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**M.9005 - BOOKING HOLDINGS / HOTELSCOMBINED**

**SECTION 1.2**

**Description of the concentration**

The proposed transaction consists of the acquisition by Booking Holdings Inc. of sole control over HotelsCombined Pty Ltd within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EU Merger Regulation.

Booking Holdings Inc. is active in the supply of online travel and related services. Its core brands include Booking.com, priceline.com, agoda.com, KAYAK, Rentalcars.com and OpenTable. It is headquartered in the United States and offers its services in more than 220 countries and territories in Europe, North America, South America, the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East and Africa.

HotelsCombined Pty Ltd is also active in the online travel sector and provides metasearch services solely in respect of hotels and other accommodations. It is headquartered in Australia and offers its services in over 50 countries.