

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS STRENGTHENS GERMAN COMPETITION PRACTICE WITH HIRING OF COUNSEL DR FLORIAN HUERKAMP

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Global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills has further strengthened its Competition practice with the hiring of [Dr Florian Huerkamp](#) as a Counsel in Düsseldorf as of 1 May 2019.

Florian joins the firm from leading German life science and DAX 30 Company Bayer AG, where he was a lawyer in the in-house M&A team specialising in all aspects of EU and German competition law. Florian's range of responsibilities included the coordination of the worldwide merger-control filings for Bayer's successful acquisition of Monsanto. He also oversaw M&A projects in Australia, the US and Switzerland. Prior to working with Bayer, Florian was an associate with an international law firm.

In his new role at Herbert Smith Freehills Florian will continue to advise companies on German, European and global merger-control filings, cartel law issues (including follow-on litigation) and abuse-of-dominance matters. His experience includes procurement law, which complements the Competition, Regulation and Trade practice's broad offering and his sector focus covers regulated industries (such as energy), automotive, consumer products, agribusiness and general industries. His hiring follows the recently announced promotion of [Dr Marcel Nuys](#) and [Dr Marius Boewe](#) to the partnership.

*"It is a further step in building the practice around the existing team according to the demand of our clients", said [Dr Nico Abel](#), managing partner for Herbert Smith Freehills Germany. "Florian is an accomplished and transaction-experienced antitrust lawyer, who, due to his work with Bayer, has an in-depth understanding of the challenges companies are faced with in transactions."*

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