

MERGER AND ACQUISITION

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- **Proposed Amalgamation of Butterfly Gandhimati Appliances Limited (Butterfly) into Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Limited (Crompton)**

The board of directors of Butterfly and Crompton have approved a proposal for merger of Butterfly into Crompton.

22 Equity shares of Crompton shall be issued to against each 5 shares held in Butterfly. The scheme is pending regulatory and shareholder approvals.

It may be noted that in February 2022 Crompton had announced the acquisition of 81 per cent stake in Butterfly for Rs 2,076 crore.

The proposed merger intends to accelerate and smoothen the realisation of synergies of the combined business and also simplify corporate and governance structure and convergence of public shareholders of Butterfly at the parent level and align interests for shareholders of both companies.

Warburg Pincus exits PVR Limited

US-based global private equity firm, Warburg Pincus has sold its entire stake (2.49%) in Indian multiplex giant PVR Limited through a block deal. The transaction aggregated more than ₹380 crores. It is understood from newspaper reports that major domestic mutual funds were among the top buyers of PVR in the open market.

- **Reliance gets CCI approval for acquisition of Metro India**

Reliance Retail Ventures Limited, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited had signed definitive agreements to acquire the entire equity stake in Metro Cash and Carry India Limited for a cash consideration of INR 2,850 crores (subject to closing adjustments). Reliance has received CCI nod for the said acquisition from Germany based Metro AG's wholesale Indian operations. Through this acquisition Reliance intends to strengthen its retail position. Metro India operated through a cash and carry business format and operates 31 large format stores across 21 cities with a staff strength of over 3500.