

## **WHAT IS** THE DIVIDEND?

A dividend is the share of the value created, or profits, that a company distributes to its shareholders.

The payment amount that each shareholder receives depends on how many shares are owned.

To grow, a company needs financing from banks, through loans, and shareholders, through share acquisitions.

Banks are compensated in the form of an interest rate, which is set in advance.

Shareholders, who own a share of the company, are compensated through a dividend payout, only if the company makes enough of a profit to distribute it. Therefore, they receive compensation for the risk they are taking.

## WHY PAY DIVIDENDS?

For companies, paying dividends sends a strong signal that they are confident about their strategy and future performance. That signal is strengthened by a regular dividend payout.

The company proposes a dividend amount based on results.

To take effect, that proposal must be approved by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

# WHO ARE OUR SHAREHOLDERS?

#### The Group's shareholders are:

- Individual and employee shareholders (11%). Employee's shareholders have a singular status as they both contribute to and benefit from the Group's value creation.
- And institutional investors (89%). Most institutional investors are investment firms, banks, and insurers that purchase shares in the company to invest the money their customers entrust to them.

# FOCUS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SHARING VALUE CREATION AT MICHELIN

Distributing the value created by Michelin is a key part of our All Sustainable strategy, which aims to balance People, Profit and Planet.

The principle of sharing value creation is thus implemented between:

- employees, through compensation: salary, bonuses, etc.,
- shareholders, through dividends,
- and the company's **capacity to invest** for sustainable growth, through capital expenditures, and mergers and acquisitions.