):

David Byrne is the founder of the Arbutus Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to reimagining the world through projects that inspire and educate. He launched Reasons to be Cheerful as Arbutus Foundation's first project, and is its in-house headline writer.

# Doing Things Media (Recess Therapy):

Doing Things Media, known for its viral, feel-good content, has built a massive digital audience by spotlighting humor, nostalgia, and uplifting human moments. One of its standout series, Recess Therapy, captures the unfiltered wisdom and humor of children, turning candid kid interviews into heartwarming and often hilarious viral sensations.

#### Lauren Bash:

Lauren Bash is a sustainability activist and content creator known for using digital storytelling to promote eco-conscious living and climate action. Through her social media platforms, she educates and inspires audiences on topics like sustainable fashion, ethical consumption, and environmental advocacy. With a passion for making sustainability accessible, Bash collaborates with brands and organizations to drive meaningful change and empower individuals to take action.

#### Max La Manna:

Max La Manna is an American plant-based chef, cookbook author and content creator who advocates for low waste cooking. La Manna has amassed an internet following of over 1 million people and his recipes have been featured in The Guardian, The Sunday Times, Vice, Vogue, and on the BBC.

#### Sophia Roe:

Sophia Roe is a celebrated chef, writer, and food justice advocate known for her thoughtful approach to sustainability and nourishment. Through her storytelling, she highlights the connections between food, culture, and systemic inequities, encouraging more conscious consumption. With a focus on flavor, community, and sustainability, Roe uses her platform to inspire meaningful conversations about the future of food.

#### Anne Therese Gennari:

Anne Therese Gennari is a speaker, author, and climate optimist dedicated to reframing the narrative around climate change. As the founder of The Climate Optimist, she empowers individuals and businesses to embrace a hopeful, action-driven approach to sustainability. Through her work, Gennari inspires people to shift from fear to possibility, proving that climate action can be both impactful and empowering.

#### Drawdown:

A climate change mitigation project initiated by Paul Hawken and climate activist Amanda Joy Ravenhill. The main principles of the project are to: reduce CO2 sources by bringing emissions to zero and stopping pollution, and to support carbon sinks and uplift nature's carbon cycle.

#### One Army:

One Army is a group of people from around the world working on global problems affecting the planet and humanity. Problems like plastic pollution, the growing amount of e-waste, fashion or the footprints we leave on earth by just living our lives.

#### Rebundle:

Rebundle is a pioneering beauty and sustainability brand revolutionizing the hair extension industry with plant-based, biodegradable braiding hair. By offering a non-toxic, eco-friendly alternative to traditional synthetic extensions, Rebundle reduces waste and promotes scalp health. Committed to innovation and circularity, the brand is leading the way toward a more sustainable and inclusive future in hair care.

#### Arizona Muse:

Arizona Muse is a model, environmental activist, and founder of DIRT, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting biodynamic farming as a solution to the climate crisis. Using her platform, she advocates for regenerative agriculture, ethical fashion, and sustainable business practices. With a deep commitment to environmental education, Muse works to inspire systemic change and a more conscious approach to the way we interact with the planet.

Amsterdam, 24 June 2025

The Board of Directors,

L.O. de Vere C.S.P. van Leeuwen A.D. Hermansen Director Director

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

# A. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Assets		31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	Note	€	€	€	€
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	1	8.705		17.408	
Financial fixed assets	2	33.879		1.033.876	
	_	_	42.584		1.051.284
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	-		232	
Taxes	4	269.068		119.228	
Other receivables	5	3.521		3.521	
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1.415.194		788.983	
			1.687.783	·	911.964

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# A. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

(After appropriation of result)

Equity and liabilities		31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	Note	€	€	€	€
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EQUITY	-				0
Other reserve	7		1.402.593		-8.567.375
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	8		-		6.950.000
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CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Debts to credit institutions	9	-		2.355	
Creditors	10	89.297		68.896	
Debts to affiliated entities	11	-		2.560.232	
Other current liabilities	12	238.477		949.140	
	_		327.774		3.580.623

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# **B. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2024**

		20	24	202	23
	Note	€	€	€	€
INCOME Donations and other income Income from magazines	13	2.700.000 22.155		45.927 1.176	
Other income		4.228		111.869	
	_		2.726.383		158.972
COSTS					
Expenses of work contracted and other third parties services	14	611.841		930.301	
Expenses of employee benefits	15	610.187		683.758	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	16	8.703		8.703	
Grants	17	3.103.851		1.854.033	
Other operating expenses	18 _	266.425	-	467.117	
Total sum of expenses			4.601.007		3.943.912
Total operating result			-1.874.624		-3.784.940
Interest and similar expenses	19		-33.779		-181.663
Result on ordinary activities			-1.908.403		-3.966.603
Extraordinary income-expenses	20		11.878.371		_
Total net result			9.969.968		-3.966.603

#### C. PRINCIPLES OF VALUATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### **GENERAL**

Stichting 5 Media is a foundation (hereafter also as "Imagine5" or the "Foundation") as described in Article 285, Title 6, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. The Foundation was founded on 25 November 2019 and has its statutory seat in Amsterdam. The Foundation is registered at the Chamber of Commerce under number 76499642. The tax number of The Foundation is 860646816.

#### Activities

The activities of the Foundation are to inspire, encourage and support changemakers to positively change the world; to collaborate with and provide support to other organizations pursuing similar goals. The actual activities are carried out at Singel 134, 1015 AG Amsterdam.

#### Board members

The members of the Board of Directors comprise:

- Mrs. L.O. de Vere
- Mr. C.S.P. van Leeuwen
- Mrs. A.D. Hermansen

#### Staff members

From 1 January 2023 the staff of the Foundation has been remunerated through a cost sharing center. As of that same date, the cost sharing center has contractually obtained all the rights and obligations under the employment contracts between the Foundation and its staff. Therefore the Foundation had no employees during the financial year (2023: 0).

#### Foundation's size

The Foundation qualifies as a small foundation, pursuant to Article 407.2.a of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of the annual accounts in conformity with the relevant rules requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Foundation's accounting policies. If necessary for the purposes of providing the view required under article 2:362 of the Dutch Civil Code, the nature of these estimates and judgments, including the related assumptions, is disclosed in the notes to the annual account items in question.

## Subsequent events

No events have occurred since balance sheet date, which would change the financial position of the Foundation and which would require adjustments of or disclosure in the annual accounts as presented.

## Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions in currencies other than the Foundation's reporting currency, are accounted for at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Foundation's reporting currency are translated at year-end exchange rates. Gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies, are recognized in the profit and loss account.

Year-end exchange rates equivalent of EUR 1:	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
USD	1,0389	1,1050
DKK	7,4578	7,4529
GBP	0,8292	0,8691

Source: www.ecb.europa.eu

# PRINCIPLES OF VALUATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and in conformity with the Dutch Accounting Standards applicable for small enterprises, as published by the Dutch Accounting Standards Board ('Raad voor de Jaarverslaggeving').

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and presented in euros ("EUR" or " $\in$ "), being the functional currency of the Foundation.

Assets and liabilities are generally valued at historical cost, production cost or at fair value at the time of acquisition. If no specific valuation principle has been stated, valuation is at historical cost.

# ASSETS

# Tangible fixed assets

The tangible fixed assets are valued at the purchase cost reduced by linear depreciation on the basis of the estimated economic life span.

#### Financial Fixed assets

Upon initial recognition, other financial fixed assets are valued at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs. Changes in fair value are accounted for in the profit and loss In the valuation of financial fixed assets, any impairments as at balance sheet date are taken into account.

Convertible loans are measured initially at fair value (cost price of the transaction), including transaction costs and/or less any necessary provision.

#### Receivables

Receivables and other current assets are valued at purchase prices.

# Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at banks and in hand represent cash in hand, bank balances and deposits with terms of less than twelve months. Overdrafts at banks are recognised as part of debts to lending institutions under current liabilities. Cash at banks and in hand is valued at nominal value.

#### LIABILITIES

#### Long-term liabilities

Long-term liabilities are stated at face value.

#### Current liabilities

Current liabilities concern debts with a term of less than one year. Upon initial recognition the current liabilities are recorded at the fair value and subsequently valued at the amortized cost.

#### General

Profit is determined as the difference between income generated by the supply of goods and services, and the costs and other charges for the year. Income from transactions is recognised in the year in which it is realised.

# Net turnover and gross profit

Net turnover is determined as income from the supply of goods and services, less discounts and turnover taxes.

Gross profit is the net turnover less cost of sales.

# Taxes

As the Foundation does not conduct a business, it is not subject to Dutch Corporate Income Tax.

# D. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

#### 1 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Furniture,
	IT assets
	€
Acquisition value 1 January 2024	43.517
Accumulated depreciation	26.109
Book value 1 January 2024	17.408
Movements during financial year	
Depreciation	-8.703
Acquisition value 31 December 2024	43.517
Accumulated depreciation	-34.812
Book value 31 December 2024	8.705
Depreciation rates:	

20%

# 2 FINANCIAL FIXED ASSETS

Office furniture, IT assets

Participations				
	Place of	Investment		
Name	business	amount	_	
Waterbear Network				
Holding B.V.	Amsterdam	1.000.000		
			31/12/2024	31/12/2023
			€	€
Value as of 1 January			1.000.000	1.000.000
Impairment of investm	ent		999.999-	-
Value as of 31 Decemb	ner		1	1 000 000

The investment in Waterbear Network Holding BV is a warrant investment. According to the terms of the agreement, conversion was to take place on 31 December 2024. However, given that conversion conditions have not been met and cannot be met, the investment has been impaired. The Foundation has waived all its rights pertaining to this agreement.

## Other fixed financial assets

Other fixed intancial assets		
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	€	€
Rental deposit	33.876	33.876
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	€	€
Simple Agreement for Future Equity Waterbear Network Holding USA	Inc.	
Balance as at 1 January	-	-
Investment	92.632	-
Impairment of investment	-92.631	
	1	0

With this agreement the Foundation acquired the right to purchase shares of WaterBear Network Holding USA Inc. based in Delaware, USA, for USD 100.974. Due to the fact that the purchase value of the company as per reporting date is equal to EUR 0, this investment has been impaired. The Foundation has waived all its rights pertaining to this agreement.

Subordinated convertable bridge loan agreement Waterbear Network Holding B.V.

Balance as at 1 January	-	-
Loan amount provided	29.000	-
Impairment of investment	-28.999	
Balance as at 31 December	1	0

According to the terms of the agreement, the maturity date of this convertible loan is 30 April 2024; the loan bears 20% interest per annum over the outstanding amount. As per the reporting date, the conversion conditions had not been met. Given the fact that conversion conditions have not been met and cannot be met, the investment has been impaired. The Foundation has waived all its rights pertaining to this agreement.

	Total financial fixed assets	33.879	1.033.876
	CURRENT ASSETS	31/12/2024 €	31/12/2023 €
3	Debtors		
J	Balance as at 31 December		232
		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
4	Taxes	€	€
	Value added tax	269.068	119.228

		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		€	€
5	Other receivables	2.521	2.521
	Amounts paid in advance	3.521	3.521
		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		€	€
6		1 415 104	788.983
6	Cash and cash equivalents Banks	€ 1.415.194	7

The cash and cash equivalents are at the free disposal of the Foundation.

The balance of cash and cash equivalents listed in the financial statements matches the balance listed on the bank statement ultimo year.

# D. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

# 7 EQUITY

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	€	€
Other reserves as at 1 January	-8.567.375	-4.600.772
Result financial year	9.969.968	-3.966.603
Other reserves as at 31 December	1.402.593	-8.567.375

# Statement of the proposed appropriation of the result

The Board of Directors proposes to appropriate the result as follows:

The profit of the financial year 2024, amounting to  $\in$  9.969.968, should be added to the Foundation's other reserves.

This proposal has already been incorporated in the financial statements while awaiting the approval of the Board of Directors.

# 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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This loan was repaid by a donation. For more information, reference is made to the section Commitments from donors on page 19.

	CURRENT LIABILITIES	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		€	€
9	Debt to credit institutions		2 255
	Credit cards		2.355
		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		€	€
10	Creditors		
	Due as at 31 December	89.297	68.896

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	€	€
11 Debts to affiliated entities		
Debts to affiliated entities	<del>_</del>	2.560.232

This loan was repaid by a donation. For more information, reference is made to the section Commitments from donors on page 19.

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
12 Other current liabilities	€	€
Accrued expenses	238.477	755.674
Payable interest on debts		193.466
	238.477	949.140

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEETS RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Commitments from donors

A donation of  $\in$  15 million was made during 2024, to be disbursed in installments to the Foundation. Of the total committed amount,  $\in$  13 million was received by the Foundation for the repayment of the outstanding loans in 2024; this donation is classified as extraordinary income. The remaining  $\in$  2 million will be received in the course of 2025.

# E. NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2024	2023
INCOME	€	€
13 Donations and other income		
Donations income	2.700.000	45.927
Income from magazines	22.155	1.176
Other income	4.228	111.869
	2.726.383	158.972
	2024	2023
EXPENSES	€	€
14 Expenses of work contracted and other third parties services		
Freelance cost	186.706	145.782
Impact Partner	30.732	356.732
Events	4.640	88.058
Marketing & advertisements	389.763	339.729
	611.841	930.301
	2024	2023
15 Expenses of employee and employee benefits	€	€
*Wages and salaries	413.412	361.976
Social security charges	93.194	98.414
Travel expenses staff	56.407	53.842
Recruitment costs employees	12.663	20.861
**Consultancy personnel	24.298	123.314
Various reimbursed charges personnel	6.868	25.351
Other employee expenses	3.345	_
	610.187	683.758

<sup>\*</sup> The presented personnel expenses were recharged by the cost sharing center and equal an average number of 5 employees based on FTE's during this financial year. Since the Foundation has no personnel of its own, the reported average number of employees during the financial year of the Foundation amounts to 0 (2023:0).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Consultancy personnel refers to self-employed personnel and employees hired through a payroll agency.

	2024	2023
	€	€
16 Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
Office furniture, IT assets	8.703	8.703

		2024	2023
		€	€
17	Grants		
	Grants	78.851	208.966
	Contributions to 5 Media Fonden	1.450.000	1.194.567
	Contributions to 5 Media Inc. USA	1.575.000	450.000
	Other gifts		500
		3.103.851	1.854.033
		2024	2023
18	Other operating expenses	€	€
	Housing expenses	205.773	204.190
	Office expenses	12.363	14.604
	General IT expenses	17.997	20.388
	Subscription and contributions	7.295	80.706
	General expenses	22.997	147.229
		266.425	467.117
		2024	2023
19	Interest and similar expenses	€	€
	Costs		
	Interest on loans and similar liabilities	26.165	181.336
	Bank interest & expenses	3.385	2.653
	Foreign exchange results	4.229	-2.326
	Interest expenses - income	33.779	181.663
		2024	2023
		€	€
20	Extraordinary income and expenses		
	Income		
	Donation	13.000.000	
	Costs	000 000	
	Impaired participation Waterbear Network Holding B.V.	999.999	-
	Impaired SAFE Waterbear Network Holding USA Inc.	92.631	-
	Impaired convertable bridge loan Waterbear Network Holding B.V.	28.999	
		1.121.629	
	Extraordinary income and expenses	11 070 271	
	Extraordinary income and expenses	11.878.371	

The Foundation received a donation for the repayment of its outstanding loans. This donation is recognised as extraordinary income.