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## Elior group strengthens its presence on the Contract Catering market in France

Elior group and Vivaë group's shareholders have signed an agreement whereby, subject to the approval of competition authorities, Elior will gain full control of Vivaë and its subsidiaries.

Vivaë is the 8th largest Contract Catering group in France, notably through companies like *L'Alsacienne de Restauration* and *Toques et Prestige*. It is also present in Luxemburg. Controlled by the independent capital investment company Quartus and by Roland Weller, founder of *L'Alsacienne de Restauration*, Vivaë group has 1,600 employees that work in 500 restaurants. In 2006 its turnover reached €92 million, mostly in Business and Industry, but also in the Healthcare and Education sectors.

In this way, Elior is developing its Contract Catering activity while strengthening its coverage, particularly in the East of France, and in the Île-de-France and Rhône-Alpes regions. *L'Alsacienne de Restauration* in particular enjoys high awareness in Alsace, where it owns a central kitchen and more specifically, manages a major, long-term contract with the Urban Community of Strasbourg.

This acquisition is in line with Elior group's growth dynamic that combines strong organic growth and external growth.

According to Elior Chairman Robert Zolade: *"This acquisition reinforces our growth strategy. It enriches our portfolio of activities and enables our core business expertise and that of Vivaë to be combined. We will be in a position to meet our customers' expectations even better, and tomorrow, those of Vivaë's customers too"*.

### About Elior ...

Founded in 1991, Elior ranks third in the European contracted foodservice and related services market. The Group enjoys major positions in Contract Catering & Facilities Management, and Concession Catering & Travel Retail. Its 60,000 employees serve 2.6 million customers daily at over 13,000 restaurants and points of sale in 14 countries. Elior is active in the Business & Industry, Education, Healthcare and Senior sectors, as well as travel (airports, railway stations, motorways), leisure & culture (museums, exhibition centres). The Group recorded turnover of € 3,001.7 million in 2006. For more information about the group: [www.elior.com](http://www.elior.com)

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