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Miguel de la Mano is a Partner at RBB Economics, based in Brussels and Madrid. Miguel has over 20 years of experience in competition economics. He served as Deputy Chief Economist at the European Commission and Acting Chief Economist at the UK Competition Commission. He has been in private practice since 2015.

Miguel joined RBB in June 2022. Before he was an Executive Vice President at Compass Lexecon for 7 years. He joined the European Commission in late 2000 as a competition economist. In 2003 he became a member of the newly created Chief Economist Team. He was appointed Deputy Chief Economist in early 2009. From 2011-12 he was Acting Chief Economist at the UK Competition Commission.

He has co-drafted guidelines setting out the European Commission's analytical framework on merger control (HME and NHME), vertical and horizontal agreements (Article 101) as well as single firm conduct (Article 102). He also co-drafted "guidelines on the submission of economic evidence" for DG COMP and the "new market investigation guidelines" for the former UK Competition Commission.

Over the last 20 years, Miguel has worked in more than 40 in-depth merger and antitrust investigations. He has testified in dozens of high-profile cases. While at the EC he defended the EU Commission in several court proceedings and provided economic testimony to EU Courts.

He has written articles on EU competition policy and financial market regulation, with the aim of shaping and guiding EU enforcement and policymaking.

In recent years, he advised on many mergers such as Telefonica UK / Liberty (Virgin), Google/Fitbit, NVIDIA/ARM, E.On/Innogy, T-Mobile NL/Tele2 NL, The Walt Disney Company/21st Century Fox, Deutsche Börse/LSE, or NKT/ABB.

He completed graduate studies in economics at the Institute for World Economics in Kiel, Germany, and the European Institute at Saarbrücken University, Germany. He conducted his PhD research at Oxford University.

Recent case experience

- **NVIDIA/ARM**
Merger, EU / UK / RoW
- **Google/Fitbit**
Merger EU / UK
- **O2 / Liberty (Virgin)**
Merger EU / UK
- **Discovery/Warner**
Merger EU / UK / RoW
- **Qualcomm Rebates**
Article 102 EU
- **T-Mobile NL/Tele2 NL**
Merger EU
- **Walt Disney Company/21st Century Fox**
Merger EU
- **Portuguese Banks**
101 Information Exchange
- **Banco Popular Resolution**
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