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II

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.9034 — EQT Fund Management/Azelis)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 344/01)

On 21 September 2018, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32018M9034. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND
AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**25 September 2018**

(2018/C 344/02)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,1777	CAD Canadian dollar	1,5262
JPY Japanese yen	132,78	HKD Hong Kong dollar	9,1974
DKK Danish krone	7,4597	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,7696
GBP Pound sterling	0,89425	SGD Singapore dollar	1,6083
SEK Swedish krona	10,3515	KRW South Korean won	1 316,95
CHF Swiss franc	1,1376	ZAR South African rand	16,9294
ISK Iceland króna	130,70	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	8,0958
NOK Norwegian krone	9,5713	HRK Croatian kuna	7,4285
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR Indonesian rupiah	17 571,00
CZK Czech koruna	25,613	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,8672
HUF Hungarian forint	324,08	PHP Philippine peso	63,999
PLN Polish zloty	4,2930	RUB Russian rouble	77,3603
RON Romanian leu	4,6618	THB Thai baht	38,193
TRY Turkish lira	7,2323	BRL Brazilian real	4,8532
AUD Australian dollar	1,6234	MXN Mexican peso	22,3696
		INR Indian rupee	85,6125

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

V

*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9005 — Booking Holdings/HotelsCombined)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 344/03)

1. On 18 September 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Booking Holdings Inc. ('Booking Holdings', US)
- HotelsCombined Pty Ltd ('HotelsCombined', Australia)

Booking Holdings acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of HotelsCombined.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Booking Holdings: supply of online travel and related services. Its core brands include Booking.com, priceline.com, agoda.com, KAYAK, Rentalcars.com and OpenTable. It is headquartered in the United States and offers its services in more than 220 countries and territories in Europe, North America, South America, the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East and Africa.
- for HotelsCombined: active in the online travel sector and provides metasearch services solely in respect of hotels and other accommodations. It is headquartered in Australia and offers services in over 50 countries.

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 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:

M.9005 — Booking Holdings/HotelsCombined

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

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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9037 — Bain Capital/Italmatch Chemicals)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 344/04)

1. On 19 September 2018, 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:

- Bain Capital Investors L.L.C. (Bain Capital, United States),
- Italmatch Chemicals SpA (Italmatch, Italy).

Bain Capital acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Italmatch.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bain Capital: private equity investment firm that invests in companies across several industries, including information technology, healthcare, retail and consumer products, communications, financial services and industrial manufacturing,
- for Italmatch: specialty chemicals company active in performance products, flame retardants and plastic additives, water and oil performance additives, lubricant performance additives and personal care chemicals.

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:

M.9037 — Bain Capital/Italmatch Chemicals

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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.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9055 — Lone Star/CaixaBank Assets)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 344/05)

1. On 17 September 2018, 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:

- Lone Star, through its subsidiary LSF Pacific Holdings S.à r.l. (Luxembourg);
- A portfolio of real estate owned assets (the 'Pacific Portfolio') of BuildingCenter S.A. Unipersonal (Spain), and ServiHabitat Servicios Inmobiliarios, S.L. (Spain), both belonging to CaixaBank (together, the 'CaixaBank Assets').

Lone Star acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the CaixaBank Assets.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Lone Star: a private equity firm that invests globally in real estate, equity, credit, and other financial assets;
- for the CaixaBank Assets: a provider of real estate management services for the Pacific Portfolio as well as other real estate properties, owned by CaixaBank or other parties.

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.

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M.9055 — Lone Star/CaixaBank Assets

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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.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8744 — Daimler/BMW/Car Sharing JV)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 344/06)

1. On 17 September 2018, 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:

- Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft (including its subsidiaries; 'BMW', Germany),
- Daimler AG (including its subsidiaries; 'Daimler', Germany).

BMW and Daimler acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of six joint ventures which will be active in the field of mobility services, namely car sharing services (DriveNow and car2go), ride hailing services (Intelligent Apps GmbH incl. mytaxi), parking services (Parkmobile/ParkNow), charging services (ChargeNow) as well as other (on-demand) mobility services (ReachNow and moovel).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for BMW: with the trademarks BMW, Rolls Royce and MINI, manufacturing of passenger cars and motorcycles worldwide as well as a provider of premium services in the field of individual mobility headquartered in Munich, Germany.
- for Daimler: with its divisions Mercedes-Benz Cars, Daimler Trucks, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Daimler Buses and Daimler Financial Services, development, manufacturing and distribution of automotive products, mainly passenger cars, trucks, vans and buses.

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 operation to the Commission.

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M.8744 — Daimler/BMW/Car Sharing JV

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

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9100 — CK Asset Holdings/CK Infrastructure Holdings/APA)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 344/07)

1. On 19 September 2018, 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:

- CK Asset Holdings Limited ('CKA' of Hong Kong),
- CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited ('CKI', of Hong Kong), controlled by CK Hutchinson Holdings Limited,
- APA (of Australia) comprising of Australian Pipeline Trust ('APT', of Australia) and APT Investment Trust ('APTIT' of Australia).

CKA and CKI acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, joint control over the whole of APA.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- CKA is a multinational corporation with diverse activities including, inter alia, property development and investment, property and project management, infrastructure and utility asset operation;
- CKI is a global infrastructure company that has diversified investments in energy infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, water infrastructure, waste management, waste-to-energy, household infrastructure and infrastructure related businesses;
- APA is an owner and operator of natural gas transportation and energy infrastructure assets across Australia. Its activities include gas transmission, gas storage and processing, gas-fired and renewable energy power generation, and energy investments.

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:

M.9100 — CK Asset Holdings/CK Infrastructure Holdings/APA

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union — Cases where the Commission raises no objections**

(Official Journal of the European Union C 317 of 7 September 2018)

(2018/C 344/08)

On page 4, in the table for State aid number SA.49947 (2017/N), in 'Budget':

for: 'Overall budget: EUR 4.2 (in millions)

Annual budget: EUR 1.4 (in millions)',

read: 'Overall budget: EUR 5.6 (in millions)

Annual budget: EUR 1.4 (in millions)'.

Corrigendum to Electronic identification schemes notified pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market

(Official Journal of the European Union C 318 of 10 September 2018)

(2018/C 344/09)

On page 2, in the table, in the entry for Italy, under 'Level of assurance':

for: 'Substantial

Low',

read: 'High

Substantial

Low'.

On page 2, in the table, in the entry for Italy, under 'eID means under the notified scheme':

for: '— Telecom Italia

— Trust Technologies S.r.l.',

read: '— Telecom Italia Trust Technologies S.r.l.'.

Corrigendum to the list of competent authorities referred to in Article 7 of Directive (EU) 2016/681 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime

(Official Journal of the European Union C 194 of 6 June 2018)

(2018/C 344/10)

On page 7, indent 'in the United Kingdom':

for:

'Department for Transport;

Home Office;

HM Revenue & Customs;

Metropolitan Police Service;

City of London Police;

Avon and Somerset Constabulary;

Bedfordshire Police;

Cambridgeshire Constabulary;

Cheshire Constabulary;

Cleveland Police;

Cumbria Constabulary;

Derbyshire Constabulary;

Devon & Cornwall Police;

Dorset Police;

Durham Constabulary;

Essex Police;

Gloucestershire Constabulary;

Greater Manchester Police;

Hampshire Constabulary;

Hertfordshire Constabulary;

Humberside Police;

Kent Police;

Lancashire Constabulary;

Leicestershire Police;

Lincolnshire Police;

Merseyside Police;

National Crime Agency;

Norfolk Constabulary;

North Yorkshire Police;

Northamptonshire Police;

Northumbria Police;

Nottinghamshire Police;
South Yorkshire Police;
Staffordshire Police;
Suffolk Constabulary;
Surrey Police;
Sussex Police;
Thames Valley Police;
Warwickshire Police;
West Mercia Police;
West Midlands Police;
West Yorkshire Police;
Wiltshire Police;
Dyfed-Powys Police;
Gwent Police;
North Wales Police;
South Wales Police;
Police Service of Scotland;
Police Service of Northern Ireland;’,

read:

‘Department for Transport;
Home Office;
HM Revenue & Customs;
Metropolitan Police Service;
Serious Fraud Office;
City of London Police;
Avon and Somerset Constabulary;
Bedfordshire Police;
Cambridgeshire Constabulary;
Cheshire Constabulary;
Cleveland Police;
Cumbria Constabulary;
Derbyshire Constabulary;
Devon & Cornwall Police;
Dorset Police;
Durham Constabulary;
Essex Police;
Gloucestershire Constabulary;
Greater Manchester Police;
Hampshire Constabulary;

Hertfordshire Constabulary;
Humberside Police;
Kent Police;
Lancashire Constabulary;
Leicestershire Police;
Lincolnshire Police;
Merseyside Police;
National Crime Agency;
Norfolk Constabulary;
North Yorkshire Police;
Northamptonshire Police;
Northumbria Police;
Nottinghamshire Police;
South Yorkshire Police;
Staffordshire Police;
Suffolk Constabulary;
Surrey Police;
Sussex Police;
Thames Valley Police;
Warwickshire Police;
West Mercia Police;
West Midlands Police;
West Yorkshire Police;
Wiltshire Police;
Dyfed-Powys Police;
Gwent Police;
North Wales Police;
South Wales Police;
Police Service of Scotland;
Police Service of Northern Ireland.'.

