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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.12364 – EPG / FNAC DARTY GROUP)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 14 September 2026, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- EPG Group a.s. ('EPG,' Czechia),
- Fnac Darty S.A. ('Fnac-Darty', France)

EPG will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Fnac-Darty.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 12 May 2026.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- EPG is an investment holding company ultimately solely controlled by Daniel Křetínský, who also ultimately controls a number of entities active across different sectors, including Czech Media Invest, a.s. ('CMI'): the ultimate parent company of a business group focused on the acquisition and management of media assets in Central and Western Europe. Those assets include Editis Holding ('Editis'), a France-based book publishing group, which sells French-language books published by its various publishing houses and markets and distributes books of third-party publishers to all types of retailers in the French-speaking part of the EU,
- Fnac-Darty is mainly active in the retail distribution of consumer goods sector (in particular electronics, household appliances, books and cultural goods and services).

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').