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Subject: **Case M.11978 – CENTRAL GROUP / CARSCHHAUS**
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 8 May 2025, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which the undertakings Harng Central Department Store Limited ('Central Group', Thailand) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of the undertaking Duesseldorf, Carschhaus GmbH ('Carschaus', Germany) by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– Central Group: merchandising, real estate, retailing, hospitality and restaurants,

– Carschhaus: legal and beneficial owner of the real estate property Carschhaus, located at Heinrich-Heine-Platz 1, 40213 Düsseldorf.

(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

([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]) OJ C, C/2025/*2777*, 16.5.2025.

paragraph 5(d) and (e) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, 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)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General
Directorate-General for Competition

([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').