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The group of shareholders holding the shares comprises the funds managed by Capital Research and Management Company ("CRMC"), and clients managed by Capital Guardian Trust Company ("CGTC"), Capital International Limited ("CIL"), Capital International Inc. ("CII"), and Capital International S.A. ("CISA").

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#### About Adecco

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