

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8749 — Verdane/Vitruvian/EasyPark)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 6/05)

1. On 21 December 2017, 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:

- Verdane Capital Advisors Holding AS (Norway),
- Vitruvian Partners LLP (United Kingdom),
- EasyPark Holding AS (Norway), solely controlled by Verdane Capital Advisors Holding AS.

Verdane Capital Advisors Holding AS and Vitruvian Partners LLP acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of EasyPark Holding AS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Verdane Capital Advisors Holding AS: a private equity firm with interests in various industries,
- for Vitruvian Partners LLP: a private equity firm with interests in in various industries,
- for EasyPark Holding AS: company operating a digital parking marketplace providing mobile parking solutions and connected services to businesses, consumers, parking operators and cities.

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.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.