

## MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/25/026 WHITWORTHS/ K.T.C (EDIBLES)

### Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

### Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by Whitworths Food Group Limited of Quay Topco Limited

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Whitworths Food Group Limited, would acquire sole control of Quay Topco Limited, and its wholly-owned subsidiary of K.T.C. (Edibles) Holdco Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 1 April 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

Whitworths manufactures and packages various varieties of flour to a variety of customers in the UK, Ireland, and Europe, including commercial scale and artisanal bakeries, food coating manufacturers, pet food manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers. Whitworths' flour products categories encompass the following:

- Wheat bread, cake and biscuit flours for all customer profiles.
- Heat-treated flours for specialist applications, including innovative baked goods, food coatings and batters, and longer lasting cake flours.
- Chapatti flour for use in naan bread, rotis and chapattis, for retailers and wholesalers.
- Maize flour for snacks and coatings, used for texture, flavour and thickening.
- Rice flour for finishing textures and appearance of baked goods, supplied to bakeries, fast food outlets, snack manufacturers, manufacturers of coated fish chicken and meat, and pet food manufacturers.

- Artisanal flours, available to traditional, craft and artisan bakeries.

K.T.C. (Edibles) HoldCo Limited primary business focus is the supply of edible oils to retail, wholesale and foodservice customers, predominantly in the UK and Ireland. In particular, it supplies:

- refined seed oils packaged for sale to end-users or PRSO;
- bulk refined seed oils (e.g., palm oil, rapeseed oil, sunflower oil and coconut oil), or BRSO.