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Press release

Ramsay Générale de Santé has received the regulatory authorization from the French Competition Authority to acquire the Hôpital Privé Métropole Group in Lille

Ramsay Générale de Santé announces it has received the regulatory authorization from the French Competition Authority to acquire the Hôpital Privé Métropole Group (HPM) from the community of physicians, currently shareholders of the Group.

The deal that should be closed within the coming weeks will allow the Ramsay Générale de Santé Group, with the addition of the 9 care facilities operated by HPM, to become the clear leader in private hospitalization over the Lille health territory.

Générale de Santé, listed on the Euronext Paris Eurolist (formerly known as the Premier Marché) since June 2001, is included in the Midcac index. The leading group in the private hospital care sector in France, Générale de Santé has 20 000 employees, in 115 private hospitals and clinics, and works with 5,000 physicians, who represent the leading independent medical community in France. A major player in hospitalization, Générale de Santé provides a comprehensive range of patient care services spanning acute care, sub-acute care and rehabilitation, and mental health. Générale de Santé has an original healthcare offering, combining medical excellence, organizational efficiency and a human touch; it provides a seamless service with an individually adapted patient support package, before, during and after hospitalization. It takes part in public-service healthcare initiatives and forms part of the nationwide healthcare chain in France.

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