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**Subject: Application for Membership of the Supervisory Board — Foundation for Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design**

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I hereby submit my application for membership of the Supervisory Board of the Foundation for Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design. I wish to bring more than three decades of international experience in finance, education, sustainability, corporate leadership, and board governance to supporting the responsible, transparent, and values-driven operation of an institution that is one of Hungary's leading centers of art, design, and innovation, and whose significance to society extends far beyond higher education.

To me, MOME, as a continuation of the Bauhaus legacy associated with the name of László Moholy-Nagy, embodies the idea that creativity and design can be powerful drivers of social and economic renewal. Throughout my career—from serving on the board of Green School to co-founding and leading REAL School Budapest—I have been deeply committed to future-oriented, entrepreneurial education and sustainable transformation. This perspective is closely aligned with what MOME stands for and gives me a strong personal motivation to contribute to the institution's stable, predictable, and principled governance—particularly at a time when changes to its institutional and governance structure call for heightened responsibility and careful consideration.

My professional qualifications are directly relevant to the responsibilities of a Supervisory Board member. With an economics background from UCLA, I am experienced in interpreting and evaluating financial statements, budgets, and annual reports. As co-founder and CEO of Vertis Environmental Finance Ltd., I built and managed the financial operations of a large-scale European financial enterprise, and subsequently oversaw its activities as a member of its Board of Directors.

I have more than a decade of supervisory and board-level experience. I serve as Vice Chair of the International Supervisory Board of Climate KIC—Europe's leading climate innovation organization, operating primarily with European Union funding—and as Chair of its Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee. In this capacity, I regularly carry out oversight and review of financial reporting similar to the responsibilities outlined in this application. Previously, I served as a member of the Supervisory Board of the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (Társaság a Szabadságjogokért), in an independent oversight capacity. I currently serve on the boards of several Hungarian and international educational and nonprofit foundations, including as Chair of a Board of Trustees, where I help ensure responsible and transparent governance. I have a strong understanding of the specific aspects of nonprofit foundation finance, compliance, and risk management.

As a member of the Supervisory Board, my work would be guided by independence, a fact-based

and critical approach, as well as the primacy of the institution's long-term interests. I would take an active role in providing regular and thorough oversight of the Foundation's and the Board of Trustees' operations and financial management; assessing compliance with applicable laws, the Foundation's founding document, and internal policies; and providing well-founded assessments of annual reports and proposals concerning financial management.

I believe that effective supervisory work is not an end in itself; rather, it is a means of protecting the University's autonomy, academic values, and public-interest mission—ensuring that the institution can fulfill its purpose within a stable and transparent framework. In the context of the transformation of the institution's governance and funding structure, and the responsibilities arising from the applicable legislation, I would seek to contribute in a responsible and transparent manner, while keeping the institution's values and long-term interests firmly in focus.

As an applicant, I am independent: I hold no political or university office, and to the best of my knowledge, I am not subject to any statutory incompatibility or exclusion grounds. I am prepared to submit the required declaration of assets and carry out the responsibilities of the Supervisory Board member personally and actively.

I trust that my financial and supervisory experience, board-level expertise, and commitment to education and sustainability can make a meaningful contribution to the work of the Supervisory Board of the Foundation for Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design. I would be pleased to make myself available to the Ministry and to any bodies involved in the evaluation of applications.

Yours sincerely,

Barna Baráth