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KEY SERVICES

Competition, Regulation and Trade

KEY SECTORS

Banks and other Financial Institutions
Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare

EXPERIENCE

Daniel advises international clients on the full spectrum of EU and UK competition law matters.

Daniel has acted on complex and challenging UK merger control cases and many high-profile, cross-border deals requiring regulatory approval in Brussels and in other jurisdictions. Daniel's transactional expertise is balanced with in-depth experience of behavioural and advisory matters, including EU and UK cartel investigations, with a particular focus on the financial services, mining, TMT and retail sectors.

Daniel's experience includes advising:

- AbbVie, Inc. on its US\$63bn acquisition of Allergan, one of the largest M&A deals

announced worldwide in 2019, with clearance subject to commitments negotiated with the European Commission

- Bauer Media on a series of transformative acquisitions made in the UK commercial radio sector which were subject to in-depth Phase 2 investigation by the UK Competition and Markets Authority, with clearance conditional on a set of sophisticated behavioural remedies.
- Weir plc on numerous complex international merger matters, including the US\$405 million disposal of its Oil and Gas business division in 2020 and the sale in 2019 of its flow-control business, with both deals subject to merger control and foreign direct investment clearances in numerous jurisdictions
- A leading investment bank on the European Commission's investigation into alleged foreign exchange rate manipulation.
- Canada Pension Planning Investment Board on EU merger control approval for joint venture arrangements in the financial services sector
- Elementis plc on its US\$600 million acquisition of mining company Mondo Minerals
- Électricité de France (EdF) on complex competition and regulatory aspects of its landmark development of the UK's first new nuclear power plant for a generation, Hinckley Point C