



## **MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT    23 APRIL 2013**

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### **Aztec acquisition of sole control of Duke Street Oasis cleared by the Competition Authority**

The Competition Authority has cleared the proposed transaction whereby Aztec TopCo Limited, through its wholly owned subsidiary Aztec Bidco Limited would acquire sole control of Duke Street Capital Oasis Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries. The transaction was notified by the parties under the Competition Act 2002 on 2 April 2013.

The Authority has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not lead to a substantial lessening of competition in any markets for goods or services in the State. The Authority will publish a public version of the reasons for its determination on its website ([www.tca.ie](http://www.tca.ie)) no later than 21 June 2013 after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information is removed from the published version.

#### **Notes**

Both Aztec TopCo Limited and Aztec Bidco Limited are ultimately owned and controlled by Bridgepoint Advisers Group Limited. Bridgepoint Advisers Group Limited is a European based private equity firm with investments in various sectors but not including dental care and various countries within Europe.

Duke Street Capital Oasis Holdings Limited is owned and controlled by Duke Street Capital Limited, a private equity firm, with offices in the UK and France, which invests primarily in four sectors: consumer services, business services, healthcare and financial services.

Duke Street Capital Oasis Holdings Limited, based in Bristol, UK is a private company operating in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Duke Street Oasis provides dental services to UK National Health Service (NHS) patients and also private patients.

Duke Street Capital Oasis Holdings Limited has over 200 dental practices in the United Kingdom, including 14 practices in Northern Ireland in counties Antrim, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone. Some Duke Street Oasis customers are resident within the State.

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