

## Altana advisor to Aldi Group in its deal with Casino

**After several months of negotiations, the sales agreement between Casino and Aldi France has been formally signed. Aldi France has acquired 545 Leader Price outlets, 2 supermarkets and 3 warehouses located in mainland France, for an enterprise value of 717 million euros.**

The first stage of the agreement was signed last March, during the first lockdown. In mid-November, the Competition Authority gave its go-ahead for the purchase of these assets from Casino by the German Aldi Group.

Particularly problematic since the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis, the finalizing and officialization of this agreement is a clear signal of optimism for the food industry and for mass retailing in general.

This operation gives Aldi over 1,400 outlets and over 16,000 employees in France, which means becoming a major player in discount retail in France, as it is already in Germany.

The handling of this major operation for the mass retail sector is yet another demonstration of Altana's know-how when in the front line of its clients' strategic operations.

In order to carry out the first phase of this highly complex operation against the background of a public health crisis that has had a particularly strong impact, Altana has been able to count on the unfailing professionalism and commitment of the whole multi-disciplinary project team of lawyers brought together specifically for this transaction. ●

*See the following page for the consultants*

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## Consultants involved in this operation

### Aldi is advised by:

#### Altana

- Jean-Nicolas Soret (partner), Julie Rolet (counsel) and Olivier Carmès, (associate) on matters of Company Law
- Jean-Philippe Thibault (partner), Benoît van Bésien (counsel) and Marjorie Dudon on matters of Competition Law
- Louis des Cars (partner), Cécile Panien (counsel) and Manon Lefebvre (staff member) on matter of Public Law and Urbanization
- Jean-Guy de Ruffray (partner) and Charlotte Hébert-Salomon (counsel) on IP/IT matters
- Laetitia Daage (counsel) on matters of Compliance

#### Arsène

- Olivier Vergniolle (partner), Marion Dervieux, Amel Chekhab, Guillaume Barasc and Tolga Bozkurt, on matters of Tax Law

#### Capstan

- Anne Murgier, Arnaud Teissier, Fadi Sfeir and Julie Foureys on Employment Law

#### Fairway

- Aubry d'Argenlieu and Pauline Bohr, as well as by the Graf Notaires practice, on matters of Real Estate Law

#### Deutsche Bank

- In its capacity as a merchant bank

#### KPMG

- On matters of transaction services and integration

### Casino is advised by:

#### Peltier Juvigny Marpeau & Associés

- Benoit Marpeau (partner), Etienne Letang and Anissa Ouadah on matters of Company Law
- Thibault Reymond (partner) and Clémence d'Almeida in matters of Competition Law
- Aurélie Fournier (partner) and François Troadec for Employment Law

#### Arsène

- Stéphanie Hamis, (partner), Charles Ghuysen, Vincent Desoubries and Ludovic Genet for Tax Law

#### Gide

- Aurélien Boulanger (partner) and Alexis Tresca on matters of Employment Law

#### LPA-CGR

- Which provided support on vendor due diligence

#### The firm of Monassier & Associés

- On matters of real estate

#### BNP Paribas

- In its capacity as a merchant bank

#### Mazars

- On matters of transaction services.

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