

## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/037 – FISERV/AIBMS

### Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby Fiserv, Inc., through its wholly owned subsidiary First Data Global Services Limited, would acquire sole control of Zolter Services DAC, trading as AIB Merchant Services, a joint venture between Fiserv, Inc. and Allied Irish Banks plc.**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Fiserv, Inc., through its wholly owned subsidiary First Data Global Services Limited, would acquire sole control of Zolter Services DAC, trading as AIB Merchant Services, a joint venture between Fiserv, Inc. and Allied Irish Banks plc. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 10 June 2025.

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**

First Data Global Services Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fiserv, Inc., a publicly listed company in the United States, providing payments services worldwide. It is active in the State in relation to the provision of: (i) merchant acquiring services; (ii) issuing services; (iii) POS terminals; and (iv) Independent Sales Organisation (ISO) services through Payzone.

AIB Merchant Services is a joint venture between Fiserv, Inc. and Allied Irish Banks plc (AIB). It is active in the State in relation to the provision of: (i) merchant acquiring services; (ii) POS terminals; (iii) supply and management of POS terminals services to merchants; (iv) payment card processing; (v) payment facilitation services; and (vi) other functionally related value-added services.