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# COMPETITION / ANTITRUST

AZB & Partners has been closely associated with the development of Competition Law in India. We have a highly sought after team, with substantial experience in- house, each bringing a unique perspective to our practice. By leveraging our expertise in M&A, corporate finance, complex litigation, IP and regulatory matters, our team provides seamless advice to ensure the best possible outcomes for our clients. Our clients include a number of MNCs and domestic conglomerates, spanning various industries, such as aviation, energy and infrastructure, information technology, life sciences, media & telecom and retail.

Our work includes:

- Cartels and leniency cases, from assistance in ‘dawn raids’ to internal investigations and audits, submissions and proceedings
- Anti-competitive vertical agreements
- Abuse of dominance in pricing related abuses
- Merger control
- Antitrust litigation, including representation of the Competition Commission of India (‘CCI’) in its first case before the Supreme Court

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Successfully represented Tata Motors Limited in its investigation before the CCI in relation to its commercial vehicle dealership agreements.



Representing Swiggy Limited before the CCI against the information filed by National Restaurant Association of India involving platform neutrality, price parity, and exclusivity concerns.



Currently representing Google before the CCI in an ongoing investigation regarding the Android platform, and the disputes with the Digital News Publishers.

AZB achieved the first ever settlement order under the Competition Act in the Android TV case, with the CCI approving Google's settlement proposal.



Successfully represented BCCI in securing an interim stay from the Delhi High Court in an ongoing investigation by the CCI into BCCI's alleged abuse of dominant position.

Additionally representing BCCI in an abuse of dominance case before the NCLAT.



Represented the Walt Disney Company and JioStar India Private Limited (erstwhile Star India Private Limited) in relation to a joint venture between Viacom18 Media Private Limited, a part of Reliance Industries Limited, and Star India Private Limited which aimed to combine the entertainment businesses (along with certain other businesses).



Currently representing JioStar India Private Limited against an abuse of dominance case filed by Asianet Digital Network Private Limited.



Advising LEGO on new product launches and choice of distribution channels in India.



Successfully represented Rane Brake Lining in the dismissal of the complainant's case before the NCLAT. The appeal was filed against the CCI's decision where they refrained from imposing a penalty when finding contravention.



Currently representing Mercedes Benz India Private Limited before the Supreme Court in an appeal against the Delhi High Court decision involving challenge to the constitutionality of certain provisions of the Competition Act.



Representing Abu Dhabi Investment Authority for their acquisition of shares in UPL Sustainable Solutions.



Successfully represented GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited against an appeal filed by the CCI alleging bid-rigging in the pharmaceutical industry.



Representing P&G in an appeal before the NCLAT challenging a Section 26(2) order passed by the CCI, which denied an investigation into an alleged abuse of dominance complaint against P&G.



Advising Saint Gobain on competition compliance and product distribution channels in India.



Represented Haldiram Snacks Private Limited and Haldiram Foods International Private Limited in relation to a demerger of their respective FMCG business into a single company by way of a court approved scheme.

## BOMBARDIER

Represented Bombardier Inc. in the sale of Bombardier Transportation railroad rolling stock and signalling business to Alstom SA.

## bharti

Represented Bharti in multiple transactions such as: (i) acquisition of the consumer mobile businesses of Tata Teleservices Limited and Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited; (ii) merger of Bharti Infratel Limited and Indus Towers Limited; (iii) acquisition of Telenor India (Communications) Private Limited; (iv) acquisition of Bharti AXA Life Insurance; and (v) stake swap in AgroTech Foods and Del Monte Foods.

## Uber

Successfully represented Uber India Systems Pvt. Ltd. in an investigation into alleged predatory pricing as well as loyalty inducing rebates/ discounts offered to its drivers.

## HITACHI

Represented Hitachi Ltd. in relation to its US\$ 11 billion acquisition of control over ABB Management Holding AG, which would house ABB Ltd.'s global power grids business.



Represented Goldman Sachs in relation to its acquisition of a stake in Sapphire Foods India Pvt. Ltd.

## WARBURG PINCUS

Represented Warburg Pincus in its acquisition of shareholding in IDFC First Bank.



Successfully represented Jindal Steel & Power Limited and ISPAT against allegations of cartelization before the Director General and secured a closure order terminating the investigation.



Currently representing Warner Bros. against a COMPAT order initiating investigation against major Hollywood studios on allegations of abuse of dominance.