

**The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of A&M BM Antwerpen by MiSt Invest (Group Meeusen)**

On 23 December 2024, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the acquisition of A&M BM Antwerpen by MiSt Invest (Group Meeusen).

The concentration was notified on 18 December 2024 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Group Meeusen is an official dealer of the BMW and MINI brands and operates one branch in the province of Antwerp. Group Meeusen is active in the retail sales of new and used cars, maintenance and repair, bodywork services and the retail sales of spare parts.

A&M BM Antwerp is an official dealer of the BMW and MINI brands and operates two branches in the province of Antwerp. A&M BM Antwerp is active in the retail sales of new and used cars, maintenance and repair, bodywork services and the retail sales of spare parts.

The activities of Group Meeusen and A&M BM Antwerpen overlap in the province of Antwerp regarding the markets for (i) retail sales of new and used passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, (ii) maintenance and repair of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, (iii) bodywork services for passenger cars and for light commercial vehicles, and (iv) retail sales of spare parts for passenger cars and for light commercial vehicles.

In its decision of 23 December 2024, the BCA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified concentration does not raise any objections

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