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With nearly 20 years' experience, Francesco has advised on many of the leading competition cases in Europe and beyond. His expertise covers global mergers, coordinated conduct, abuse of dominance, vertical issues, regulation and litigation. He regularly acts as expert witness in high-profile court proceedings in the UK, France and Italy, and has given oral evidence at a large number of public hearings before the European Commission, the General Court of the EU and the French *Autorité de la Concurrence*. He has also advised on a range of competition cases in many other jurisdictions in Europe and across the world.

Francesco holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and a PhD in Theoretical Physics from the University of Rome. Before joining RBB he held an academic position in Rome and undertook postdoctoral research at École Normale Supérieure in Paris. He has published widely on the economics of merger control, Article 101 and Article 102 TFEU, and speaks regularly at conferences and private seminars. A native Italian speaker, he is bilingual in English and French.

In recent years Francesco has worked for the acquirer or both merging parties in a number of EC phase II and significant phase I mergers before the EC and national authorities (e.g. Outotec/ Metso, Assa Abloy/ agta record, Tronox/ Cristal, Nordic Capital/ Intrum Justitia, Imerys/ Kerneos, Plastic Omnium/ Faurecia Exterior, Auchan/ Système U, Huntsman/ Rockwood).

In the area of cartels and coordinated conduct, Francesco has advised defendants on over 30 EC and national investigations and related appeals, as well as in follow-on damages litigation (selected EC cases include trucks, Euribor, ball bearings, Credit Default Swaps, laundry detergents and bananas, as well as tobacco and car rental at national level). In addition, he has advised on abuse of dominance issues such as foreclosure, discrimination and excessive pricing (e.g. TF1, SFR on-net, Qualcomm); vertical agreements (e.g. VBER reform, Luxottica, Heineken, Royal Canin and a range of FMCGs); competition policy issues related to IP licensing of standard-essential patents / FRAND royalties; and public affairs/regulatory matters (e.g. for La Chaine Info and Moody's).

Recent case experience

- Trucks investigation and damages
- Outotec / Metso Minerals
- Forex investigation and damages
- Euribor investigation
- Tronox / Cristal

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