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**CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII**  
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**CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII**  
**110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, New York 10022**

**LETTER TO STOCKHOLDERS**

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII:

You are cordially invited to attend the special meeting of stockholders, which we refer to as the “Special Meeting”, of CF Acquisition Corp. VIII, which we refer to as “we”, “us”, “our” or the “Company”, to be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on March [ ], 2023.

The Special Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting of stockholders, which will be conducted via live webcast. You will be able to attend the Special Meeting online, vote and submit your questions during the Special Meeting by visiting <https://www.cstproxy.com/> [ ].

Even if you are planning on attending the Special Meeting online, please promptly submit your proxy vote by telephone, or, if you received a printed form of proxy in the mail, by completing, dating, signing and returning the enclosed proxy, so your shares will be represented at the Special Meeting. Instructions on voting your shares are on the proxy materials you received for the Special Meeting. Even if you plan to attend the Special Meeting online, it is strongly recommended you complete and return your proxy card before the Special Meeting date, to ensure that your shares will be represented at the Special Meeting if you are unable to attend.

The accompanying proxy statement, which we refer to as the “Proxy Statement”, is dated [ ], 2023, and is first being mailed on or about [ ], 2023. The sole purpose of the Special Meeting is to consider and vote upon the following proposals:

- a proposal to amend the Company’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation, which we refer to as the “charter”, in the form set forth in Annex A to the accompanying Proxy Statement, which we refer to as the “Extension Amendment” and such proposal the “Extension Amendment Proposal”, to extend the date by which the Company must (i) consummate a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination involving the Company and one or more businesses, which we refer to as a “business combination”, (ii) cease its operations if it fails to complete such business combination, and (iii) redeem or repurchase 100% of the Company’s Class A common stock included as part of the units sold in the Company’s initial public offering that was consummated on March 16, 2021, which we refer to as the “IPO”, from March 16, 2023 (the “Termination Date”) to September 16, 2023 (or such earlier date as determined by the Board), which we refer to as the “Extension”, and such later date, the “Extended Date”; and
- a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Special Meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, which we refer to as the “Adjournment Proposal”. The Adjournment Proposal will only be presented at the Special Meeting if there are not sufficient votes to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal.

Each of the Extension Amendment Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal is more fully described in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

The purpose of the Extension Amendment Proposal and, if necessary, the Adjournment Proposal, is to allow us additional time to complete the proposed transactions (the “Business Combination”) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), by and among us, Sierra Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“Merger Sub”), BTC International Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Parent”) and XBP Europe, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (“XBP Europe”). For more information about the Business Combination, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination. Our board of directors (the “Board”) does not believe that there will be sufficient time before March 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination. Accordingly, the Board believes that in order to be able to consummate the Business Combination, we will need to obtain the Extension. Therefore, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of our stockholders to extend the date by which the Company has to consummate a business combination to the Extended Date in order for our stockholders to consider the Business Combination.

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In connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal, public stockholders may elect to redeem their shares of Class A common stock issued in our IPO, which shares we refer to as the “public shares”, for a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account (the “Trust Account”), including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares, which election we refer to as the “Election”, regardless of whether such public stockholders vote on the Extension Amendment Proposal. If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved by the requisite vote of stockholders, the remaining holders of public shares will retain their right to redeem their public shares when the Business Combination is submitted to the stockholders, subject to any limitations set forth in our charter as amended by the Extension Amendment. In addition, public stockholders who do not make the Election would be entitled to have their public shares redeemed for cash if the Company has not completed a business combination by the Extended Date. Our sponsor, CFAC Holdings VIII, LLC (the “Sponsor”), owns 6,228,000 shares of our Class B common stock, which we refer to as the “Founder Shares”, that were issued to the Sponsor prior to our IPO, 537,500 shares of Class A common stock, which we refer to as the “Private Placement Shares,” and 135,000 warrants, which we refer to as the “Private Placement Warrants,” that were purchased by the Sponsor in a private placement which occurred simultaneously with the completion of the IPO. In addition, two of our independent directors each own 11,000 Founder Shares, and our third independent director owns 2,500 Private Placement Shares. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve each of the proposals. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal.

**To exercise your redemption rights, you must demand that the Company redeem your public shares for a pro rata portion of the funds held in the Trust Account, and tender your shares to the Company’s transfer agent at least two business days prior to the Special Meeting (or March [ ], 2023). You may tender your shares by either delivering your share certificate to the transfer agent or by delivering your shares electronically using the Depository Trust Company’s DWAC (Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian) system. If you hold your shares in street name, you will need to instruct your bank, broker or other nominee to withdraw the shares from your account in order to exercise your redemption rights.**

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the Sponsor or its designees has agreed to loan to us (the “Extension Loan”) (i) the lesser of (a) \$[ ] per month (in the aggregate) or (b) \$[ ] per month for each public share that remains outstanding and is not redeemed in connection with the Extension (such amount, the “Monthly Amount”); plus (ii) if the Business Combination is not consummated by April 16, 2023, the Monthly Amount for each calendar month (commencing on April 17, 2023 and ending on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each subsequent month), or portion thereof, that is needed by the Company to complete the Business Combination until September 16, 2023, or until such earlier time as the Board determines not to continue to extend, which amounts will be deposited into the Trust Account. Accordingly, the amount deposited per share will depend on the number of public shares that remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension and the length of the extension period that will be needed to complete the Business Combination. If more than [ ] public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount paid per share will be reduced proportionately. For example, if we need until September 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination, which would represent six calendar months, no public shares are redeemed and all of our public shares remain outstanding in connection with the Extension, then the aggregate amount deposited per share will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ]. However, if [ ] public shares are redeemed and [ ] of our public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount deposited per share for such six-month period will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ].

Assuming the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the initial Monthly Amount will be deposited into the Trust Account promptly following the Special Meeting and no later than March 16, 2023. Each additional Monthly Amount following April 17, 2023 will be deposited into the Trust Account on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of such calendar month.

The Extension Loan is conditioned upon the implementation of the Extension Amendment. The Extension Loan will not occur if the Extension Amendment is not approved, or the Extension is not implemented. The amount of the Extension Loan will not bear interest and will be repayable by us to the Sponsor or its designees, in equity, upon consummation of the Business Combination. If the Sponsor or its designees advises us that it does not intend to make the Extension Loan, then the Extension Amendment and the Adjournment Proposal will not be put before the stockholders at the Special Meeting and, unless the Company can complete the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will dissolve and liquidate in accordance with our charter. The Company will have the sole discretion whether to continue extending for each additional calendar month period until the Extended Date. If the Company determines not to extend for any calendar month following the funding of the initial Monthly Amount, the Sponsor’s obligation to make additional contributions will terminate and the Company will liquidate at the end of the applicable month.

Based upon the amount in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2022, the Company anticipates that the per-share price at which public shares will be redeemed from cash held in the Trust Account will be approximately \$10.62 at the time of the Special Meeting, subject to the Company’s right to withdraw interest from the Trust Account to pay taxes. The closing price of the Company’s Class A common stock on the record date as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$10.[ ]. The Company cannot assure stockholders that they will be able to sell their shares of the Company’s Class A common stock in the open market, even if the market price per share is higher than the redemption price stated above, as there may not be sufficient liquidity in its securities when such stockholders wish to sell their shares.

The Adjournment Proposal, if adopted, will allow our Board to adjourn the Special Meeting to a later date or dates to permit further solicitation of proxies. The Adjournment Proposal will only be presented to our stockholders in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal.

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If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved and we do not consummate a Business Combination by March 16, 2023, as contemplated by our IPO prospectus and in accordance with our charter, we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the Delaware General Corporation Law, which we refer to as the "DGCL", to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law. There will be no distribution from the Trust Account with respect to our warrants, which will expire worthless in the event of our winding up. In the event of a liquidation, the Sponsor and our officers and directors will not receive any monies held in the Trust Account as a result of their ownership of the Founder Shares or the Private Placement Shares.

Subject to the foregoing, the affirmative vote of at least 65% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock, including the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares, will be required to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. Stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment is required for the implementation of our Board's plan to extend the date by which we must consummate our initial business combination. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve each of the proposals. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal. Notwithstanding stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, our Board will retain the right to abandon and not implement the Extension Amendment at any time without any further action by our stockholders.

Approval of the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by stockholders represented in person or by proxy at the Special Meeting.

Our Board has fixed the close of business on February 6, 2023 as the date for determining the Company stockholders entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Special Meeting and any adjournment thereof. Only holders of record of the Company's common stock on that date are entitled to have their votes counted at the Special Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

**You are not being asked to vote on the Business Combination at this time. If the Extension is implemented and you do not elect to redeem your public shares, provided that you are a stockholder on the record date for a meeting to consider the Business Combination, you will retain the right to vote on the Business Combination when it is submitted to stockholders and the right to redeem your public shares for cash in the event the Business Combination is approved and completed or we have not consummated a business combination by the Extended Date.**

**After careful consideration of all relevant factors, the Board has determined that the Extension Amendment Proposal and, if presented, the Adjournment Proposal are advisable and recommends that you vote or give instruction to vote "FOR" such proposals.**

Under Delaware law and the Company's bylaws, no other business may be transacted at the Special Meeting.

Enclosed is the Proxy Statement containing detailed information concerning the Extension Amendment Proposal, the Adjournment Proposal and the Special Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the Special Meeting, we urge you to read this material carefully and vote your shares.

[ ], 2023

By Order of the Board of Directors

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Howard W. Lutnick  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

**Your vote is important. If you are a stockholder of record, please sign, date and return your proxy card as soon as possible to make sure that your shares are represented at the Special Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may also cast your vote online at the Special Meeting. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm or bank, you must instruct your broker or bank how to vote your shares, or you may cast your vote online at the Special Meeting by obtaining a proxy from your brokerage firm or bank. Your failure to vote or instruct your broker or bank how to vote will have the same effect as voting "AGAINST" the Extension Amendment Proposal, and an abstention will have the same effect as voting "AGAINST" the Extension Amendment Proposal.**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Special Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March [ ], 2023:** This notice of meeting and the accompanying Proxy Statement are available at [https://www.cstproxy.com/\[ \]](https://www.cstproxy.com/[ ]).

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**CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII**  
**110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, New York 10022**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MARCH [ ], 2023**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

The special meeting of stockholders, which we refer to as the “Special Meeting”, of CF Acquisition Corp. VIII, which we refer to as the “we”, “us”, “our” or the “Company”, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on March [ ], 2023 as a virtual meeting. You will be able to attend, vote your shares, and submit questions during the Special Meeting via a live webcast available at [https://www.cstproxy.com/\[ \]](https://www.cstproxy.com/[ ]). The Special Meeting will be held for the sole purpose of considering and voting upon the following proposals:

- a proposal to amend the Company’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation, which we refer to as the “charter”, in the form set forth in Annex A to the accompanying Proxy Statement, which we refer to as the “Extension Amendment” and such proposal the “Extension Amendment Proposal”, to extend the date by which the Company must (i) consummate a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination involving the Company and one or more businesses, which we refer to as a “business combination”, (ii) cease its operations if it fails to complete such business combination, and (iii) redeem or repurchase 100% of the Company’s Class A common stock included as part of the units sold in the Company’s initial public offering that was consummated on March 16, 2021, which we refer to as the “IPO”, from March 16, 2023 (the “Termination Date”) to September 16, 2023 (or such earlier date as determined by the Board), which we refer to as the “Extension”, and such later date, the “Extended Date”; and
- a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Special Meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, which we refer to as the “Adjournment Proposal”. The Adjournment Proposal will only be presented at the Special Meeting if there are not sufficient votes to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal.

The purpose of the Extension Amendment Proposal and, if necessary, the Adjournment Proposal, is to allow us additional time to complete the proposed transactions (the “Business Combination”) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), by and among us, Sierra Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“Merger Sub”), BTC International Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Parent”) and XBP Europe, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (“XBP Europe”). For more information about the Business Combination, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination. Our Board does not believe that there will be sufficient time before March 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination. Accordingly, the Board believes that in order to be able to consummate a Business Combination, we will need to obtain the Extension. Therefore, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of our stockholders to extend the date by which the Company has to consummate a business combination to the Extended Date in order for our stockholders to consider the Business Combination.

In connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal, public stockholders may elect to redeem their public shares for a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Company’s trust account (the “Trust Account”), including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares, which election we refer to as the “Election”, regardless of whether such public stockholders vote on the Extension Amendment Proposal. If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved by the requisite vote of stockholders, the remaining holders of public shares will retain their right to redeem their public shares when the Business Combination is submitted to the stockholders, subject to any limitations set forth in our charter as amended by the Extension Amendment. In addition, public stockholders who do not make the Election would be entitled to have their public shares redeemed for cash if the Company has not completed a business combination by the Extended Date. The Sponsor owns 6,228,000 shares of our Class B common stock, which we refer to as the “Founder Shares”, that were issued to the Sponsor prior to our IPO, 537,500 shares of Class A common stock, which we refer to as the “Private Placement Shares,” and 135,000 warrants, which we refer to as the “Private Placement Warrants,” that were purchased by the Sponsor in a private placement which occurred simultaneously with the completion of the IPO. In addition, two of our independent directors each own 11,000 Founder Shares, and our third independent director owns 2,500 Private Placement Shares. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve each of the proposals. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal.

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**To exercise your redemption rights, you must demand that the Company redeem your public shares for a pro rata portion of the funds held in the Trust Account, and tender your shares to the Company's transfer agent at least two business days prior to the Special Meeting (or March [ ], 2023). You may tender your shares by either delivering your share certificate to the transfer agent or by delivering your shares electronically using the Depository Trust Company's DWAC (Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian) system. If you hold your shares in street name, you will need to instruct your bank, broker or other nominee to withdraw the shares from your account in order to exercise your redemption rights.**

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the Sponsor or its designees has agreed to loan to us the Extension Loan, consisting of (i) the Monthly Amount; plus (ii) if the Business Combination is not consummated by April 16, 2023, the Monthly Amount for each calendar month (commencing on April 17, 2023 and ending on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each subsequent month), or portion thereof, that is needed by the Company to complete the Business Combination until September 16, 2023, or until such earlier time as the Board determines not to continue to extend, which amounts will be deposited into the Trust Account. Accordingly, the amount deposited per share will depend on the number of public shares that remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension and the length of the extension period that will be needed to complete the Business Combination. If more than [ ] public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount paid per share will be reduced proportionately. For example, if we need until September 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination, which would represent six calendar months, no public shares are redeemed and all of our public shares remain outstanding in connection with the Extension, then the aggregate amount deposited per share will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ]. However, if [ ] public shares are redeemed and [ ] of our public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount deposited per share for such six-month period will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ].

Assuming the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the initial Monthly Amount will be deposited into the Trust Account promptly following the Special Meeting and no later than March 16, 2023. Each additional Monthly Amount following April 17, 2023 will be deposited into the Trust Account on or before the 23rd day of such calendar month.

The Extension Loan is conditioned upon the implementation of the Extension Amendment. The Extension Loan will not occur if the Extension Amendment is not approved, or the Extension is not implemented. The amount of the Extension Loan will not bear interest and will be repayable by us to the Sponsor or its designees, in equity, upon consummation of the Business Combination. If the Sponsor or its designees advises us that it does not intend to make the Extension Loan, then the Extension Amendment and the Adjournment Proposal will not be put before the stockholders at the Special Meeting and, unless the Company can complete the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will dissolve and liquidate in accordance with our charter. The Company will have the sole discretion whether to continue extending for each additional calendar month period until the Extended Date. If the Company determines not to extend for any calendar month following the funding of the initial Monthly Amount, the Sponsor's obligation to make additional contributions will terminate and the Company will liquidate at the end of the applicable month.

The withdrawal of funds from the Trust Account in connection with the Election will reduce the amount held in the Trust Account following the Election and the amount remaining in the Trust Account may be significantly less than the approximately \$31.4 million that was in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2022. In such event, the Company may need to obtain additional funds to complete the Business Combination, and there can be no assurance that such funds will be available on terms acceptable to the parties or at all.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved and we do not consummate a Business Combination by March 16, 2023, as contemplated by our IPO prospectus and in accordance with our charter, we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the Delaware General Corporation Law, which we refer to as the "DGCL", to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law.

There will be no distribution from the Trust Account with respect to the Company's warrants, which will expire worthless in the event of our winding up. In the event of a liquidation, the Sponsor will not receive any monies held in the Trust Account as a result of its ownership of 6,228,000 Founder Shares, which were issued to the Sponsor prior to our IPO, 537,500 Private Placement Shares and 135,000 Private Placement Warrants, which were purchased by the Sponsor in a private placement which occurred simultaneously with the completion of the IPO. As a consequence, a liquidating distribution will be made only with respect to the public shares. In addition, our two independent directors who each own 11,000 Founder Shares and our third independent director who owns 2,500 Private Placement Shares will not receive any monies held in the Trust Account as a result of their ownership of such shares.

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If the Company liquidates, the Sponsor has agreed to indemnify us to the extent any claims by a third party for services rendered or products sold to us, or any claims by a prospective target business with which we have discussed entering into an acquisition agreement, reduce the amount of funds in the Trust Account to below (i) \$10.00 per public share or (ii) such lesser amount per public share held in the Trust Account as of the date of the liquidation of the Trust Account due to reductions in the value of the trust assets, in each case net of the interest which may be withdrawn to pay taxes, except as to any claims by a third party who executed a waiver of any and all rights to seek access to our Trust Account and except as to any claims under our indemnity of the underwriters of our IPO against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the “Securities Act”. Moreover, in the event that an executed waiver is deemed to be unenforceable against a third party, the Sponsor will not be responsible to the extent of any liability for such third-party claims. We cannot assure you, however, that the Sponsor would be able to satisfy those obligations. Based upon the amount in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2022, we anticipate that the per-share price at which public shares will be redeemed from cash held in the Trust Account will be approximately \$10.62, subject to the Company’s right to withdraw interest from the Trust Account to pay taxes. Nevertheless, the Company cannot assure you that the per share distribution from the Trust Account, if the Company liquidates, will not be less than \$10.54, plus interest, due to unforeseen claims of creditors.

Under the DGCL, stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution. If the corporation complies with certain procedures set forth in Section 280 of the DGCL intended to ensure that it makes reasonable provision for all claims against it, including a 60-day notice period during which any third-party claims can be brought against the corporation, a 90-day period during which the corporation may reject any claims brought, and an additional 150-day waiting period before any liquidating distributions are made to stockholders, any liability of stockholders with respect to a liquidating distribution is limited to the lesser of such stockholder’s pro rata share of the claim or the amount distributed to the stockholder, and any liability of the stockholder would be barred after the third anniversary of the dissolution.

Because the Company will not be complying with Section 280 of the DGCL as described in our IPO prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the “SEC”, on March 15, 2021, Section 281(b) of the DGCL requires us to adopt a plan, based on facts known to us at such time that will provide for our payment of all existing and pending claims or claims that may be potentially brought against us within the 10 years following our dissolution. However, because we are a blank check company, rather than an operating company, and our operations have been limited to searching for prospective target businesses to acquire, the only likely claims to arise would be from our vendors (such as lawyers or investment bankers) or prospective target businesses.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, the Company, pursuant to the terms of the investment management trust agreement, dated March 11, 2021, by and between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (“Continental”) and the Company (the “Trust Agreement”), will (i) remove from the Trust Account an amount, which we refer to as the “Withdrawal Amount”, equal to the number of public shares properly redeemed multiplied by the per-share price, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares, and (ii) deliver to the holders of such redeemed public shares their portion of the Withdrawal Amount. The remainder of such funds shall remain in the Trust Account and be available for use by the Company to complete a business combination on or before the Extended Date. Holders of public shares who do not redeem their public shares now will retain their redemption rights and their ability to vote on a business combination through the Extended Date if the Extension is implemented.

Our Board has fixed the close of business on February 6, 2023 as the date for determining the Company stockholders entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Special Meeting and any adjournment thereof. Only holders of record of the Company’s common stock on that date are entitled to have their votes counted at the Special Meeting or any adjournment thereof. On the record date of the Special Meeting, there were 3,500,098 shares of Class A common stock and 6,250,000 shares of Class B common stock outstanding. The Company’s warrants do not have voting rights in connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal.

This Proxy Statement contains important information about the Special Meeting and the proposals. Please read it carefully and vote your shares.

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We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies from our working capital. We have engaged Morrow Sodali, LLC, who we refer to as Morrow Sodali, to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the Special Meeting. We have agreed to pay Morrow Sodali a fee of \$15,000 in connection with such services in connection with the Special Meeting. We will also reimburse Morrow Sodali for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will indemnify Morrow Sodali and its affiliates against certain claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses. In addition to these mailed proxy materials, our directors and officers may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by other means of communication. These parties will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners. While the payment of these expenses will reduce the cash available to us to consummate an initial business combination if the Extension is approved, we do not expect such payments to have a material effect on our ability to consummate an initial business combination.

This Proxy Statement is dated [ ], 2023 and is first being mailed to stockholders on or about [ ], 2023.

[ ], 2023

By Order of the Board of Directors

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Howard W. Lutnick  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEETING

These Questions and Answers are only summaries of the matters they discuss. They do not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read carefully the entire document, including the annexes to this Proxy Statement.

### *Why am I receiving this Proxy Statement?*

We are a blank check company formed in Delaware on July 8, 2020, for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses. In March 2021, we consummated our IPO as well as a private placement from which we derived net proceeds of approximately \$250,000,000 in the aggregate. Like most blank check companies, our charter provides for the return of our IPO proceeds held in the Trust Account to the holders of shares of Class A common stock sold in our IPO if there is no qualifying business combination consummated on or before a certain date.

On March 8, 2022, our stockholders approved an amendment of our charter to extend the date by which we must consummate our initial business combination from March 16, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Stockholders holding 2,879,927 public shares exercised their right to redeem such shares for a pro rate share of the Trust Account in connection with the amendment.

On September 27, 2022, our stockholders approved an additional amendment of our charter to extend the date by which we must consummate our initial business combination from September 30, 2022 to March 16, 2023. Stockholders holding 19,159,975 public shares exercised their right to redeem such shares for a pro rate share of the Trust Account in connection with the amendment.

The amount in the Trust Account was initially \$10.00 per public share and following the prior extensions was approximately \$10.62 per share as of December 31, 2022, subject to the Company's right to withdraw interest from the Trust Account to pay taxes.

Our Board believes that it is in the best interests of the stockholders to continue our existence until the Extended Date in order to allow us more time to complete the Business Combination.

The purpose of the Extension Amendment Proposal and, if necessary, the Adjournment Proposal, is to allow us additional time to complete the Business Combination.

### *What is being voted on?*

You are being asked to vote on:

- a proposal to amend our charter to extend the date by which we have to consummate a business combination from March 16, 2023 to September 16, 2023 (or such earlier date as determined by the Board); and
- a proposal to approve the adjournment of the Special Meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal.

The purpose of the Extension Amendment Proposal and, if necessary, the Adjournment Proposal, is to allow us additional time to complete the proposed Business Combination between the Company and XBP Europe. For more information about the Business Combination, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, we will, pursuant to the Trust Agreement, remove the Withdrawal Amount from the Trust Account, deliver to the holders of redeemed public shares their portion of the Withdrawal Amount and retain the remainder of the funds in the Trust Account for our use in connection with consummating the Business Combination on or before the Extended Date.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Extension is implemented, the removal of the Withdrawal Amount from the Trust Account in connection with the Election will reduce the amount held in the Trust Account following the Election. We cannot predict the amount that will remain in the Trust Account if the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved. In such event, we may need to obtain additional funds to complete the Business Combination, and there can be no assurance that such funds will be available on terms acceptable to the parties or at all.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved and we have not consummated an initial business combination by March 16, 2023, we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the DGCL to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law.

There will be no distribution from the Trust Account with respect to our warrants, which will expire worthless in the event of our winding up. In the event of a liquidation, the Sponsor and our officers and directors will not receive any monies held in the Trust Account as a result of their ownership of the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares.

***Why is the Company proposing the Extension Amendment Proposal?***

Our charter provides for the return of our IPO proceeds held in the Trust Account to the holders of shares of Class A common stock sold in our IPO if there is no qualifying business combination consummated on or before March 16, 2023. As explained below, we will not be able to complete the Business Combination by that date and therefore, we are asking for an extension of this timeframe.

The purpose of the Extension Amendment Proposal and, if necessary, the Adjournment Proposal, is to allow us additional time to complete the Business Combination. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to consummate the Business Combination, given the actions that must occur prior to closing of the Business Combination.

The Company believes that given its expenditure of time, effort and money on the Business Combination, circumstances warrant providing public stockholders an opportunity to consider the Business Combination. Accordingly, the Board is proposing the Extension Amendment Proposal to amend our charter in the form set forth in Annex A hereto to extend the date by which we must (i) consummate a business combination, (ii) cease our operations if we fail to complete such business combination, and (iii) redeem or repurchase 100% of our Class A common stock included as part of the units sold in our IPO from March 16, 2023 to September 16, 2023.

**You are not being asked to vote on the Business Combination at this time. If the Extension is implemented and you do not elect to redeem your public shares, provided that you are a stockholder on the record date for a meeting to consider the Business Combination, you will retain the right to vote on the Business Combination when it is submitted to stockholders and the right to redeem your public shares for cash in the event the Business Combination is approved and completed or we have not consummated another initial business combination by the Extended Date.**

***Why should I vote “FOR” the Extension Amendment Proposal?***

Our Board is proposing the Extension Amendment Proposal to extend the date by which we have to complete a business combination until the Extended Date. The Extension would give us additional time to complete the Business Combination.

The Board believes that it is in the best interests of our stockholders that the Extension be obtained to provide additional amount of time to consummate the Business Combination. Without the Extension, we would be precluded from completing the Business Combination and would be forced to liquidate even if our stockholders are otherwise in favor of consummating the Business Combination.

We believe that given our expenditure of time, effort and money on the Business Combination, circumstances warrant providing public stockholders an opportunity to consider the Business Combination and that it is in the best interests of our stockholders that we obtain the Extension. For more information about the Business Combination, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination.

Our charter, as amended, provides that if our stockholders approve an amendment to our charter that would affect the substance or timing of our obligation to redeem 100% of our public shares if we do not complete our business combination before March 16, 2023, we will provide our public stockholders with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their public shares upon such approval at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. We believe that this charter provision was included to protect our stockholders from having to sustain their investments for an unreasonably long period if we failed to find a suitable business combination in the timeframe contemplated by the charter.

Our Board recommends that you vote in favor of the Extension Amendment Proposal.

***Why should I vote “FOR” the Adjournment Proposal?***

If the Adjournment Proposal is not approved by our stockholders, our Board may not be able to adjourn the Special Meeting to a later date in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal.

***What amount will holders receive upon consummation of a subsequent business combination or liquidation if the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved?***

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the Sponsor or its designees has agreed to loan to us the Extension Loan, consisting of (i) the Monthly Amount; plus (ii) if the Business Combination is not consummated by April 16, 2023, the Monthly Amount for each calendar month (commencing on April 17, 2023 and ending on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each subsequent month), or portion thereof, that is needed by the Company to complete the Business Combination until September 16, 2023, or until such earlier time as the Board determines not to continue to extend, which amounts will be deposited into the Trust Account. Accordingly, the amount deposited per share will depend on the number of public shares that remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension and the length of the extension period that will be needed to complete the Business Combination. If more than [ ] public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount paid per share will be reduced proportionately. For example, if we need until September 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination, which would represent six calendar months, no public shares are redeemed and all of our public shares remain outstanding in connection with the Extension, then the aggregate amount deposited per share will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ]. However, if [ ] public shares are redeemed and [ ] of our public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount deposited per share for such six-month period will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ].

Assuming the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the initial Monthly Amount will be deposited into the Trust Account promptly following the Special Meeting and no later than March 16, 2023. Each additional Monthly Amount following April 17, 2023 will be deposited into the Trust Account on or before the 23rd day of such calendar month.

The Extension Loan is conditioned upon the implementation of the Extension Amendment. The Extension Loan will not occur if the Extension Amendment is not approved, or the Extension is not implemented. The amount of the Extension Loan will not bear interest and will be repayable by us to the Sponsor or its designees, in equity, upon consummation of the Business Combination. If the Sponsor or its designees advises us that it does not intend to make the Extension Loan, then the Extension Amendment and the Adjournment Proposal will not be put before the stockholders at the Special Meeting and, unless the Company can complete the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will dissolve and liquidate in accordance with our charter. The Company will have the sole discretion whether to continue extending for each additional calendar month period until the Extended Date. If the Company determines not to extend for any calendar month following the funding of the initial Monthly Amount, the Sponsor's obligation to make additional contributions will terminate and the Company will liquidate at the end of the applicable month.

***When would the Board abandon the Extension Amendment Proposal?***

Our Board will abandon the Extension Amendment if our stockholders do not approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. In addition, notwithstanding stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, our Board will retain the right to abandon and not implement the Extension Amendment at any time without any further action by our stockholders.

***How do the Company insiders intend to vote their shares?***

All of our directors, executive officers and their respective affiliates are expected to vote any common stock over which they have voting control (including any public shares owned by them) in favor of the Extension Amendment Proposal. Currently, the Sponsor and our officers and directors own approximately 69.6% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock, including 6,250,000 Founder Shares and 540,000 Private Placement Shares. The Sponsor and our directors, executive officers and their affiliates do not intend to purchase shares of common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in connection with the stockholder vote on the Extension Amendment. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal.

***What vote is required to adopt the proposals?***

The approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal will require the affirmative vote of holders of at least 65% of our outstanding shares of common stock on the record date.

The approval of the Adjournment Proposal will require the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by stockholders represented in person or by proxy.

As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal.

***What if I don't want to vote "FOR" the Extension Amendment Proposal?***

If you do not want the Extension Amendment Proposal to be approved, you must abstain, not vote, or vote "AGAINST" such proposal. You will be entitled to redeem your public shares for cash in connection with this vote whether or not you vote on the Extension Amendment Proposal so long as you elect to redeem your public shares for a pro rata portion of the funds available in the Trust Account in connection with the Extension Amendment. If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, and the Extension is implemented, then the Withdrawal Amount will be withdrawn from the Trust Account and paid to the redeeming holders.

***What happens if the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved?***

Our Board will abandon the Extension Amendment if our stockholders do not approve the Extension Amendment Proposal.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved and we have not consummated the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the DGCL to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law.

There will be no distribution from the Trust Account with respect to our warrants which will expire worthless in the event we wind up.

In the event of a liquidation, the Sponsor and our officers and directors will not receive any monies held in the Trust Account as a result of their ownership of the Founder Shares or the Private Placement Shares.

***If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, what happens next?***

We are seeking the Extension Amendment to provide us time to complete the Business Combination. Our seeking to complete the Business Combination will involve:

- completing proxy materials;
- establishing a meeting date and record date for considering the Business Combination, and distributing proxy materials to stockholders; and
- holding a special meeting to consider the Business Combination.

We are seeking approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal because we will not be able to complete all of the tasks listed above prior to March 16, 2023. If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, we expect to seek stockholder approval of the Business Combination. If stockholders approve the Business Combination, we expect to consummate the Business Combination as soon as possible following such stockholder approval.

Upon approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal by holders of at least 65% of the shares of common stock outstanding as of the record date, we will file an amendment to the charter with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in the form set forth in Annex A hereto. We will remain a reporting company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and our units, Class A common stock and public warrants will remain publicly traded.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the Sponsor or its designees has agreed to loan to us the Extension Loan, consisting of (i) the Monthly Amount; plus (ii) if the Business Combination is not consummated by April 16, 2023, the Monthly Amount for each calendar month (commencing on April 17, 2023 and ending on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each subsequent month), or portion thereof, that is needed by the Company to complete the Business Combination until September 16, 2023, or until such earlier time as the Board determines not to continue to extend, which amounts will be deposited into the Trust Account. Accordingly, the amount deposited per share will depend on the number of public shares that remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension and the length of the extension period that will be needed to complete the Business Combination. If more than [ ] public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount paid per share will be reduced proportionately. For example, if we need until September 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination, which would represent six calendar months, no public shares are redeemed and all of our public shares remain outstanding in connection with the Extension, then the aggregate amount deposited per share will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ]. However, if [ ] public shares are redeemed and [ ] of our public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount deposited per share for such six-month period will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ].

Assuming the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the initial Monthly Amount will be deposited into the Trust Account promptly following the Special Meeting and no later than March 16, 2023. Each additional Monthly Amount following April 17, 2023 will be deposited into the Trust Account on or before the 23rd day of such calendar month.

The Extension Loan is conditioned upon the implementation of the Extension Amendment. The Extension Loan will not occur if the Extension Amendment is not approved, or the Extension is not implemented. The amount of the Extension Loan will not bear interest and will be repayable by us to the Sponsor or its designees, in equity, upon consummation of the Business Combination. If the Sponsor or its designees advises us that it does not intend to make the Extension Loan, then the Extension Amendment and the Adjournment Proposal will not be put before the stockholders at the Special Meeting and, unless the Company can complete the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will dissolve and liquidate in accordance with our charter. The Company will have the sole discretion whether to continue extending for each additional calendar month period until the Extended Date. If the Company determines not to extend for any calendar month following the funding of the initial Monthly Amount, the Sponsor's obligation to make additional contributions will terminate and the Company will liquidate at the end of the applicable month.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, the removal of the Withdrawal Amount from the Trust Account will reduce the amount remaining in the Trust Account and increase the percentage interest of our common stock held by the Sponsor and our directors and our officers as a result of their ownership of the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares.

Notwithstanding stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, our Board will retain the right to abandon and not implement the Extension Amendment at any time without any further action by our stockholders.

***What happens to the Company warrants if the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved?***

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved and we have not consummated the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the DGCL to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law. There will be no distribution from the Trust Account with respect to our warrants, which will expire worthless in the event of our winding up.

***What happens to the Company's warrants if the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved?***

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, we will retain the blank check company restrictions previously applicable to us and continue to attempt to consummate the Business Combination until the Extended Date. The public warrants will remain outstanding and only become exercisable 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination, provided that we have an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants and a current prospectus relating to them is available (or we permit holders to exercise warrants on a cashless basis).

***Would I still be able to exercise my redemption rights if I vote "AGAINST" a Business Combination?***

Unless you elect to redeem your public shares at this time, you will be able to vote on the Business Combination when it is submitted to stockholders if you are a stockholder on the record date for a meeting to seek stockholder approval of the Business Combination. If you disagree with the Business Combination, you will retain your right to redeem your public shares upon consummation of the Business Combination in connection with the stockholder vote to approve the Business Combination, subject to any limitations set forth in our charter.

***How do I attend the meeting?***

As a registered stockholder, you received a proxy card from Continental. The form contains instructions on how to attend the Special Meeting including the URL address, along with your 12 digit control number. You will need your control number for access. If you do not have your control number, contact Continental at the phone number or e-mail address below. Beneficial investors who hold shares through a bank, broker or other intermediary, will need to contact them and obtain a legal proxy. Once you have your legal proxy, contact Continental to have a control number generated. Continental's contact information is as follows: 917-262-2373, or email [proxy@continentalstock.com](mailto:proxy@continentalstock.com).

If you do not have internet capabilities, you can listen only to the meeting by dialing 800-450-7155 (toll-free) within the U.S. and Canada, or 857-999-9155 (standard rates apply) outside of the U.S. and Canada. When prompted, enter the pin number [ ]. This is listen-only, and you will not be able to vote or enter questions during the meeting.

***How do I change or revoke my vote?***

You may change your vote by e-mailing a later-dated, signed proxy card to our Secretary at [CFVIII@cantor.com](mailto:CFVIII@cantor.com), so that it is received by our Secretary prior to the Special Meeting or by attending the Special Meeting online and voting. You also may revoke your proxy by sending a notice of revocation to our Secretary, which must be received by our Secretary prior to the Special Meeting.

Please note, however, that if on the record date, your shares were held not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, custodian bank, or other nominee, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. If your shares are held in street name, and you wish to attend the Special Meeting and vote at the Special Meeting online, you must follow the instructions included with the enclosed proxy card.



***How are votes counted?***

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count “FOR” and “AGAINST” votes and abstentions. The Extension Amendment Proposal must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 65% of the outstanding shares as of the record date of our common stock, including the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares, voting together as a single class. Accordingly, a Company stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote online at the Special Meeting or an abstention with respect to the Extension Amendment Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposal.

The approval of the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by stockholders represented in person or by proxy. Accordingly, a Company stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote online at the Special Meeting will not be counted towards the number of shares of common stock required to validly establish a quorum, and if a valid quorum is otherwise established, it will have no effect on the outcome of any vote on the Adjournment Proposal.

Abstentions will be counted in connection with the determination of whether a valid quorum is established but will have no effect on the outcome of the Adjournment Proposal.

As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve each of the proposals. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal.

***If my shares are held in “street name,” will my broker automatically vote them for me?***

No. Under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, your broker, bank, or nominee cannot vote your shares with respect to non-discretionary matters unless you provide instructions on how to vote in accordance with the information and procedures provided to you by your broker, bank, or nominee. We believe all the proposals presented to the stockholders will be considered non-discretionary and therefore your broker, bank, or nominee cannot vote your shares without your instruction. Your bank, broker, or other nominee can vote your shares only if you provide instructions on how to vote. You should instruct your broker to vote your shares in accordance with directions you provide. If your shares are held by your broker as your nominee, which we refer to as being held in “street name”, you may need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds your shares and follow the instructions included on that form regarding how to instruct your broker to vote your shares.

***What is a quorum requirement?***

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. Holders of a majority in voting power of our common stock on the record date issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Special Meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, constitute a quorum.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote online at the Special Meeting. Abstentions will be counted towards the quorum requirement. In the absence of a quorum, the chairman of the meeting has power to adjourn the Special Meeting. As of the record date for the Special Meeting, 4,875,050 shares of our common stock would be required to achieve a quorum. Based on the shares held by our Sponsor, officers and directors, we will have sufficient shares of common stock at the meeting to achieve a quorum.

***Who can vote at the Special Meeting?***

Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on February 6, 2023 are entitled to have their vote counted at the Special Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. On this record date, 3,500,098 shares of Class A common stock and 6,250,000 shares of Class B common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote.

*Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name.* If on the record date your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Continental, then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote online at the Special Meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the Special Meeting online, we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed proxy card to ensure your vote is counted.

*Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank.* If on the record date your shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in “street name” and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Special Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares online at the Special Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

***Does the Board recommend voting for the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal?***

Yes. After careful consideration of the terms and conditions of these proposals, our Board has determined that the Extension Amendment and, if presented, the Adjournment Proposal are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Board recommends that our stockholders vote “FOR” the Extension Amendment Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal.

***What interests do the Sponsor and the Company’s directors and officers have in the approval of the proposals?***

The Sponsor, directors and officers have interests in the proposals that may be different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder. These interests include (i) ownership of 6,250,000 Founder Shares (purchased for \$25,000), 540,000 Private Placement Shares and 135,000 Private Placement Warrants (purchased for \$5.4 million), which would expire worthless if a business combination is not consummated, (ii) a promissory note in the principal amount of up to \$1,750,000 issued in connection with working capital loans made by the Sponsor, of which \$1,750,000 was outstanding as of December 31, 2022, (iii) a promissory note in the principal amount of up to \$1,000,000 issued in connection with working capital loans made by the Sponsor, of which \$1,000,000 was outstanding as of December 31, 2022, (iv) a promissory note in the principal amount of approximately \$4,424,105 issued in connection with the extension of time to consummate an initial business combination from March 16, 2022 to September 30, 2022, of which approximately \$4,424,105 was outstanding as of December 31, 2022, (v) a promissory note in the principal amount of up to approximately \$976,832 issued in connection with the extension of time to consummate an initial business combination from September 30, 2022 to March 16, 2023, of which approximately \$976,832 was outstanding as of December 31, 2022, and (vi) a promissory note in the principal amount of up to \$750,000 issued in connection with working capital loans made by the Sponsor, of which approximately \$379,000 was outstanding as of December 31, 2022. Additionally, the Sponsor, directors and officers have additional interests in the Business Combination which will be disclosed in the proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination. See the section entitled “The Extension Amendment Proposal — Interests of the Sponsor and our Directors and Officers”.

***Do I have appraisal rights if I object to the Extension Amendment Proposal?***

Our stockholders do not have appraisal rights in connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal under the DGCL.

***What do I need to do now?***

We urge you to read carefully and consider the information contained in this Proxy Statement, including the annexes, and to consider how the proposals will affect you as our stockholder. You should then vote as soon as possible in accordance with the instructions provided in this Proxy Statement and on the enclosed proxy card.

***How do I vote?***

If you are a holder of record of our common stock, you may vote online at the Special Meeting or by submitting a proxy for the Special Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the Special Meeting online, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may submit your proxy by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying pre-addressed postage paid envelope. You may still attend the Special Meeting and vote online if you have already voted by proxy.

If your shares of our common stock are held in “street name” by a broker or other agent, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Special Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares online at the Special Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

***How do I redeem my shares of Class A common stock?***

If the Extension is implemented, each of our public stockholders may seek to redeem all or a portion of its public shares at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. You will also be able to redeem your public shares in connection with any stockholder vote to approve a proposed business combination, or if we have not consummated a business combination by the Extended Date.

In order to exercise your redemption rights, you must, prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March [ ], 2023 (two business days before the Special Meeting) tender your shares physically or electronically and submit a request in writing that we redeem your public shares for cash to Continental, our transfer agent, at the following address:

Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company  
1 State Street Plaza, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10004  
Attn: SPAC Redemption Team  
E-mail: [spacredemptions@continentalstock.com](mailto:spacredemptions@continentalstock.com)

***What should I do if I receive more than one set of voting materials?***

You may receive more than one set of voting materials, including multiple copies of this Proxy Statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards, if your shares are registered in more than one name or are registered in different accounts. For example, if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, you will receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares. Please complete, sign, date and return each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive in order to cast a vote with respect to all of your Company shares.

***Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?***

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies from our working capital. We have engaged Morrow Sodali to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the Special Meeting. We have agreed to pay Morrow Sodali a fee of \$15,000 in connection with such services in connection with the Special Meeting. We will also reimburse Morrow Sodali for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will indemnify Morrow Sodali and its affiliates against certain claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses. In addition to these mailed proxy materials, our directors and officers may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by other means of communication. These parties will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners. While the payment of these expenses will reduce the cash available to us to consummate an initial business combination if the Extension is approved, we do not expect such payments to have a material effect on our ability to consummate an initial business combination.

***Who can help answer my questions?***

If you have questions about the proposals or if you need additional copies of the Proxy Statement or the enclosed proxy card you should contact our proxy solicitor, Morrow Sodali, at (800) 662-5200 (toll free) or by email at [CFFE.info@investor.morrowsodali.com](mailto:CFFE.info@investor.morrowsodali.com).

You may also contact us at:  
CF Acquisition Corp. VIII  
110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10022  
E-mail: [CFVIII@cantor.com](mailto:CFVIII@cantor.com)

You may also obtain additional information about the Company from documents filed with the SEC by following the instructions in the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information”.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements contained in this proxy statement constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements relate to expectations, beliefs, projections, future plans and strategies, anticipated events or trends and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, the pending Business Combination, our capital resources and results of operations. Likewise, our financial statements and all of our statements regarding market conditions and results of operations are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of terminology such as “outlook,” “believes,” “expects,” “potential,” “continues,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “predicts,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” “anticipates” or the negative version of these words or other comparable words or phrases.

The forward-looking statements contained in this proxy statement reflect our current views about future events and are subject to numerous known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and changes in circumstances that may cause its actual results to differ significantly from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. We do not guarantee that the transactions and events described will happen as described (or that they will happen at all). The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements:

- our ability to complete the Business Combination;
- the anticipated benefits of the Business Combination;
- the volatility of the market price and liquidity of our securities;
- the use of funds not held in the trust account;
- the competitive environment in which our successor will operate following the Business Combination; and
- proposed changes in SEC rules related to special purpose acquisition companies.

While forward-looking statements reflect our good faith beliefs, they are not guarantees of future performance. We disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, data or methods, future events or other changes after the date of this proxy statement, except as required by applicable law. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could cause our future results, performance or transactions to differ significantly from those expressed in any forward-looking statement, please see the section entitled “Risk Factors” in our final prospectus dated March 11, 2021, as filed with the SEC on March 15, 2021, our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2022, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 13, 2022, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 15, 2022, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 14, 2022 and in other reports we file with the SEC, including the proxy statement we intend to file in connection with the Business Combination. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which are based only on information currently available to us (or to third parties making the forward-looking statements).

## RISK FACTORS

*You should consider carefully all of the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2022, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 13, 2022, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 15, 2022 our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 14, 2022 and in the other reports we file with the SEC, including the proxy statement we intend to file in connection with the Business Combination, before making a decision to invest in our securities. Furthermore, if any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected or we could face liquidation. In that event, the trading price of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. The risks and uncertainties described in the aforementioned filings and below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we currently believe are not material, may also become important factors that adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results or result in our liquidation.*

***There are no assurances that the Extension will enable us to complete the Business Combination.***

Approving the Extension involves a number of risks. Even if the Extension is approved, the Company can provide no assurances that the Business Combination will be consummated prior to the Extended Date. Our ability to consummate the Business Combination is dependent on a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. If the Extension is implemented, the Company expects to seek stockholder approval of the Business Combination. We are required to offer stockholders the opportunity to redeem shares in connection with the Extension Amendment, and we will be required to offer stockholders redemption rights again in connection with any stockholder vote to approve the Business Combination. Even if the Extension or the Business Combination are approved by our stockholders, it is possible that redemptions will leave us with insufficient cash to consummate the Business Combination. The fact that we will have separate redemption periods in connection with the Extension and the Business Combination vote could exacerbate these risks. Other than in connection with a redemption offer or liquidation, our stockholders may be unable to recover their investment except through sales of our shares on the open market. The price of our shares may be volatile, and there can be no assurance that stockholders will be able to dispose of our shares at favorable prices, or at all.

***A 1% U.S. federal excise tax may be imposed on us in connection with our redemptions of shares in connection with the Business Combination or other stockholder vote pursuant to which stockholders would have a right to submit their shares for redemption (a “Redemption Event”).***

Pursuant to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the “IR Act”), commencing in 2023, a 1% U.S. federal excise tax is imposed on certain repurchases (including redemptions) of stock by publicly traded domestic (i.e., U.S.) corporations and certain domestic subsidiaries of publicly traded foreign corporations. The excise tax is imposed on the repurchasing corporation and not on its stockholders. The amount of the excise tax is equal to 1% of the fair market value of the shares repurchased at the time of the repurchase. However, for purposes of calculating the excise tax, repurchasing corporations are permitted to net the fair market value of certain new stock issuances against the fair market value of stock repurchases during the same taxable year. The U.S. Department of the Treasury (the “Treasury Department”) has authority to promulgate regulations and provide other guidance regarding the excise tax. In December 2022, the Treasury Department issued Notice 2023-2, indicating its intention to propose such regulations and issuing certain interim rules on which taxpayers may rely. Under the interim rules, liquidating distributions made by publicly traded domestic corporations are exempt from the excise tax. In addition, any redemptions that occur in the same taxable year as a liquidation is completed will also be exempt from such tax. Accordingly, redemptions of our public shares in connection with the Extension may subject us to the excise tax, unless one of the two exceptions above apply. Redemptions would only occur if the Extension Proposal is approved by our stockholders and the Extension is implemented by the Board.

As described in the section below entitled “The Extension Amendment Proposal — Redemption Rights”, if the deadline for us to complete an initial business combination (currently March 16, 2023) is extended, our public stockholders will have the right to require us to redeem their public shares. Any redemption or other repurchase may be subject to the excise tax. Whether and to the extent to which we would be subject to the excise tax in connection with a Redemption Event would depend on a number of factors, including: (i) the fair market value of the redemptions and repurchases in connection with the Redemption Event, (ii) the nature and amount of any private investment in public equity or other equity issuances in connection with our initial business combination (or otherwise issued not in connection with the Redemption Event but issued within the same taxable year of our initial business combination), (iii) if we fail to timely consummate an initial business combination and liquidate in a taxable year following a Redemption Event and (iv) the content of any proposed or final regulations and other guidance from the Treasury Department. Based on the IR Act and the guidance currently available, we do not expect the excise tax to apply to a Redemption Event occurring in the same taxable year as the Business Combination because the fair market value of the stock to be issued to BTC International in connection with the Business Combination is expected to be larger than the aggregate fair market value of the redeemed common stock. In addition, because the excise tax would be payable by us and not by the redeeming holders, the mechanics of any required payment of the excise tax remains to be determined. Any excise tax payable by us in connection with a Redemption Event may cause a reduction in the cash available to us to complete the Business Combination and could affect our ability to complete the Business Combination.

***The SEC has recently issued proposed rules relating to certain activities of SPACs. Certain of the procedures that we, a potential business combination target, or others may determine to undertake in connection with such proposals may increase our costs and the time needed to complete the Business Combination and may make it more difficult to complete the Business Combination. The need for compliance with the SPAC Rule Proposals may cause us to liquidate the funds in the Trust Account or liquidate the Company at an earlier time than we might otherwise choose.***

On March 30, 2022, the SEC issued proposed rules (the “SPAC Rule Proposals”) relating, among other things, to disclosures in SEC filings in connection with business combination transactions involving special purpose acquisition companies (“SPACs”) such as us and private operating companies; the financial statement requirements applicable to transactions involving shell companies; the use of projections by SPACs in SEC filings in connection with proposed business combination transactions; the potential liability of certain participants in proposed business combination transactions; and the extent to which SPACs could become subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”), including a proposed rule that would provide SPACs a safe harbor from treatment as an investment company if they satisfy certain conditions that limit a SPAC’s duration, asset composition, business purpose and activities. The SPAC Rule Proposals have not yet been adopted, and may be adopted in the proposed form or in a different form that could impose additional regulatory requirements on SPACs, which could increase the costs and time of completing the Business Combination, and may make it more difficult to complete the Business Combination.

***If we are deemed to be an investment company for purposes of the Investment Company Act, we would be required to institute burdensome compliance requirements and our activities would be severely restricted. As a result, in such circumstances, unless we are able to modify our activities so that we would not be deemed an investment company, we may abandon our efforts to complete the Business Combination and instead liquidate the Company.***

As described further above, the SPAC Rule Proposals relate, among other matters, to the circumstances in which SPACs such as the Company could potentially be subject to the Investment Company Act and the regulations thereunder. The SPAC Rule Proposals would provide a safe harbor for such companies from the definition of “investment company” under Section 3(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act, provided that a SPAC satisfies certain criteria, including a limited time period to announce and complete a de-SPAC transaction. Specifically, to comply with the safe harbor, the SPAC Rule Proposals would require a company to file a report on Form 8-K announcing that it has entered into an agreement with a target company for a business combination no later than 18 months after the effective date of its registration statement for its initial public offering (the “IPO Registration Statement”). The company would then be required to complete its initial Business Combination no later than 24 months after the effective date of the IPO Registration Statement, which the Company will be unable to achieve.

If we are deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act, our activities would be severely restricted. In addition, we would be subject to burdensome compliance requirements. We do not believe that our principal activities will subject us to regulation as an investment company under the Investment Company Act. However, if we are deemed to be an investment company and subject to compliance with and regulation under the Investment Company Act, we would be subject to additional regulatory burdens and expenses for which we have not allotted funds. As a result, unless we were able to modify our activities so that we would not be deemed an investment company, we may be unable to complete the Business Combination and could be required to liquidate the Company. Were we to liquidate, our warrants would expire worthless, and our securityholders would lose the investment opportunity associated with an investment in the combined company, including any potential price appreciation of our securities.

***To mitigate the risk that we might be deemed to be an investment company for purposes of the Investment Company Act, we expect that we will, on or prior to the 24-month anniversary of the effective date of our IPO Registration Statement, instruct the trustee to liquidate the investments held in the Trust Account and instead to hold the funds in the Trust Account in an interest bearing demand deposit account until the earlier of the consummation of our initial business combination or our liquidation. As a result, following the liquidation of investments in the Trust Account, we would likely receive less interest on the funds held in the Trust Account than we are currently earning, such that our public stockholders would receive less upon any redemption or liquidation of the Company than what they would have received had the investments not been liquidated.***

The funds in the Trust Account have, since our IPO, been held only in U.S. government treasury obligations with a maturity of 185 days or less or in money market funds investing solely in U.S. government treasury obligations and meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act. However, to mitigate the risk of us being deemed to be an unregistered investment company (including under the subjective test of Section 3(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act) and thus subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act, we expect that we will, on or prior to the 24-month anniversary of the effective date of our IPO Registration Statement, instruct Continental, the trustee with respect to the Trust Account, to liquidate the U.S. government treasury obligations or money market funds held in the Trust Account and thereafter to hold all funds in the Trust Account in an interest bearing demand deposit account at a bank until the earlier of the consummation of our initial business combination or the liquidation of the Company. Following such liquidation, we would likely receive less interest on the funds held in the Trust Account than we are currently earning. However, interest previously earned on the funds held in the Trust Account still may be released to us to pay our taxes, if any, and certain other expenses as permitted. As a result, any decision to liquidate the investments held in the Trust Account and thereafter to hold all funds in the Trust Account in an interest bearing demand deposit at a bank could reduce the dollar amount our public stockholders would receive upon any redemption or liquidation of the Company as compared to what they would have received had the investments not been so liquidated.

In addition, even prior to the 24-month anniversary of the effective date of our IPO Registration Statement, we may be deemed to be an investment company. The longer that the funds in the Trust Account are held in short-term U.S. government treasury obligations or in money market funds invested exclusively in such securities, even prior to the 24-month anniversary, the greater the risk that we may be deemed to be an unregistered investment company, in which case, subject to our obligations in the Merger Agreement, we may be required to liquidate the Company. Accordingly, we may determine, in our discretion, to liquidate the securities held in the Trust Account at any time and instead hold all funds in the Trust Account in an interest bearing demand deposit account at a bank, which could further reduce the dollar amount our public stockholders would receive upon any redemption or liquidation of the Company as compared to what they would have received had the investments not been so liquidated. Were we to liquidate the Company, our warrants would expire worthless, and our securityholders would lose the investment opportunity associated with an investment in the combined company, including any potential price appreciation of our securities.

## BACKGROUND

We are a blank check company formed in Delaware on July 8, 2020, for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses.

There are currently 3,500,098 shares of Class A common stock and 6,250,000 shares of Class B common stock issued and outstanding. In addition, we issued warrants to purchase 6,250,000 shares of Class A common stock as part of our IPO and warrants to purchase 135,000 shares of Class A common stock as part of the private placement with the Sponsor that we consummated simultaneously with the consummation of our IPO. Each whole warrant entitles its holder to purchase one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. The warrants will become exercisable 30 days after the completion of our initial business combination and expire five years after the completion of our initial business combination or earlier upon redemption or liquidation. Once the warrants become exercisable, the Company may redeem the outstanding warrants at a price of \$0.01 per warrant, if the last sale price of the Company's Class A common stock equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading day period ending on the third business day before the Company sends the notice of redemption to the warrant holders. The Private Placement Warrants, however, are non-redeemable so long as they are held by the Sponsor or its permitted transferees.

On March 8, 2022, our stockholders approved the amendment of our charter to extend the date by which we must consummate our initial business combination from March 16, 2022 to September 30, 2022 (the "First Extension"). In connection with the First Extension, stockholders holding 2,879,927 of our public shares exercised their right to redeem such shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in the Trust Account. As a result, approximately \$28,799,270 (\$10.00 per share) was removed from the Trust Account to pay such holders. Shortly after stockholder approval of the First Extension, our Sponsor deposited an aggregate amount of \$4,424,014.60 into the Trust Account, or \$0.20 for each public share that was not redeemed in connection with the First Extension (the "First Extension Loan").

On September 27, 2022, our stockholders approved the amendment of our charter to extend the date by which we must consummate our initial business combination from September 30, 2022 to March 16, 2023 (the "Second Extension"). In connection with the Second Extension, stockholders holding 19,159,975 of our public shares exercised their right to redeem such shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in the Trust Account. As a result, approximately \$196.1 million (\$10.24 per share) was removed from the Trust Account to pay such holders. Shortly after stockholder approval of the Second Extension, our Sponsor deposited an aggregate amount of \$976,832.34 into the Trust Account, or \$0.33 for each public share that was not redeemed in connection with the Second Extension (the "Second Extension Loan").

As of December 31, 2022, approximately \$31.4 million from our IPO, the simultaneous private placement, the First Extension Loan and the Second Extension Loan are being held in our Trust Account in the United States maintained by Continental, acting as trustee, invested in U.S. "government securities", within the meaning of Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act, with a maturity of 185 days or less or in any open ended investment company that holds itself out as a money market fund selected by us meeting the conditions of Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act, until the earlier of: (i) the consummation of a business combination or (ii) the distribution of the proceeds in the Trust Account as described below.

In order to finance transaction costs in connection with an intended initial business combination, the Sponsor has committed, in the form of a loan, up to \$1,750,000 to be provided to us to fund our expenses relating to investigating and selecting a target business and other working capital requirements prior to our initial business combination (the "Sponsor Loan"). As of December 31, 2022, we had \$1,750,000 outstanding under the Sponsor Loan.

If the Sponsor Loan is insufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the Company, the Sponsor or an affiliate of the Sponsor, or certain of the Company's officers and directors may, but are not obligated to, loan the Company funds as may be required ("Working Capital Loans"). If the Company completes a business combination, the Company would repay the Working Capital Loans out of the proceeds of the Trust Account released to the Company. Otherwise, the Working Capital Loans would be repaid only out of funds held outside the Trust Account. In the event that a business combination does not close, the Company may use a portion of proceeds held outside the Trust Account to repay the Working Capital Loans but no proceeds held in the Trust Account would be used to repay the Working Capital Loans. On June 30, 2022, the Company entered into a Working Capital Loan (the "First Working Capital Loan") with the Sponsor in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 in connection with advances the Sponsor will make to the Company for working capital expenses, which First Working Capital Loan has been fully drawn by us. On October 14, 2022, the Company entered into an additional Working Capital Loan (the "Second Working Capital Loan") with the Sponsor in the amount of up to \$750,000 in connection with advances the Sponsor will make to the Company for working capital expenses.

Each of the First Working Capital Loan and the Second Working Capital Loan bears no interest and is due and payable on the date on which the Company consummates its initial business combination. The principal balance may be prepaid at any time. Except for the foregoing, the terms of any other Working Capital Loans have not been determined and no written agreements exist with respect to such loans. As of December 31, 2022, we had \$1,000,000 outstanding under the First Working Capital Loan and approximately \$379,000 outstanding under the Second Working Capital Loan.

On October 9, 2022, the Company, Merger Sub, Parent and XBP Europe entered into the Merger Agreement, upon closing of which Merger Sub will merge with and into XBP Europe, with XBP Europe surviving as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. In connection with the business combination, the Sponsor has agreed that upon closing, all loans made by the Sponsor to the Company and advancements paid by the Sponsor on behalf of the Company (except for certain third party expenses incurred in connection with the Business Combination paid prior to the closing) will be repaid in the form of newly issued shares of Class A Common Stock, rather than in cash, at a value of \$10.00 per share. For additional information about the Business Combination, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination.

**You are not being asked to vote on the Business Combination at this time. If the Extension is implemented and you do not elect to redeem your public shares, provided that you are a stockholder on the record date for a meeting to consider the Business Combination, you will retain the right to vote on the Business Combination when it is submitted to stockholders and the right to redeem your public shares for cash in the event the Business Combination is approved and completed or we have not consummated a business combination by the Extended Date.**

## THE EXTENSION AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

### Overview

The Company is proposing to amend its charter to extend the date by which the Company has to consummate a business combination to the Extended Date so as to provide the Company with additional time to complete the Business Combination.

The Extension Amendment Proposal is required for the implementation of the Board's plan to allow the Company more time to complete the Business Combination.

The Board believes that given our expenditure of time, effort and money on the Business Combination, circumstances warrant providing public stockholders an opportunity to consider the Business Combination and that it is in the best interests of our stockholders that we obtain the Extension. For more information about the Business Combination, see Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination.

A copy of the proposed amendment to the charter of the Company is attached to this Proxy Statement in [Annex A](#).

### Reasons for the Extension Amendment Proposal

The Company's existing charter provides that the Company has until March 16, 2023 to complete an initial business combination. The purpose of the Extension Amendment is to allow the Company more time to complete its initial business combination.

As previously announced, we entered into the Merger Agreement on October 9, 2022. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, the parties agreed, subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, to effect the Business Combination. The Board believes that there will not be sufficient time before the Termination Date to complete the Business Combination and, accordingly, we need to obtain the Extension. If we do not obtain the Extension, we would be precluded from completing the Business Combination and would be forced to liquidate even if our stockholders are otherwise in favor of consummating the Business Combination.

If the Extension is approved and implemented, subject to satisfaction of the conditions to closing in the Merger Agreement (including, without limitation, receipt of stockholder approval of the Business Combination), we intend to complete the Business Combination as soon as possible and in any event on or before the Extended Date.

The Company's IPO prospectus and charter provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 65% of all outstanding shares of common stock, including the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares, is required to extend our corporate existence, except in connection with, and effective upon, consummation of a business combination. Additionally, our IPO prospectus and charter provide for all public stockholders to have an opportunity to redeem their public shares in the case our corporate existence is extended as described above. Because we continue to believe that a business combination would be in the best interests of our stockholders, and because we will not be able to conclude a business combination within the permitted time period, the Board has determined to seek stockholder approval to extend the date by which we have to complete a business combination beyond March 16, 2023 to the Extended Date. We intend to hold another stockholder meeting prior to the Extended Date in order to seek stockholder approval of the Business Combination.

We believe that the foregoing charter provision was included to protect Company stockholders from having to sustain their investments for an unreasonably long period if the Company failed to find a suitable business combination in the timeframe contemplated by the charter. We also believe that, given the Company's expenditure of time, effort and money on finding a business combination and our entry into the Merger Agreement with respect to the Business Combination, circumstances warrant providing public stockholders an opportunity to consider the Business Combination.

### *If the Extension Amendment Proposal is Not Approved*

Stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment is required for the implementation of our Board's plan to extend the date by which we must consummate an initial business combination. Therefore, our Board will abandon and not implement the Extension Amendment unless our stockholders approve the Extension Amendment Proposal.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved and we have not consummated a Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the DGCL to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law.



There will be no distribution from the Trust Account with respect to the Company's warrants, which will expire worthless in the event we wind up. In the event of a liquidation, the Sponsor and our officers and directors will not receive any monies held in the Trust Account as a result of their ownership of the Founder Shares or the Private Placement Shares.

### ***If the Extension Amendment Proposal Is Approved***

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, the Company will file an amendment to the charter with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in the form set forth in Annex A hereto to extend the time it has to complete an initial business combination until the Extended Date. The Company will remain a reporting company under the Exchange Act and its units, Class A common stock and public warrants will remain publicly traded. The Company will then continue to work to consummate the Business Combination by the Extended Date.

Notwithstanding stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, our Board will retain the right to abandon and not implement the Extension at any time without any further action by our stockholders.

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the Sponsor or its designees has agreed to loan to us the Extension Loan, consisting of (i) the Monthly Amount; plus (ii) if the Business Combination is not consummated by April 16, 2023, the Monthly Amount for each calendar month (commencing on April 17, 2023 and ending on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each subsequent month), or portion thereof, that is needed by the Company to complete the Business Combination until September 16, 2023, or until such earlier time as the Board determines not to continue to extend, which amounts will be deposited into the Trust Account. Accordingly, the amount deposited per share will depend on the number of public shares that remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension and the length of the extension period that will be needed to complete the Business Combination. If more than [ ] public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount paid per share will be reduced proportionately. For example, if we need until September 16, 2023 to complete the Business Combination, which would represent six calendar months, no public shares are redeemed and all of our public shares remain outstanding in connection with the Extension, then the aggregate amount deposited per share will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ]. However, if [ ] public shares are redeemed and [ ] of our public shares remain outstanding after redemptions in connection with the Extension, then the amount deposited per share for such six-month period will be approximately \$[ ] per share, with the aggregate maximum contribution to the Trust Account being \$[ ].

Assuming the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the Board decides to implement the Extension, the initial Monthly Amount will be deposited into the Trust Account promptly following the Special Meeting and no later than March 16, 2023. Each additional Monthly Amount following April 17, 2023 will be deposited into the Trust Account on or before the 23rd day of such calendar month.

The Extension Loan is conditioned upon the implementation of the Extension Amendment. The Extension Loan will not occur if the Extension Amendment is not approved, or the Extension is not implemented. The amount of the Extension Loan will not bear interest and will be repayable by us to the Sponsor or its designees, in equity, upon consummation of the Business Combination. If the Sponsor or its designees advises us that it does not intend to make the Extension Loan, then the Extension Amendment and the Adjournment Proposal will not be put before the stockholders at the Special Meeting and, unless the Company can complete the Business Combination by March 16, 2023, we will dissolve and liquidate in accordance with our charter. The Company will have the sole discretion whether to continue extending for each additional calendar month period until the Extended Date. If the Company determines not to extend for any calendar month following the funding of the initial Monthly Amount, the Sponsor's obligation to make additional contributions will terminate and the Company will liquidate at the end of the applicable month.

**You are not being asked to vote on the Business Combination at this time. If the Extension is implemented and you do not elect to redeem your public shares, provided that you are a stockholder on the record date for a meeting to consider the Business Combination, you will retain the right to vote on the Business Combination when it is submitted to stockholders and the right to redeem your public shares for cash in the event the Business Combination is approved and completed or we have not consummated an initial business combination by the Extended Date.**

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, and the Extension is implemented, the removal of the Withdrawal Amount from the Trust Account in connection with the Election will reduce the amount held in the Trust Account. The Company cannot predict the amount that will remain in the Trust Account if the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved and the amount remaining in the Trust Account may be significantly less than the approximately \$31.4 million that was in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2022.

### **Redemption Rights**

If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, and the Extension is implemented, each public stockholder may seek to redeem its public shares at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. As of the record date, based on funds in the Trust Account of approximately \$[ ] million as of such date, the pro rata portion of the funds available in the Trust Account for the redemption of public shares was approximately \$10.[ ] per share (taking into account the removal of the accrued interest in the Trust Account to pay our taxes). Holders of public shares who do not elect to redeem their public shares in connection with the Extension will retain the right to redeem their public shares in connection with any stockholder vote to approve the Business Combination, or if the Company has not consummated an initial business combination by the Extended Date.

**TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST IN WRITING THAT WE REDEEM YOUR PUBLIC SHARES FOR CASH TO CONTINENTAL STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY AT THE ADDRESS BELOW, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ENSURE YOUR BANK OR BROKER COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED ELSEWHERE HEREIN, INCLUDING DELIVERING YOUR SHARES TO THE TRANSFER AGENT PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME ON MARCH [ ], 2023.**

In connection with tendering your shares for redemption, prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March [ ], 2023 (two business days before the Special Meeting), you must elect either to physically tender your stock certificates to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 1 State Street Plaza, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10004, Attn: SPAC Redemption Team, spacredemptions@continentalstock.com, or to deliver your shares to the transfer agent electronically using DTC's DWAC system, which election would likely be determined based on the manner in which you hold your shares. The requirement for physical or electronic delivery prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March [ ], 2023 (two business days before the Special Meeting) ensures that a redeeming holder's election is irrevocable once the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved. In furtherance of such irrevocable election, stockholders making the election will not be able to tender their shares after the vote at the Special Meeting.

Through the DWAC system, this electronic delivery process can be accomplished by the stockholder, whether or not it is a record holder or its shares are held in "street name," by contacting the transfer agent or its broker and requesting delivery of its shares through the DWAC system. Delivering shares physically may take significantly longer. In order to obtain a physical stock certificate, a stockholder's broker and/or clearing broker, DTC, and the Company's transfer agent will need to act together to facilitate this request. There is a nominal cost associated with the above-referenced tendering process and the act of certificating the shares or delivering them through the DWAC system. The transfer agent will typically charge the tendering broker \$100 and the broker would determine whether or not to pass this cost on to the redeeming holder. It is the Company's understanding that stockholders should generally allot at least two weeks to obtain physical certificates from the transfer agent. The Company does not have any control over this process or over the brokers or DTC, and it may take longer than two weeks to obtain a physical stock certificate. Such stockholders will have less time to make their investment decision than those stockholders that deliver their shares through the DWAC system. Stockholders who request physical stock certificates and wish to redeem may be unable to meet the deadline for tendering their shares before exercising their redemption rights and thus will be unable to redeem their shares.

Certificates that have not been tendered in accordance with these procedures prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March [ ], 2023 (two business days before the Special Meeting) will not be redeemed for cash held in the Trust Account on the redemption date. In the event that a public stockholder tenders its shares and decides prior to the vote at the Special Meeting that it does not want to redeem its shares, the stockholder may withdraw the tender. If you delivered your shares for redemption to our transfer agent and decide prior to the vote at the Special Meeting not to redeem your public shares, you may request that our transfer agent return the shares (physically or electronically). You may make such request by contacting our transfer agent at the address listed above. In the event that a public stockholder tenders shares and the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved, these shares will not be redeemed and the physical certificates representing these shares will be returned to the stockholder promptly following the determination that the Extension Amendment Proposal will not be approved. The Company anticipates that a public stockholder who tenders shares for redemption in connection with the vote to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal would receive payment of the redemption price for such shares soon after the completion of the Extension Amendment. The transfer agent will hold the certificates of public stockholders that make the election until such shares are redeemed for cash or returned to such stockholders.

If properly demanded, the Company will redeem each public share for a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. Based upon the amount in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2022, the Company anticipates that the per-share price at which public shares will be redeemed from cash held in the Trust Account will be approximately \$10.62, subject to the Company's right to withdraw interest from the Trust Account to pay taxes at the time of the Special Meeting. The closing price of the Company's Class A common stock on [ ], 2023 as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$10.[ ].

If you exercise your redemption rights, you will be exchanging your shares of the Company's Class A common stock for cash and will no longer own the shares. You will be entitled to receive cash for these shares only if you properly demand redemption and tender your stock certificate(s) to the Company's transfer agent prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on [ ], 2023 (two business days before the Special Meeting). The Company anticipates that a public stockholder who tenders shares for redemption in connection with the vote to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal would receive payment of the redemption price for such shares soon after the completion of the Extension.

## Vote Required for Approval

The affirmative vote by holders of at least 65% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock, including the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares, is required to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. If the Extension Amendment Proposal is not approved, the Extension Amendment will not be implemented and, if a Business Combination has not been consummated, the Company will be required by its charter to (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter subject to lawfully available funds therefor, redeem 100% of the shares of Class A common stock in consideration of a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (net of taxes payable, less up to \$100,000 of such net interest to pay dissolution expenses), by (B) the total number of then outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish rights of public stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidating distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of the remaining stockholders and the Board in accordance with applicable law, dissolve and liquidate, subject in each case to the Company's obligations under the DGCL to provide for claims of creditors and other requirements of applicable law. Stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment is required for the implementation of our Board's plan to extend the date by which we must consummate our initial business combination. Therefore, our Board will abandon and not implement such amendment unless our stockholders approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. Notwithstanding stockholder approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal, our Board will retain the right to abandon and not implement the Extension Amendment at any time without any further action by our stockholders.

The Sponsor and all of our directors, executive officers and their affiliates are expected to vote any common stock owned by them in favor of the Extension Amendment Proposal. On the record date, the Sponsor and our directors and executive officers of the Company and their affiliates beneficially owned and were entitled to vote an aggregate of 6,250,000 Founder Shares and 540,000 Private Placement Shares, representing approximately 69.6% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of common stock. The Sponsor and our directors, executive officers and their affiliates do not intend to purchase shares of Class A common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in connection with the stockholder vote on the Extension Amendment. As a result, the Sponsor and our officers and directors own sufficient shares to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal.

## Interests of the Sponsor and Our Directors and Officers

When you consider the recommendation of our Board, you should keep in mind that the Sponsor, our executive officers and members of our Board have interests that may be different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder. These interests include, among other things:

- the fact that the Sponsor holds 6,228,000 Founder Shares, 537,500 Private Placement Shares and 135,000 Private Placement Warrants, all such securities deemed to be beneficially owned by our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, two of our independent directors each hold 11,000 Founder Shares, and our third independent director owns 2,500 Private Placement Shares, all of which would expire worthless if a Business Combination is not consummated;
- the fact that, unless the Company consummates a Business Combination, the Sponsor will not receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it on behalf of the Company, to the extent that such expenses exceed the amount of available proceeds not deposited in the Trust Account (no such unreimbursed expenses were outstanding as of December 31, 2022);
- the fact that the Sponsor has made outstanding loans to the Company in the aggregate amount of approximately \$8.5 million as of December 31, 2022 (which consists of \$1,750,000 outstanding under the Sponsor Loan, approximately \$1,000,000 outstanding under the First Working Capital Loan, approximately \$379,000 outstanding under the Second Working Capital Loan, approximately \$4,424,105 outstanding under the First Extension Loan and approximately \$976,832 outstanding under the Second Extension Loan), which amount the Company will be unable to repay to the Sponsor to the extent that the amount of such loans exceeds the amount of available proceeds not deposited in the Trust Account if the Business Combination is not completed;

- the fact that, if the Trust Account is liquidated, including in the event we are unable to complete an initial business combination within the required time period, the Sponsor has agreed to indemnify us to ensure that the proceeds in the Trust Account are not reduced below \$10.00 per public share, or such lesser per public share amount as is in the Trust Account on the liquidation date, by the claims of prospective target businesses with which we have entered into an acquisition agreement or claims of any third party for services rendered or products sold to us, but only if such a third party or target business has not executed a waiver of any and all rights to seek access to the Trust Account;
- the fact that none of our officers or directors has received any cash compensation for services rendered to the Company (other than Robert Sharp, who is entitled to a one-time payment of \$25,000, payable at the earlier of the closing of the Company's initial business combination, the date by which the Company must consummate a business combination in accordance with its charter and March 1, 2023), and all of the current members of our Board are expected to continue to serve as directors at least through the date of the Special Meeting to vote on a proposed business combination and may even continue to serve following any potential business combination and receive compensation thereafter; and
- additional interests in the Business Combination which will be disclosed in the proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination.

### **The Board's Reasons for the Extension Amendment Proposal and Its Recommendation**

As discussed below, after careful consideration of all relevant factors, our Board has determined that the Extension Amendment is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. Our Board has approved and declared advisable the adoption of the Extension Amendment Proposal and recommends that you vote "FOR" such proposal.

Our charter provides that the Company has until March 16, 2023 to complete the purposes of the Company including, but not limited to, effecting an initial business combination under its terms.

As previously announced, we entered into the Merger Agreement on October 9, 2022. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, the parties agreed, subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, to effect the Business Combination. The Board believes that there will not be sufficient time before the Termination Date to complete the Business Combination and, accordingly, we need to obtain the Extension. If we do not obtain the Extension, we would be precluded from completing the Business Combination and would be forced to liquidate even if our stockholders are otherwise in favor of consummating the Business Combination.

If the Extension is approved and implemented, subject to satisfaction of the conditions to closing in the Merger Agreement (including, without limitation, receipt of stockholder approval of the Business Combination), we intend to complete the Business Combination as soon as possible and in any event on or before the Extended Date.

Our charter states that if the Company's stockholders approve an amendment to the Company's charter that would affect the substance or timing of the Company's obligation to redeem 100% of the Company's public shares if it does not complete a business combination before March 16, 2023, the Company will provide its public stockholders with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their public shares upon such approval at a per share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. We believe that this charter provision was included to protect the Company stockholders from having to sustain their investments for an unreasonably long period if the Company failed to find a suitable business combination in the timeframe contemplated by the charter.

In addition, the Company's IPO prospectus and charter provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 65% of all outstanding shares of common stock, including the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares, is required to extend our corporate existence, except in connection with, and effective upon the consummation of, an initial business combination. Because we continue to believe that the Business Combination would be in the best interests of our stockholders, the Board has determined to seek stockholder approval to extend the date by which we have to complete the Business Combination beyond March 16, 2023 to the Extended Date. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal.

The Company is not asking you to vote on the Business Combination at this time. If the Extension is implemented and you do not elect to redeem your public shares, you will retain the right to vote on the Business Combination in the future and the right to redeem your public shares at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares, in the event a Business Combination is approved and completed or the Company has not consummated another business combination by the Extended Date. For more information about the Business Combination, see our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 11, 2022 and our proxy statement which we plan on filing in connection with the approval of the Business Combination.

After careful consideration of all relevant factors, the Board determined that the Extension Amendment is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

### **Recommendation of the Board**

**Our Board recommends that our stockholders vote "FOR" the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal.**

## THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL

### Overview

The Adjournment Proposal, if adopted, will allow our Board to adjourn the Special Meeting to a later date or dates to permit further solicitation of proxies. The Adjournment Proposal will only be presented to our stockholders in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal. In no event will our Board adjourn the Special Meeting beyond March 16, 2023.

### Consequences if the Adjournment Proposal is Not Approved

If the Adjournment Proposal is not approved by our stockholders, our Board may not be able to adjourn the Special Meeting to a later date in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal.

### Vote Required for Approval

The approval of the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by stockholders represented in person or by proxy at the Special Meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is otherwise established, a stockholder's failure to vote by proxy or online at the Special Meeting will have no effect on the outcome of any vote on the Adjournment Proposal. Abstentions will be counted in connection with the determination of whether a valid quorum is established but will have no effect on the outcome of the Adjournment Proposal. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve the Adjournment Proposal. We expect the Sponsor to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, and if the Sponsor votes its shares in favor of the proposals, no additional public shares would be needed to approve the Adjournment Proposal.

### Recommendation of the Board

**Our Board recommends that our stockholders vote "FOR" the approval of the Adjournment Proposal.**

## UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a summary of certain United States federal income tax considerations for holders of our Class A common stock with respect to the exercise of redemption rights in connection with the approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the “Code”, the regulations promulgated by the U.S. Treasury Department, current administrative interpretations and practices of the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the “IRS”, and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain a position contrary to any of the tax considerations described below. This summary does not discuss all aspects of United States federal income taxation that may be important to particular investors in light of their individual circumstances, such as investors subject to special tax rules (e.g., financial institutions, insurance companies, mutual funds, pension plans, S corporations, broker-dealers, traders in securities that elect mark-to-market treatment, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, trusts and estates, partnerships and their partners, and tax-exempt organizations (including private foundations)) and investors that will hold Class A common stock as part of a “straddle,” “hedge,” “conversion,” “synthetic security,” “constructive ownership transaction,” “constructive sale,” or other integrated transaction for United States federal income tax purposes, investors subject to the applicable financial statement accounting rules of Section 451(b) of the Code, investors subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code, U.S. Holders (as defined below) that have a functional currency other than the United States dollar, U.S. expatriates, investors that actually or constructively own 5 percent or more of the Class A common stock of the Company, and Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below, and except as otherwise discussed below), all of whom may be subject to tax rules that differ materially from those summarized below. In addition, this summary does not discuss any state, local, or non-United States tax considerations, any non-income tax (such as gift or estate tax) considerations, alternative minimum tax or the Medicare tax. In addition, this summary is limited to investors that hold our Class A common stock as “capital assets” (generally, property held for investment) under the Code.

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds our Class A common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in such partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. If you are a partner of a partnership holding our Class A common stock, you are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of a redemption.

**WE URGE HOLDERS OF OUR CLASS A COMMON STOCK CONTEMPLATING EXERCISE OF THEIR REDEMPTION RIGHTS TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND FOREIGN INCOME AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES THEREOF.**

### U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to U.S. Holders

This section is addressed to U.S. Holders of our Class A common stock that elect to have their Class A common stock of the Company redeemed for cash. For purposes of this discussion, a “U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner that so redeems its Class A common stock of the Company and is:

- an individual who is a United States citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for United States federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or
- a trust (A) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a United States court and which has one or more United States persons (within the meaning of the Code) who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (B) that has in effect a valid election under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

### *Redemption of Class A Common Stock*

In the event that a U.S. Holder's Class A common stock of the Company is redeemed, the treatment of the transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes will depend on whether the redemption qualifies as a sale of the Class A common stock under Section 302 of the Code. Whether the redemption qualifies for sale treatment will depend largely on the total number of shares of our stock treated as held by the U.S. Holder (including any stock constructively owned by the U.S. Holder as a result of owning warrants) relative to all of our shares both before and after the redemption. The redemption of Class A common stock generally will be treated as a sale of the Class A common stock (rather than as a distribution) if the redemption (i) is "substantially disproportionate" with respect to the U.S. Holder, (ii) results in a "complete termination" of the U.S. Holder's interest in us or (iii) is "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" with respect to the U.S. Holder. These tests are explained more fully below.

In determining whether any of the foregoing tests are satisfied, a U.S. Holder takes into account not only stock actually owned by the U.S. Holder, but also shares of our stock that are constructively owned by it. A U.S. Holder may constructively own, in addition to stock owned directly, stock owned by certain related individuals and entities in which the U.S. Holder has an interest or that have an interest in such U.S. Holder, as well as any stock the U.S. Holder has a right to acquire by exercise of an option, which would generally include Class A common stock which could be acquired pursuant to the exercise of the warrants. In order to meet the substantially disproportionate test, the percentage of our outstanding voting stock actually and constructively owned by the U.S. Holder immediately following the redemption of Class A common stock must, among other requirements, be less than 80% of our outstanding voting stock actually and constructively owned by the U.S. Holder immediately before the redemption. There will be a complete termination of a U.S. Holder's interest if either (i) all of the shares of our stock actually and constructively owned by the U.S. Holder are redeemed or (ii) all of the shares of our stock actually owned by the U.S. Holder are redeemed and the U.S. Holder is eligible to waive, and effectively waives in accordance with specific rules, the attribution of stock owned by certain family members and the U.S. Holder does not constructively own any other stock. The redemption of the Class A common stock will not be essentially equivalent to a dividend if a U.S. Holder's conversion results in a "meaningful reduction" of the U.S. Holder's proportionate interest in us. Whether the redemption will result in a meaningful reduction in a U.S. Holder's proportionate interest in us will depend on the particular facts and circumstances. However, the IRS has indicated in a published ruling that even a small reduction in the proportionate interest of a small minority stockholder in a publicly held corporation who exercises no control over corporate affairs may constitute such a "meaningful reduction."

If none of the foregoing tests are satisfied, then the redemption will be treated as a distribution and the tax effects will be as described below under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to U.S. Holders — Taxation of Distributions."

U.S. Holders of our Class A common stock considering exercising their redemption rights should consult their own tax advisors as to whether the redemption of their Class A common stock of the Company will be treated as a sale or as a distribution under the Code.

### *Gain or Loss on a Redemption of Class A Common Stock Treated as a Sale*

If the redemption qualifies as a sale of Class A common stock, a U.S. Holder must treat any gain or loss recognized as capital gain or loss. Any such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Class A common stock so disposed of exceeds one year. Generally, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash received in such redemption (or, if the Class A common stock is held as part of a unit at the time of the disposition, the portion of the amount realized on such disposition that is allocated to the Class A common stock based upon the then fair market values of the Class A common stock and the one-quarter of one warrant included in the unit) and (ii) the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Class A common stock so redeemed. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Class A common stock generally will equal the U.S. Holder's acquisition cost (that is, the portion of the purchase price of a unit allocated to a share of Class A common stock or the U.S. Holder's initial basis for Class A common stock received upon exercise of a whole warrant) less any prior distributions treated as a return of capital. Long-term capital gain realized by a non-corporate U.S. Holder generally will be taxable at a reduced rate. The deduction of capital losses is subject to limitations.

## *Taxation of Distributions*

If the redemption does not qualify as a sale of Class A common stock, the U.S. Holder will be treated as receiving a distribution. In general, any distributions to U.S. Holders generally will constitute dividends for United States federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits will constitute a return of capital that will be applied against and reduce (but not below zero) the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in our Class A common stock. Any remaining excess will be treated as gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the Class A common stock and will be treated as described under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to U.S. Holders — Gain or Loss on a Redemption of Class A Common Stock Treated as a Sale". Dividends we pay to a U.S. Holder that is a taxable corporation generally will qualify for the dividends received deduction if the requisite holding period is satisfied. With certain exceptions, and provided certain holding period requirements are met, dividends we pay to a non-corporate U.S. Holder generally will constitute "qualified dividends" that will be taxable at a reduced rate.

### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to Non-U.S. Holders**

This section is addressed to Non-U.S. Holders of our Class A common stock that elect to have their Class A common stock of the Company redeemed for cash. For purposes of this discussion, a "Non-U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner (other than a partnership) that so redeems its Class A common stock of the Company and is not a U.S. Holder.

#### *Redemption of Class A Common Stock*

The characterization for United States federal income tax purposes of the redemption of a Non-U.S. Holder's Class A common stock generally will correspond to the United States federal income tax characterization of such a redemption of a U.S. Holder's Class A common stock, as described under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to U.S. Holders".

Non-U.S. Holders of our Class A common stock considering exercising their redemption rights should consult their own tax advisors as to whether the redemption of their Class A common stock of the Company will be treated as a sale or as a distribution under the Code.

#### *Gain or Loss on a Redemption of Class A Common Stock Treated as a Sale*

If the redemption qualifies as a sale of Class A common stock, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding tax in respect of gain recognized on a sale of its Class A common stock of the Company, unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by the Non-U.S. Holder within the United States (and, under certain income tax treaties, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment or fixed base maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder), in which case the Non-U.S. Holder will generally be subject to the same treatment as a U.S. Holder with respect to the redemption, and a corporate Non-U.S. Holder may be subject to the branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty);
- the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year in which the redemption takes place and certain other conditions are met, in which case the Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to a 30% tax on the individual's net capital gain for the year; or
- we are or have been a "U.S. real property holding corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes at any time during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of disposition or the period that the Non-U.S. Holder held our Class A common stock, and, in the case where shares of our Class A common stock are regularly traded on an established securities market, the Non-U.S. Holder has owned, directly or constructively, more than 5% of our Class A common stock at any time within the shorter of the five-year period preceding the disposition or such Non-U.S. Holder's holding period for the shares of our Class A common stock. We do not believe we are or have been a U.S. real property holding corporation.



## *Taxation of Distributions*

If the redemption does not qualify as a sale of Class A common stock, the Non-U.S. Holder will be treated as receiving a distribution. In general, any distributions we make to a Non-U.S. Holder of shares of our Class A common stock, to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under United States federal income tax principles), will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, provided such dividends are not effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States, we will be required to withhold tax from the gross amount of the dividend at a rate of 30%, unless such Non-U.S. Holder is eligible for a reduced rate of withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty and provides proper certification of its eligibility for such reduced rate. Any distribution not constituting a dividend will be treated first as reducing (but not below zero) the Non-U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its shares of our Class A common stock and, to the extent such distribution exceeds the Non-U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis, as gain realized from the sale or other disposition of the Class A common stock, which will be treated as described under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to Non-U.S. Holders — Gain on Sale, Taxable Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Class A Common Stock". Dividends we pay to a Non-U.S. Holder that are effectively connected with such Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States generally will not be subject to United States withholding tax, provided such Non-U.S. Holder complies with certain certification and disclosure requirements. Instead, such dividends generally will be subject to United States federal income tax, net of certain deductions, at the same graduated individual or corporate rates applicable to U.S. Holders (subject to an exemption or reduction in such tax as may be provided by an applicable income tax treaty). If the Non-U.S. Holder is a corporation, dividends that are effectively connected income may also be subject to a "branch profits tax" at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty).

**As previously noted above, the foregoing discussion of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences is included for general information purposes only and is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, legal or tax advice to any stockholder. We once again urge you to consult with your own tax adviser to determine the particular tax consequences to you (including the application and effect of any U.S. federal, state, local or foreign income or other tax laws) of the receipt of cash in exchange for shares in connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal.**

## THE SPECIAL MEETING

### Overview

*Date, Time and Place.* The Special Meeting of the Company's stockholders will be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on March [ ], 2023 as a virtual meeting. You will be able to attend, vote your shares and submit questions during the Special Meeting via a live webcast available at <https://www.cstproxy.com/>[ ]. The meeting will be held virtually over the internet by means of a live audio webcast. Only stockholders who own shares of our common stock as of the close of business on the record date will be entitled to attend the virtual meeting.

To register for the virtual meeting, please follow these instructions as applicable to the nature of your ownership of our common stock.

If your shares are registered in your name with our transfer agent and you wish to attend the online-only virtual meeting, go to <https://www.cstproxy.com/>[ ], enter the control number you received on your proxy card and click on the "Click here" to preregister for the online meeting link at the top of the page. Just prior to the start of the meeting you will need to log back into the meeting site using your control number. Pre-registration is recommended but is not required in order to attend.

Beneficial stockholders who wish to attend the online-only virtual meeting must obtain a legal proxy by contacting their account representative at the bank, broker, or other nominee that holds their shares and e-mail a copy (a legible photograph is sufficient) of their legal proxy to [proxy@continentalstock.com](mailto:proxy@continentalstock.com). Beneficial stockholders who e-mail a valid legal proxy will be issued a meeting control number that will allow them to register to attend and participate in the online-only meeting. After contacting our transfer agent a beneficial holder will receive an e-mail prior to the meeting with a link and instructions for entering the virtual meeting. Beneficial stockholders should contact our transfer agent at least five business days prior to the meeting date.

*Quorum.* A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. Holders of a majority in voting power of our common stock on the record date issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Special Meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, constitute a quorum. Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote online at the Special Meeting. Abstentions will be counted towards the quorum requirement. In the absence of a quorum, the chairman of the meeting has power to adjourn the Special Meeting. As of the record date for the Special Meeting, 4,875,050 shares of our common stock would be required to achieve a quorum. Based on the shares held by our Sponsor, officers and directors, we will have sufficient shares of common stock at the meeting to achieve a quorum.

*Voting Power; Record Date.* You will be entitled to vote or direct votes to be cast at the Special Meeting, if you owned the Company's Class A common stock at the close of business on February 6, 2023, the record date for the Special Meeting. You will have one vote per proposal for each share of the Company's common stock you owned at that time. The Company's warrants do not carry voting rights.

*Votes Required.* Approval of the Extension Amendment Proposal will require the affirmative vote of holders of at least 65% of the Company's common stock outstanding on the record date, including the Founder Shares and the Private Placement Shares. If you do not vote or you abstain from voting on a proposal, your action will have the same effect as an "AGAINST" vote. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as "AGAINST" votes.

At the close of business on the record date of the Special Meeting, there were 3,500,098 shares of Class A common stock and 6,250,000 shares of Class B common stock outstanding, each of which entitles its holder to cast one vote per proposal.

If you do not want the Extension Amendment Proposal approved, you must abstain, not vote, or vote "AGAINST" the Extension Amendment. You will be entitled to redeem your public shares for cash in connection with this vote whether or not you vote on the Extension Amendment Proposal so long as you elect to redeem your public shares for a pro rata portion of the funds available in the Trust Account in connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal. The Company anticipates that a public stockholder who tenders shares for redemption in connection with the vote to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal would receive payment of the redemption price for such shares soon after the completion of the Extension Amendment Proposal.

The approval of the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast by stockholders represented in person or by proxy at the Special Meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is otherwise established, a stockholder's failure to vote by proxy or online at the Special Meeting will have no effect on the outcome of any vote on the Adjournment Proposal. Abstentions will be counted in connection with the determination of whether a valid quorum is established but will have no effect on the outcome of the Adjournment Proposal. If you do not want the Adjournment Proposal approved, you must vote "AGAINST" the Adjournment Proposal.

As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor currently holds 69.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock and accordingly, the Sponsor will have the ability, voting on its own, to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal. The Sponsor has agreed to vote any shares of our common stock held by it in favor of the Extension Amendment Proposal, and as a result, no public shares will need to be voted to approve the Extension Amendment Proposal.

*Redemption Rights.* If the Extension Amendment Proposal is approved, and the Extension is implemented, each public stockholder may seek to redeem its public shares at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable), divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. As of the record date, based on funds in the Trust Account of approximately \$[ ] million as of such date, the pro rata portion of the funds available in the Trust Account for the redemption of public shares was approximately \$10.[ ] per share (taking into account the removal of the accrued interest in the Trust Account to pay our taxes). Holders of public shares who do not elect to redeem their public shares in connection with the Extension will retain the right to redeem their public shares in connection with any stockholder vote to approve the proposed Business Combination, or if the Company has not consummated an initial business combination by the Extended Date. See section entitled "The Extension Amendment Proposal — Redemption Rights."

*Appraisal Rights.* Our stockholders do not have appraisal rights in connection with the Extension Amendment Proposal under the DGCL.

*Proxies; Board Solicitation; Proxy Solicitor.* Your proxy is being solicited by the Board on the proposals being presented to stockholders at the Special Meeting. The Company has engaged Morrow Sodali to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the Special Meeting. No recommendation is being made as to whether you should elect to redeem your public shares. Proxies may be solicited in person or by telephone. If you grant a proxy, you may still revoke your proxy and vote your shares online at the Special Meeting if you are a holder of record of the Company's common stock. You may contact Morrow Sodali at (800) 662-5200 (toll free) or by email at [CFFE.info@investor.morrowsodali.com](mailto:CFFE.info@investor.morrowsodali.com).

*Recommendation of the Board.* After careful consideration, the Board determined that each of the proposals is fair to and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Board has approved and declared advisable and recommends that you vote or give instructions to vote "**FOR**" each of these proposals.

## BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of the record date based on information obtained from the persons named below, with respect to the beneficial ownership of shares of the Company's common stock, by:

- each person known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock;
- each of our executive officers and directors that beneficially owns shares of common stock; and
- all our officers and directors as a group.

In the table below, percentage ownership is based on 9,750,098 shares of our common stock, consisting of (i) 3,500,098 shares of our Class A common stock and (ii) 6,250,000 shares of our Class B common stock, issued and outstanding as of the record date. On all matters to be voted upon, except for the election of directors of the board, holders of the shares of Class A common stock and shares of Class B common stock vote together as a single class. Currently, all of the shares of Class B common stock are convertible into Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Unless otherwise indicated, we believe that all persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock beneficially owned by them. The following table does not reflect record or beneficial ownership of the private placement warrants as these warrants are not exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>		<b>Class B Common Stock</b>		<b>Approximate Percentage of Outstanding Common Stock</b>
	<b>Number of Shares Beneficially Owned</b>	<b>Approximate Percentage of Class</b>	<b>Number of Shares Beneficially Owned</b>	<b>Approximate Percentage of Class</b>	
<b>Directors and Officers<sup>(1)</sup></b>					
CFAC Holdings VIII, LLC <sup>(2)</sup>	537,500	15.4%	6,228,000	99.7%	69.4%
Howard W. Lutnick <sup>(2)</sup>	537,500	15.4%	6,228,000	99.7%	69.4%
Jane Novak	—	—	—	—	—
Robert Hochberg	—	—	11,000	*	*
Charlotte Blechman	—	—	11,000	*	*
Steven Bisgay	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Kaplan	—	—	—	—	—
Robert Sharp	2,500	*	—	—	*
All executive officers and directors as a group (7 individuals)	540,000	15.4%	6,250,000	100%	69.6%

(1) Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each of the following entities or individuals is c/o CF Acquisition Corp. VIII, 110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York 10022.

(2) Interests shown consist of Founder Shares, classified as shares of Class B common stock, and Private Placement Shares, classified as shares of Class A common stock. Such shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment. The Sponsor is the record holder of such shares. Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. ("Cantor") is the sole member of the Sponsor. CF Group Management, Inc. ("CFGM") is the managing general partner of Cantor. Mr. Lutnick, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is the trustee of CFGM's sole stockholder. As such, each of Cantor, CFGM and Mr. Lutnick may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the common stock held directly by the Sponsor. Each such entity or person disclaims any beneficial ownership of the reported shares other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest they may have therein, directly or indirectly. Excludes shares underlying the forward purchase contract and the private placement warrants, as such shares may not be voted or disposed of by the Sponsor within 60 days of the date hereof. The principal address of the Sponsor is 110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York 10022.

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

For any proposal to be considered for inclusion in our Proxy Statement for submission to the stockholders at the Company's next annual meeting of stockholders, it must be submitted in writing and comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act and our bylaws.

## HOUSEHOLDING INFORMATION

Unless we have received contrary instructions, we may send a single copy of this Proxy Statement to any household at which two or more stockholders reside if we believe the stockholders are members of the same family. This process, known as "householding", reduces the volume of duplicate information received at any one household and helps to reduce our expenses. However, if stockholders prefer to receive multiple sets of our disclosure documents at the same address this year or in future years, the stockholders should follow the instructions described below. Similarly, if an address is shared with another stockholder and together both of the stockholders would like to receive only a single set of our disclosure documents, the stockholders should follow these instructions:

- If the shares are registered in the name of the stockholder, the stockholder should contact us at [CFVIII@cantor.com](mailto:CFVIII@cantor.com) to inform us of such stockholder's request; or
- If a bank, broker or other nominee holds the shares, the stockholder should contact the bank, broker or other nominee directly.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC as required by the Exchange Act. You can read the Company's SEC filings, including this Proxy Statement, over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

If you would like additional copies of this Proxy Statement, or if you have questions about the proposals to be presented at the Special Meeting, you should contact the Company's proxy solicitation agent at the following address and telephone number:

Morrow Sodali LLC  
333 Ludlow Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Toll Free: (800) 662-5200 or (203) 658-9400  
Email: [CFFE.info@investor.morrowsodali.com](mailto:CFFE.info@investor.morrowsodali.com)

You may also obtain these documents by requesting them via e-mail from the Company at [CFVIII@cantor.com](mailto:CFVIII@cantor.com).

**If you are a stockholder of the Company and would like to request documents, please do so by March [ ], 2023, in order to receive them before the Special Meeting.** If you request any documents from us, we will mail them to you by first class mail, or another equally prompt means.

**PROPOSED THIRD AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
AMENDED AND RESTATED  
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII**

**Pursuant to Section 242 of the  
Delaware General Corporation Law**

**CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII** (the “Corporation”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, does hereby certify as follows:

1. The name of the Corporation is CF Acquisition Corp. VIII. The Corporation’s Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on July 8, 2020 (the “Original Certificate”). The first certificate of amendment of the Original Certificate was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 11, 2020. An Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on March 11, 2021 (the “Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation”). An Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on March 9, 2022 (the “First Amendment”). The Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on September 29, 2022 (the “Second Amendment”).
2. This Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation amends the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended by the First Amendment and the Second Amendment.
3. This Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of 65% of the stock entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “DGCL”).
4. The text of Section 9.1(b) of Article IX is hereby amended and restated to read in full as follows:

(b) Immediately after the Offering, a certain amount of the net offering proceeds received by the Corporation in the Offering (including the proceeds of any exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option, if any) and certain other amounts specified in the Corporation’s registration statement on Form S-1, as initially filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on February 19, 2021, as amended (the “Registration Statement”), shall be deposited in a trust account (the “Trust Account”), established for the benefit of the Public Stockholders (as defined below) pursuant to a trust agreement described in the Registration Statement (the “Trust Agreement”). Except for the withdrawal of interest to pay taxes, none of the funds held in the Trust Account (including the interest earned on the funds held in the Trust Account) will be released from the Trust Account until the earliest to occur of (i) the completion of the initial Business Combination, (ii) the redemption of 100% of the Offering Shares (as defined below) if the Corporation is unable to complete its initial Business Combination by September 16, 2023 (or, if the Office of the Delaware Division of Corporations shall not be open for a full business day (including filing of corporate documents) on such date, the next date upon which the Office of the Delaware Division of Corporations shall be open for a full business day) (or such earlier date as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, and included in a public announcement) (the “Deadline Date”) and (iii) the redemption of shares in connection with a stockholder vote to amend any provisions of this Amended and Restated Certificate (a) to modify the substance or timing of the Corporation’s obligation to provide for the redemption of the Offering Shares in connection with an initial Business Combination or to redeem 100% of such shares if the Corporation has not consummated an initial Business Combination by the Deadline Date or (b) with respect to any other provision relating to stockholders’ rights or pre-initial Business Combination activity (as described in Section 9.7). Holders of shares of Common Stock included as part of the units sold in the Offering (the “Offering Shares”) (whether such Offering Shares were purchased in the Offering or in the secondary market following the Offering and whether or not such holders are the Sponsor or officers or directors of the Corporation, or affiliates of any of the foregoing) are referred to herein as “Public Stockholders.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, CF Acquisition Corp. VIII has caused this Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate to be duly executed in its name and on its behalf by an authorized officer as of this \_\_ day of March, 2023.

**CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

CF ACQUISITION CORP. VIII  
110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10022

SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
MARCH [ ], 2023  
YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MARCH [ ], 2023

The undersigned, revoking any previous proxies relating to these shares with respect to the Extension Amendment Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal hereby acknowledges receipt of the notice and Proxy Statement, dated [ ], 2023, in connection with the special meeting of stockholders and at any adjournments thereof (the “Special Meeting”) to be held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on March [ ], 2023 as a virtual meeting for the sole purpose of considering and voting upon the following proposals, and hereby appoints Howard W. Lutnick and Jane Novak, and each of them (with full power to act alone), the attorneys and proxies of the undersigned, with power of substitution to each, to vote all shares of the common stock of CF Acquisition Corp. VIII (the “Company”) registered in the name provided, which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Special Meeting and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would have if personally present. Without limiting the general authorization hereby given, said proxies are, and each of them is, instructed to vote or act as follows on the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement.

THIS PROXY, WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED “FOR” EACH OF PROPOSAL 1 AND PROPOSAL 2 (IF PRESENTED) CONSTITUTING THE EXTENSION AMENDMENT PROPOSAL AND THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL.

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD PROMPTLY.

(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed on reverse side)  
Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Special Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March [ ], 2023:

This notice of meeting and the accompanying Proxy Statement are available at  
[https://www.cstproxy.com/\[ \]](https://www.cstproxy.com/[ ]).

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” EACH OF PROPOSAL 1 AND PROPOSAL 2.

Please mark  votes as indicated in this example

**Proposal 1 – Extension Amendment Proposal**

Amend the Company’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation to extend the date by which the Company has to consummate a business combination from March 16, 2022 to September 16, 2023 or such earlier date as determined by the board of directors.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Proposal 2 – Adjournment Proposal**

Adjourn the Special Meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of Proposal 1.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Signature

Signature (if held jointly)

Signature should agree with name printed hereon. If stock is held in the name of more than one person, EACH joint owner should sign. Executors, administrators, trustees, guardians and attorneys should indicate the capacity in which they sign. Attorneys should submit powers of attorney.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY IN THE ENVELOPE ENCLOSED TO CONTINENTAL STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY. THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE ABOVESIGNED STOCKHOLDER. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED “FOR” EACH OF PROPOSAL 1 AND PROPOSAL 2 (IF PRESENTED). THIS PROXY WILL REVOKE ALL PRIOR PROXIES SIGNED BY YOU.