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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10064 - AnaCap/Carrefour/Market Pay)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 38/02)

1. On 27 January 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:

— AnaCap Financial Partners III, L.P (UK), controlled by AnaCap Group Holdings Limited ('AnaCap', UK),

— Carrefour S.A. ('Carrefour', France),

— Market Pay SAS ('Market Pay', France), currently controlled by Carrefour.

AnaCap and Carrefour acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Market Pay.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for AnaCap: a private equity fund based in the UK and established in 2005. Since inception AnaCap has sponsored the raising of funds that make investments in business opportunities in the European financial services sector. AnaCap Financial Partners III, L.P is the third private equity fund raised by AnaCap;

— for Carrefour: a French-headquartered global group specializing in the retail business of food products and non-food products (e.g. gas station, travel agency, and retail bank);

— for Market Pay: a payment solutions provider based in France and founded in 2016 by Carrefour.

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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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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