Ryanair complains about Air France’s airports deal

The big figure: The value of deals Ryanair claims Air France benefited from

£1bn

Tom McCarthy

ryanair has filed a complaint with the European Commission against
Air France. The Irish carrier claims the French airline has gained unfair
advantage from the merger of its own airline alliance, Air Inter, with Air
France.

Ryanair's complaint claims that Air France has imposed unfair
conditions on Ryanair and its passengers. This includes higher
fees for Ryanair passengers to use the airports and air traffic
control policies that favor Air France's routes. Ryanair claims that
these conditions are anti-competitive.

Industry welcomes raise in threshold for audit exemption

Governments decided to raise the audit exemption threshold levels,
expanding the conditions under which companies are exempted
from annual audits.

According to the new rules, companies with less than €10 million
in annual turnover and assets of less than €30 million can avoid
an audit for three years.

BoI offices could make €150m

Cyril O’Connor

The Bank of Ireland group headquarters on Dublin's Sugar Loaf Square
has been put on the market, according to sources. The bank intends to
sell the site to raise funds for the future.

The sale of the 3.62-acre site would be a significant step forward for
the bank, which has been under pressure to reduce its debt.

The site is valued at around €150 million and could be sold to a
developer who would demolish the existing buildings and
construct a new office complex.

Professor gets Ulysses Award

Jameson glowers for Pernod Ricard

Alastair O'Brien

Jameson has introduced a new range of Irish whiskey,
announcing plans to expand its global reach.

The move comes just as the company introduces new plans, and
the move is expected to boost the company's turnover.

According to the European Commission, the merger of the two
companies is in line with the European Union's competition rules.

A new "high raises" annual meeting will be held in the spring,
where new members will be elected.

The meeting is expected to attract a large number of attendees,
and will be held on April 21st.

Paul Sherlock, chairman of the Irish Whiskey Association, said
Jameson is the "flagship" of the industry.

"We welcome the announcement of the new range, which will
boost sales in the USA," he said.

However, there was concern among industry leaders that
Jameson's move could undermine the market for other Irish
whiskey brands.

"We are concerned that this move could lead to a decrease in
consumption of other Irish whiskey brands," said one industry
leader.

Jameson has announced the expansion of its global
marketing and distribution network, with new offices planned in
Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

02 joining Vodafone on cheaper roaming

The deal will allow customers to choose between two providers
for their mobile phone services, offering them greater flexibility
and choice.

"This is an exciting development for consumers," said O'Brien.
"We are looking forward to seeing how this new service
develops in the coming months."
Professor gets Ulysses Award [SCHWAB PHOTO] UCD Ulysses Award was presented yesterday at Ivy House, Dublin to Professor Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum. Prof Schwab spoke on the Global Economy in 2006 and its implications for keland. JASON CLARKE

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