The Autorité de la concurrence clears the Zouari family's takeover of the Maxi Bazar Group (decoration and bazaar products)

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On 25 November 2021, the Zouari family notified the *Autorité* of its plan to acquire sole control of the Maxi Bazar Group.

Parties to the transaction

The Zouari family is mainly active in the food distribution sector. It operates several stores under the Casino, Franprix and Monop' brands in Paris and the Paris region. Since 2020, the Zouari family has also had joint control of the Picard Group, which operates more than 1,000 frozen food distribution stores (see Decision 20-DCC-06 and the press release of 16 January 2020).

The Maxi Bazar Group is active in the distribution of decoration and bazaar products under the Maxi Bazar brand. The Maxi Bazar network consists of 89 stores, 57 of which are located in France, mainly in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.

The Autorité's decision

After investigation, the *Autorité* cleared the transaction unconditionally, as it is not likely to harm competition.

> ***The full text of the decision will soon be published on the Autorité's website.***

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