Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9245 — BAC/Marriott/Airhotel BVBA)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 25 January 2019, 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:

— Brussels Airport Company NV ('BAC', Belgium), jointly controlled by the Ontario's Teachers Pension Plan (Canada), the Macquarie Group (Australia) and La Société Fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement/De Federale Participatie- en Investeringsmaatschappij ('SFPI/FPIM', Belgium),

— Marriott International, Inc. ('Marriott', United States of America),

— Airhotel Belgium BVBA ('Airhotel', Belgium), which owns the hotel Sheraton Brussels Airport.

BAC and Marriott acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the hotel Sheraton Brussels Airport.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and a pre-existing hotel management agreement.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for BAC: the owner and operator of Brussels Airport, an international airport located in Zaventem, Belgium,

— for Marriott: a diversified hospitality company, which acts as a manager and franchisor of hotels and timeshare properties,

— for Airhotel: the owner of the Sheraton Brussels Airport, a hotel located on the Brussels Airport site.

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

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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.