



The winning Allen & Overy team with Paul Deacon of Deacon Search

COMPETITION TEAM OF THE YEAR

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Antonio Bavasso

ADVICE ON THE CREATION OF THE WIND/3 ITALIA JOINT VENTURE

Bavasso led the A&O team advising VimpelCom on competition aspects of the creation of the WIND/3 Italia joint venture, a deal which combines Italy's third and fourth-largest telecoms companies. To obtain merger control clearance for the joint venture from the European Commission, the firm was integral to negotiating remedy

commitments that involved WIND and 3 Italia providing the necessary assets for French mobile telecom company Iliad to build a network in Italy.

Getting the deal through was no small feat. This was the first time that the Commission has cleared a '4-to-3' consolidation since Commissioner Margrethe Vestager took office in October 2014 and follows the prohibition of Hutchison's acquisition of O2 in the UK in May 2016.

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Nigel Parr

Defended IHS Markit, which was at the heart of European Commission allegations of collusive behaviour and restrictive licensing practices in the credit default swap information market, including offering a novel set of commitments relating to its future market conduct.

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

Susan Black

HSF advised Arriva on the Phase II Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) merger control review of its completed acquisition of the Northern Rail franchise. This was the first UK rail franchise case to undergo a full Phase II review in over a decade and sets an important precedent.

TRAVERS SMITH

Nigel Seay

Travers obtained Phase I merger control clearance for client McColl's acquisition of an extensive portfolio of 298 grocery outlets from the Co-operative Group, a particularly notable achievement as both had overlapping local stores in more than 170 locations.

BRISTOWS

Pat Treacy

Successfully representing Google in High Court competition litigation brought by Streetmap, which had alleged that the introduction of a clickable Google Map on its search engine results page was giving Google an unfair advantage over other online mapping providers.

MISHCON DE REYA

Rob Murray

Successfully represented Sainsbury's in its competition damages claim against MasterCard over unlawfully high interchange fees. This was the first judgment in a series of damages actions brought by high-street retailers in the UK and Europe.

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