

SUMMARY OF KEY EU MERGER CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS

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In a chapter written for Global Competition Review's 2021 EMEA Antitrust Review, our Brussels team sizes up the key developments in EU merger control.

This chapter discusses key recent jurisdictional, procedural and substantive developments in EU merger control, in particular (1) jurisdictional issues relating to Brexit and the operation of the EU and UK merger control regimes during and after the transition period, (2) the European Commission's tough stance against procedural infringements of the EU Merger Regulation, (3) the ongoing debate on 'European Champions' and the Commission's response to the presence of third country state-owned companies in the EU, (4) the updated foreign direct investment regime, (5) the Commission's evaluation of the Market Definition Notice, and (6) key themes regarding digital mergers. Also, it discusses the implications of covid-19 on EU merger regulation.

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