



OFFICIAL STATEMENT — SDC SPORTS

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SDC Sports thanks the Deliberative Council of Santos Futebol Clube for the opportunity to present the company's information and objectives directly to the council members. The meeting took place on the evening of Monday, August 31, and marked an important moment for dialogue and clarification.

SDC Sports reaffirms its deep respect for Santos Futebol Clube, its history, and its Deliberative Council, and acknowledges that there are internal stages and procedures the club must strictly follow before any progress can be made regarding the formation of an SAF (Football Corporation).

"This club's process belongs to its members. We are guests in that process, not the ones setting its pace."

— Diego Garcia, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, St. Dominique Capital

SDC Sports also understands that Santos will undergo an election process to select its new president at the end of this year. For this reason, the company considers it essential to await all internal decisions by Santos FC and to fully respect the electoral process, regardless of who assumes the presidency.

"This project is about Santos. It is not about any single person's tenure, and it never has been. We would say the same under any leadership this club chooses for itself, today or in the future. Our commitment is to the institution — it does not change with an election."

— Michael Lipman, Managing Partner, SDC Sports

SDC Sports emphasizes that it has been analyzing the Santos project for close to a year, and that its goal — following completion of all necessary statutory and institutional steps — is to present a binding proposal, always subject to the decisions and procedures established by the club itself. If and when Santos decides to bring that proposal to its membership, it will be presented through the club's own channels, with the respective financial and legal advisors of both parties.

Closing SDC Sports' presentation before the Council, the group's Sporting Advisor, Jesse Fioranelli, said:

"We are ready and we will remain ready, because we respect the electoral process and every step Santos must take under its bylaws. We will respect the club's decisions and await the appropriate moment to advance our discussions."

— Jesse Fioranelli, Sporting Advisor, SDC Sports