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# RECOMMENDED ALL-SHARE MERGER BETWEEN LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP PLC AND DEUTSCHE BÖRSE AG

## **Update on the European Commission Phase II Proceedings**

On 28 September 2016, the European Commission ("Commission") announced the commencement of Phase II proceedings in connection with its review of the proposed merger between London Stock Exchange Group plc ("LSEG") and Deutsche Börse AG ("Deutsche Börse") (the "Merger").

LSEG and Deutsche Börse have constructively engaged with the Commission with respect to the Phase II process and today confirm that they have submitted commitments, comprising the proposed sale of LCH SA to Euronext N.V. as announced on 3 January 2017, in response to preliminary competition concerns raised and with a view to obtaining Commission clearance of the Merger. The Commission will now market test the commitments. As a result of this development, the Commission's review timetable is automatically extended by 15 working days to 3 April 2017.

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