

The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of Mapa Consulting by Waterland Private Equity Investment

On 24 October 2024, the Belgian Competition Authority (“BCA”) approved the acquisition of Mapa Consulting by Waterland Private Equity Investment.

The concentration was notified on 15 October 2024 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Waterland Private Equity Investment is an independent private equity firm. The venture fund supports successful companies with a so-called “buy-and-build” growth strategy. The companies in its portfolio operate in various sectors and 11 European countries, including Belgium.

Mapa Consulting acts as a holding company for its subsidiaries Umami Catering, Deliva, Deliva Immo, Daily Catering Services and Clean Minds. Together, these companies form the Umami Group. The Umami Group mainly provides contract catering services and related services to companies, the public sector, the healthcare sector, schools and nurseries. It also supplies meals and meal components to other channels.

Umami Group's size, business strategy and growth potential fit seamlessly with Waterland's investment policy.

In its decision of 24 October 2024, the BCA found that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure were met and that the notified concentration did not raise objections.

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