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# The Autorité de la concurrence clears the acquisition of joint control of Nouvéal by Malakoff Médéric and La Poste

On 27 August 2018, Malakoff Médéric and La Poste notified the *Autorité de la concurrence* the change from sole control by Malakoff Médéric of Nouvéal to joint control, together with La Poste.

#### Parties to the transaction

Malakoff Médéric is active in the sectors of supplementary pension schemes and insurance of persons. It is also active in the markets of reinsurance, e-Health, long-term housing for the elderly, diagnostic and hospital care offers, post-treatment care facilities and rehabilitation along with offers for home hospitalization. Finally, it sells insurance products on behalf of third parties. Further, the group recently merged with Humanis (**Decision 18-DCC-118/see press release of 18 July 2018**). Malakoff Médéric generated a turnover of approximately 4.2 billion euros before tax in 2017.

La Poste is a limited company (Société anonyme), at the group head of La Poste. Its activity is made up of five areas: Services-Courrier-Colis, GeoPost, La Banque Postale, Réseau La Poste and Numérique. Through Asten Santé, acquired in 2017 (**Decision 17-DCC-74**), La Poste is also active in the sectors of e-Health, home care services and services to individuals. La Poste generated a turnover of approximately 24,1 billion euros before tax in 2017.

Nouvéal is active in the e-Health sector, via its digital solutions aimed at companies in the sector. It markets the « e-fitback » solution, which provides guidance pre-admission and throughout the hospitalization and offers a follow-up post-hospitalization for outpatients.

## The transaction is not liable to harm competition

As the market positions of the parties are limited, in particular in the e-Health sector, the *Autorité* was able to rule out any competition concern and clear the transaction without conditions.

### > The full text of the decision 18-DCC-157

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