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I

(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

RECOMMENDATIONS

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 7 September 2021

to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia

(ECB/2021/41)

(2021/C 370/01)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the Banca d'Italia's current external auditors, BDO Italia S.p.A., ended after the audit for the financial year 2020. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2021.
- (3) The Banca d'Italia has selected Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. as its external auditors for the financial years 2021 to 2022,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. should be appointed as the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia for the financial years 2021 to 2022.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 7 September 2021.

The President of the ECB
Christine LAGARDE

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*(Information)*INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.10261 — USTC/CM Biomass Partners)**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2021/C 370/02)

On 1 September 2021, 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 32021M10261. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.10380 — Hg/TA/Insightsoftware)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 370/03)

On 30 August 2021, 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 32021M10380. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.10232 — Brose/Sitech)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2021/C 370/04)

On 28 July 2021, 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 German language 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 32021M10232. EUR-Lex is the online access to the 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⁾

14 September 2021

(2021/C 370/05)

1 euro =

Currency			Exchange rate		
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USD	US dollar	1,1814	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4951
JPY	Japanese yen	130,08	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,1899
DKK	Danish krone	7,4361	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,6625
GBP	Pound sterling	0,85260	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5870
SEK	Swedish krona	10,1453	KRW	South Korean won	1 382,66
CHF	Swiss franc	1,0887	ZAR	South African rand	16,8097
ISK	Iceland króna	151,20	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,6168
NOK	Norwegian krone	10,1745	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,4760
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 857,27
CZK	Czech koruna	25,389	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,9170
HUF	Hungarian forint	350,05	PHP	Philippine peso	58,868
PLN	Polish zloty	4,5542	RUB	Russian rouble	86,1062
RON	Romanian leu	4,9485	THB	Thai baht	38,927
TRY	Turkish lira	9,9848	BRL	Brazilian real	6,1788
AUD	Australian dollar	1,6114	MXN	Mexican peso	23,5067
			INR	Indian rupee	87,0370

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

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*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.10441 — Bridgepoint/FFL/ACT)
Candidate case for simplified procedure*(Text with EEA relevance)*

(2021/C 370/06)

1. On 6 September 2021, 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:

- Bridgepoint Group plc, ('Bridgepoint', UK),
- FFL B.V. ('FFL', The Netherlands),
- Sustainable Market Solutions B.V and ACT Financial Solutions Group, (together 'ACT', The Netherlands).

This notification concerns the proposed acquisition of joint control, within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, of ACT by Bridgepoint and FFL which is controlled by ACT's founders and current majority shareholders.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Bridgepoint: portfolio investments,
- for FFL: holding company,
- for ACT: provides market based sustainable energy solutions, relating to environmental compliance services, corporate sustainability, fuels and feedstock, and financial instruments.

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.

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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

M.10441 — Bridgepoint/FFL/ACT

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.10421 — Primonial/Société Générale/OPG Window)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 370/07)

1. On 7 September 2021, 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:

- Primonial Real Estate Investment Management ('Primonial REIM', France), controlled by Bridgepoint group ('Bridgegroup', UK) and Latour Group ('Latour', France);
- Sogécap (France), controlled by Société Générale group ('Société Générale', France); and,
- OPG Window (France).

Primonial REIM and Sogécap acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the Target Asset.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Primonial REIM: real estate investments including research, development, and distribution of structured investment solutions, assets, and real estate investment management services;
- for Sogecap: life insurance savings and protection products offered to Société Générale's Retail and Private Banking networks;
- for OPG Window: real estate asset known as the 'Window' building located at 19 Parvis de La Défense, Puteaux, France (92).

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.10421 — Primonial/Société Générale/OPG Window

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

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Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.9987 – NVIDIA/Arm)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2021/C 370/08)

1. On 8 September 2021, 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:

- NVIDIA Corporation ('NVIDIA', USA),
- Arm Limited ('Arm', United Kingdom), belonging to the SoftBank Group Corp. (Japan).

NVIDIA acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Arm.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for NVIDIA: design and supply of accelerated computing platforms including graphics processing units for gaming, datacentres, professional visualization, and automotive applications. Through its acquisition of Mellanox, completed in April 2020, NVIDIA also supplies network interconnect products and solutions;
- for Arm: development and licensing of IP to semiconductor suppliers, for end-use in mobile devices, datacentre servers, automotive systems, PC and Internet-of-Things, among others.

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.9987 — NVIDIA/Arm

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

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