

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

**(Case M.7444 — Constellation Hotels Holding Limited S.C.A./InterContinental Hotels
Group/InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel)**

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2015/C 112/08)

1. On 25 March 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Constellation Hotels Holding Ltd S.C.A. ('Constellation', Luxembourg) and InterContinental Hotels Group ('IHG', United Kingdom) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control over the whole of the undertaking InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel ('Le Grand Hotel', France) by way of purchase of shares and management contract.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Constellation acquires and owns hotels and real estate.
 - IHG operates, franchises, and owns hotels on a worldwide basis.
 - Le Grand Hotel is a four star hotel located in Paris, France.
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 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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7444 — Constellation Hotels Holding Limited S.C.A./InterContinental Hotels Group/InterContinental Paris Le Grand Hotel, to the following address:

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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.