

Factsheet 5

Free Shares

A benefit granted by Air Liquide to **all its Shareholders**

Air Liquide **regularly^(a) issues free shares to all its Shareholders**. In June 2022, Air Liquide made its 31st allocation of free shares, with a parity of 1 bonus share for every 10 held.

Grow your number of shares...and therefore your dividend rights!

For **all Shareholders**, free share allocations enable you to **expand your portfolio over time**. In addition to passing on approximately 55% of its net income in the form of dividends, Air Liquide distributes a portion of its retained earnings^(b) to **all its Shareholders** in the form of free shares in proportion to the number of shares already held. The free shares allocated **give the same right** to dividends as the shares from which they are derived.

(a) *Nine free share distributions in the last 20 years.*

(b) *Portion of past undistributed net profits.*

Effect of the loyalty bonus on the distribution of free shares (see Factsheet No. 3).

At the time of the **June 2022** free share distribution, any Shareholder who held **100 shares for more than two full calendar years** (before January 1, 2020):

- If held in **bearer** form, the Shareholder received **10 additional shares** → parity of 1 free share for 10 held.
- If held in **registered** form, the Shareholder benefited from the **loyalty bonus** and received **11 additional shares** → parity of **1 free share for 10 held and 1 additional free share (+10%)** thanks to the loyalty bonus.

Fractional shares

If the number of shares you hold is **not a multiple of the allocation parity**, an amount corresponding to the **value of the fraction** of shares that cannot be distributed, called **"fractional shares"**, will be paid to your bank account.

Good to know...

Your benefits are maintained

Free shares have the same characteristics as the shares they are derived from: eligibility for the **loyalty bonus, seniority, voting rights, dividend** rights.

The allocation of free shares is done on an **account-by-account** basis and also on a **holding-by-holding** basis: there is **no fungibility of fractional shares**. So, if you have shares in an ordinary securities account and in a Share Savings Plan (*Plan d'Epargne en Actions, PEA* in French) or if you hold intermediary registered shares and bearer shares, the non-fungibility of fractional shares means that **these fractional shares cannot be added together to create a new additional free share**.

Example of calculation of fractional shares for the June 2022 distribution of free shares

- A Shareholder holds 225 shares in his portfolio. He, thus, receives **22 bonus shares** (1 bonus share for 10 shares held) and **the value in euros of 5 fractional shares** (0.5 shares).
- Among these 225 shares, 112 benefit from the loyalty bonus: he therefore receives **1 additional bonus share** (+10% in bonus shares, i.e. 1 additional bonus share for 100 shares held) and **the value in euros of 1.2 fractional shares** (0.12 shares).

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