# Green light under condition to the the acquisition of 554 Leader Price stores and 2 Casino stores by Aldi

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On 5 October 2020, Aldi notified the *Autorité de la concurrence* of its plans to acquire assets owned by the Casino Group. These assets include 54 Leader Price stores (of nearly 640 stores under the brand in mainland France) and 2 Casino stores.

Given that the share of the French market owned by Aldi and Leader Price combined is relatively small, the *Autorité* considered that the transaction was unlikely to significantly increase Aldi's purchasing power with respect to suppliers.

As a result of its analysis, the *Autorité* raised however, a risk to competition in the catchment areas of the Leader Price stores in Argentière-la-Bessée (05), Bar-sur-Seine (10), Bort-les-Orgues (19), Brassac-les-Mines (63), Lanton (33), Marle (02), Rambervillers (88), Saint-Félix (74) and Sézanne (51).

To resolve these competition concerns, Aldi has committed to sell nine stores.

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