

## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/20/033

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. of sole control of the assets comprising The Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

## 21 December 2020

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has cleared the proposed transaction whereby The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., would acquire sole control of the assets comprising The Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 16 November 2020.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

## **Additional Information**

Goldman Sachs is a global investment banking, securities and investment management firm that provides a range of banking, securities and investment services worldwide to a substantial and diversified client base. Goldman Sachs has a number of companies active in the State, which are primarily active in financial services, fund management services and aircraft leasing.

Blanchardstown Shopping Centre is a portfolio of real estate assets located in West Dublin, primarily comprised of the Blanchardstown Centre building, two adjacent retail parks and external retail units, and a five story office building.