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To the notifying party

Subject: **Case M.8690 - TDR CAPITAL / ROSSINI HOLDING**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004[1] and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area[2]

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 27 November 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking TDR Capital LLP (United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control over the whole of the undertaking Rossini Holding SAS (France) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— **for TDR Capital LLP**: private equity firm investing in sectors including motor fuels retail, gyms and health clubs, conveyor car washes, vacant property services, UK social housing refurbishment services, modular construction, pubs and restaurants, debt purchasing, logistic pallet return, coastal transport, life insurance and UK retirement income products.

— **for Rossini Holding SAS**: operate and partly franchise a chain of restaurants under the Buffalo Grill brand.

3. After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(c) of

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1 OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

3 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 413, 05.12.2017, p. 7.

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the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(signed)
Johannes LAITENBERGER
Director-General

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.