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Kyriakos is the Brussels Office Managing Partner and EMEA Regional Head of Practice for Competition, Regulation and Trade and deals with all aspects of European Union and United Kingdom competition law.

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BACKGROUND

Kyriakos studied law and European studies at the University of Athens (LLB), King's College London (LLM), University of Cambridge (MPhil in European Studies) and Columbia Law School, New York (LLM). He is qualified to practise in Greece and as a solicitor in England and Wales.

LATEST INSIGHTS

KEY SERVICES

Competition, Regulation and Trade
Merger Control

KEY SECTORS

Energy
Banks and other Financial Institutions

EXPERIENCE

Kyriakos has more than two decades of experience in competition law. He was formerly a European Commission official at the Directorate General for Competition's Merger Task Force and a R  f  rendaire (legal assistant) in the cabinet of the President of the General Court of the EU. Kyriakos's clients value his understanding of economic issues, and his insider knowledge gained at the European Commission and at the General Court.

Kyriakos advises international clients in sectors including TMT, pharma, energy and mining, consumer products, financial services and insurance, manufacturing, rail, and air transport on a range of areas including merger control (mergers and acquisitions, and joint ventures), cartels, antitrust investigations and advice, distribution agreements, dominance, and competition litigation before the EU courts.

Kyriakos works closely with the Herbert Smith Freehills network to provide advice on multi-jurisdictional transactions and investigations. He is particularly active in advising clients in Japan and manages Herbert Smith Freehills' cross-border Japan competition practice.

He is widely recognised as a leading competition lawyer – ranked in the Who's Who Legal Competition: Thought Leaders and other major directories – and has over 20 years of experience in competition law. Kyriakos is fluent in English, Greek and French.

Kyriakos' experience includes advising:

- Abbvie on obtaining EU merger control clearance for its US\$63 billion acquisition of Allergan
- BidFair USA on obtaining EU merger control clearance for its \$3.7 billion acquisition of Sotheby's
- Synthomer on obtaining EU merger control clearance for its US\$824 million acquisition of OMNOVA
- A leading bank on the high-profile investigation by the European Commission into a cartel in the spot foreign exchange (forex) market
- Google on its appeal before the EU General Court against the European Commission's decision in the Shopping/Search case
- Uber Technologies on the merger control and antitrust aspects of its JV with Yandex.Taxi; and on the merger control aspects of its US\$ 3.1 billion acquisition of Careem (the largest ride sharing provider in the Middle East)