

## Competition / Antitrust

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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

### TATA STEEL



Tata Steel on its (i) acquisitions in the Bhushan Steel Group, totaling US\$ 8 billion; and (ii) US\$ 600 million purchase of Usha Martin’s steel division.

Walt Disney on the Indian aspects of its US\$ 71.3 billion acquisition by Twenty-First Century Fox.



Bharti Airtel on several major consolidations in the Indian telecom sector, including, its (i) merger with Telenor; (ii) acquisition of Tata’s consumer mobile wireless business; and (iii) US\$ 14.6 billion merger with Indus Towers.



Reliance Industries with respect to (i) the sale of its natural gas pipeline business to Brookfield for US\$ 2.47 billion; (ii) its US\$ 312 million purchase of Den Networks; and (iii) CCI clearance for the proposed acquisition of Alok Industries.

### syngenta



Syngenta International on the Indian aspects of its US\$ 43 billion takeover by China National Chemical Corporation.

The Softbank Group on several technology and e-commerce deals, including its investments in (i) Uber; (ii) FlipKart for US\$ 2.4 billion; and (iii) PayTM for US\$ 1.4 billion.



GlaxoSmithKline on (i) CCI clearances on sale of its business to Unilever and the purchase of Pfizer’s consumer healthcare business; and (ii) successfully overturning a penalty for alleged bid rigging.



General Electric on the Indian aspects of its (i) US\$ 7.4 billion merger of its oil and gas business with Baker Hughes; and (ii) acquisition of Alstom for US\$ 10 billion.

### KKR



KKR and Radiant Life Care on their US\$ 1 billion acquisition of the Max Group’s healthcare businesses.

Larsen and Toubro on its majority share purchase of Mindtree for approximately US\$ 1.5 billion.



### TATA MOTORS



Mercedes-Benz India and Tata Motors on a constitutional challenge of certain provisions of the Competition Act.

Sachin Bansal Group, in relation to its acquisition of the Essel Mutual Fund, involving the first ever ‘green channel’ approval from the CCI.



Several companies in relation to their leniency applications, preparations for dawn raids, etc.



Lafarge S.A. in relation to the Indian aspects of its US\$ 46 billion merger with Holcim.



Roche in relation to its challenge against the CCP’s decision to investigate the company.



Google in its defense of (i) claims of infringement relating to abuse of dominance; and (ii) allegations of abuse of dominance in the ‘AdWords’ program.