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***Case M.8364 - ONEX /  
PARKDEAN***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004  
MERGER PROCEDURE**

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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**To the notifying party:**

**Subject: Case M.8364 – ONEX / PARKDEAN  
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)  
No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup>**

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. On 06 January 2017, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Richmond UK Bidco Limited, a special purpose vehicle ultimately indirectly controlled by Onex Corporation ('Onex', Canada) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the undertaking Parkdean Resorts Topco Limited ('Parkdean', United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Onex: a Canadian-based corporation listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange that invests in companies through a number of private equity funds. Onex invests in a wide range of operating companies active in a number of industry sectors,
  - for Parkdean: owns and operates 73 holiday parks across the UK.
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 paragraph 5(b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

<sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 10, 13.01.2017, p.10.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, 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)*

*Johannes LAITENBERGER*

*Director-General*