

# MERGER CONTROL

SUCCESSFULLY STEERING TRANSACTIONS THROUGH COMPETITION AND REGULATORY REVIEW WORLDWIDE

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Merger control regimes have multiplied across the globe, with effective merger control strategy and its execution key to the timing and success of many deals.

We partner with clients to identify antitrust risks and formulate a filing strategy at the outset, advising on optimum transaction structure, competition due diligence and guiding a transaction through competition and regulatory review to completion.

Our global team regularly advises on all aspects of securing clearances from antitrust regulators worldwide, where necessary developing, negotiating and implementing complex remedy packages. In cross-border transactions we coordinate multijurisdictional filings globally, ensuring a consistent and coherent approach.

We have significant expertise in handling in-depth reviews and in obtaining clearances based on innovative commitments, together with extensive experience dealing with the particular challenges of managing merger reviews in nascent competition regimes. Our thorough sector knowledge means we are well-placed to advise on a broad range of issues, including dealing with the interplay between competition and regulatory requirements in markets such as transport, infrastructure, water, telecommunications and energy.

Our team also has a significant track record in contentious merger control matters, both in appealing merger control decisions on behalf of both merging and third parties, and acting for clients seeking to challenge a merger of their competitors, customers or suppliers through the regulatory process.

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## RECENT EXPERIENCE

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**EDF**

Advising on the competition and regulatory aspects of its recommended £12.5 billion takeover of British Energy Group

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**SKY (PREVIOUSLY BSKYB)**

Advising on the competition law and merger control aspects of its acquisition of control of Sky Italia and Sky Deutschland, creating a leading multi-state EU broadcaster

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**BROOKFIELD**

Advising in the successful merger clearance for the consortium acquisition of Asciano, Australia's largest integrated port, logistics and rail business

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**MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL**

Advised in connection with Asia-Pacific merger control advice relating to its proposed US\$12.2 billion acquisition of Starwood

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**ABBVIE**

Advising on the competition law and merger control aspects of its proposed £32 billion acquisition of Shire

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## TELEFÓNICA

Advising on the European Commission's Phase II investigation into the £10.25 billion sale of its UK mobile business (O2) to Hutchison Whampoa (the owner of Three in the UK)

## OUR PEOPLE



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