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## Carraro Finance S.A.: approval of the issuance of nonconvertible senior unsecured unrated notes for up to Euro 120 million

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**Luxembourg, 16 October 2023** —Carraro Finance S.A. ("Carraro Finance") announces that today, the Board of Directors resolved upon the issuance of senior unsecured unrated and non-convertible notes to be issued by Carraro Finance and guaranteed by Carraro S.p.A. (the "Notes").

The Notes are expected to be offerred to the general public in Luxembourg and Italy, through the procedure for the distribution of financial instruments governed by the Regulations adopted by Borsa Italiana, and to be distributed with (i) qualified investors (as defined in Article 2(1)(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the "Prospectus Regulation") or the Prospectus Regulation as transposed into United Kingdom domestic law by virtue of the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018) in the European Economic Area and the United Kingdom; and (ii) institutional investors abroad, pursuant to "Regulation S" of the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended), excluding the United States of America, Australia, Canada or Japan as well as any other country or jurisdiction in which the offer or sale of the Notes is prohibited by law or in the absence of exemptions.

The Notes will be issued for a total nominal amount ranging from a minimum of Euro 100million to a maximum of Euro 120 million at an issue price equal to 100% of its nominal value, with a minimum denomination of Euro 1,000 and will have a duration of five (5) years from the issue date and, consequently, the maturity date will be 6 November 2028. The Notes provide for optional early redemption under certain circumstances, including (i) a voluntary optional early redemption after the first 18 months (i.e., starting from 6 May 2025) at a price equal to 103.0% of the nominal amount, at a price equal to 101.5% of the nominal amount starting from 6 May 2026 and at a price equal to 100% of the nomial amount starting from 6 May 2027, and (ii) a mandatory early redemption upon the occurrence of an event of change of control. The Notes will bear interest at a fixed rate of 7.75% (gross) to be paid on an a semi-annual basis.



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It is envisaged that the proceeds deriving from the issuance of the Notes, also by means of the partial use of cash reserves, will be used to early redeem, by 31 December 2023, the senior unsecured unrated and non-convertible notes for an amount of Euro 180 million due January 2025.

The Notes will also provide for an incurrence covenant, linked to the level of indebtedness, and failure to comply with such covenant will result in debt restrictions and default events in line with market practice. In addition, the Notes will include certain limits on the distribution of dividends linked to the level of indebtedness.

Subject to the necessary approvals and authorisations by the competent Authorities and/or stock exchanges, it is envisaged that the Notes will be admitted to listing and trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange as well as on the "Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni" organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (MOT).

For the purposes of the above-mentioned public offering and listing of the Notes, a prospectus will be published further to the approval by the CSSF (*Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*) as the Luxembourg competent authority and will be then passported to Italy in compliance with applicable laws. Once approved, the prospectus will be available in the appropriate section of the Carraro Finance website (www.carrarofinance.lu).

Within the context of the Notes' issuance, Equita SIM S.p.A. will act as placement agent and as operator appointed for placing the sales proposals of the Notes on the MOT.

It is expected that, subject to obtaining the required approvals and authorisations and subject to market conditions, the offering of the Notes will start on 25 October 2023 and will end on 31 October 2023 and that the issuance of the Notes will take place on 6 November 2023. The opening and closing dates of the offering period and the issue date will be indicated in the prospectus that will be published upon approval and will be communicated by way of a further press release.

Further details will be provided prior to the start of the offering period.

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