

PRESS RELEASE - HERSTAL, DECEMBER, 12, 2025

## FN BROWNING GROUP AWARDED "BEST BELGIAN INVESTOR IN FRANCE" BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, XAVIER LAPEYRE DE CABANES

On Tuesday, 9 December 2025, His Excellency Xavier Lapeyre de Cabanes, French Ambassador to Belgium, presented FN Browning Group with the Ambassador's Award for Best Belgian Investor in France. The event, hosted by Mayor Philippe Close at Brussels City Hall, was organised by Business France and the CCI France Belgique Chamber of Commerce.

In his opening remarks, His Excellency emphasised the strong ties between France and Belgium in the field of defence and the vital role of industry in building robust, shared defence capabilities at the heart of Europe. He highlighted FN Browning Group's historic relationship with the French Republic and the strengthening of its activities in France, notably through the acquisition of Sofisport.



### JULIEN COMPÈRE, CEO OF FN BROWNING GROUP:

*"We are deeply honoured to receive the Ambassador's Award for Best Belgian Investor in France, and I extend my sincere thanks to His Excellency the Ambassador. In 2025, the acquisition of the French group Sofisport enabled FN Browning Group to consolidate its position among the world leaders in small arms and ammunition. Our Group, which has long-standing and privileged ties with French defence and security institutions, now operates cutting-edge industrial facilities in France employing more than 500 people. These local roots, in Drôme, Brittany and Dordogne, will also allow us to contribute to strategic autonomy and meet France's needs locally, particularly the re-establishment of a military ammunition production line in the country – a project aligned with the strategic partnership between the French and Belgian armed forces."*



On 30 September 2025, FN Browning Group completed the acquisition of Sofisport, a global leader in the manufacture of ammunition and components. Beyond the exceptional complementarity of their products, both groups share a culture of industrial excellence built on dependability, innovation, advanced expertise and iconic brands dating back to the 19th century. This shared culture provides a solid foundation for a prosperous future.

Now an industrial operator in six EU Member States and nine NATO countries, FN Browning Group offers a fully integrated product portfolio, meeting the evolving needs of its most demanding clients and partners in Defence, Security, Hunting and Sport Shooting.

FN Browning Group employs 4,100 people worldwide, including more than 500 in France.

