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Joaquín Hervada is a Litigation and Regulatory Partner, Head of our EU & Competition department and Co-Head of our ESG practice in Spain.

Joaquín is a non-governmental advisor to the Spanish competition authority, won the Iberian Lawyer 40 under 40 award at 36 years old and is ranked in major directories including Chambers, Legal500, Acritas Stars, Best Lawyers and Who's Who Legal.

His professional practice covers all areas of EU and competition law, from mergers and acquisitions to infringement procedures and competition litigation.

In the field of merger control, he advises regularly in the structure of transactions (including acquisition structures, restructurings, divestments and strategic alliances) and in the preparation and filing of notifications before competition authorities.

As for infringements and competition litigation, he has participated in numerous infringement procedures for cartels or other anticompetitive practices, assisting clients during competition on-site investigations as well as with submissions and appeals before Spanish and EU courts and authorities. He also acts in claims for damages arising from antitrust infringements and other competition litigation.

• EU Law and Policy

English French Spanish

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

- Advising Atlantia in the public bid over Abertis
- Advising CVC Capital Partners on the sale of Quironsalud
- Advising Oaktree on the sale of Panrico to Bimbo
- Advising IDC Salud on the acquisitions of Grupo Hospitalario Quirón, Grupo Ruber and other hospital groups
- Advising Vodafone on the acquisition of Spanish cable operator ONO

- Advising CVC Capital Partners on the acquisition of Deoleo
- Advising Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) on the acquisition of certain business branches of Grupo Alfonso Gallardo
- Representing a leading cosmetics manufacturer in Spain in various proceedings before the Spanish national competition authority concerning alleged price-fixing and information exchange agreements
- Advising Advent International on its investments in Maxam, the European leader and third-largest worldwide producer in the civil explosives sector, and in Tinsa, a leader in property valuation, analysis and real estate advisory services
- Advising the French savings banks (Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Epargne -CNCE- and Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires -BFBP-) on the Spanish aspects of their merger to create Groupe BPCE

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Abogado registered with Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid

Prior Experience

- 2012 - to date, DLA Piper
- 2011 - 2012, International Law Firm, London visiting lawyer
- 2007 - 2012, Spanish Law Firm

Recognitions

- Chambers Europe – Up and Coming
Department head Joaquín Hervada wins praise for his "great capability and knowledge of competition matters". He assists clients with merger control, day-to-day regulatory advice and appeals against CNMC rulings before the high court.
- Legal 500 – Next Generation Partner
"Joaquin Hervada has exceptional skills, not only from the technical side but also to understand and anticipate the client's business needs. He is directly involved in managing cases, advising with very good judgement"
- NGA to the Spanish Competition Authority
- Acritas Star 2020
- Iberian 40 under 40 Award

Education

- Postgraduate Diploma, King's College University of London, United Kingdom, 2010
- Law Degree and Diploma in Economics, Universidad Pontificia de Comillas - ICADE, Madrid, 2007
- Wellesley House, United Kingdom, 1994-1995
- Saint Patrick's School, Madrid, Spain

Memberships

- Spanish competition association - Member of the Board

INSIGHTS

Publications

European Commission publishes long-awaited updated regulation and guidelines on vertical agreements

18 August 2021

The European Commission recently published its proposed revised Vertical Block Exemption Regulation and Draft Vertical Guidelines. The new Regulation and guidelines are being brought in to replace the current Regulation which came into force in 2010 and is due to expire on 31 May 2022.

Spain - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

Multi-jurisdiction guide for screening foreign investments

26 May 2021

The aim of this guide is not to substitute proper due diligence and specialized advice when conducting business, it will hopefully help the reader navigate the different FDI regimes. Particularly in this complex context and in view of the proliferation of new regimes, by explaining the key aspects of regimes including main issues to consider, thresholds and proceedings to take into consideration when investing in our globalized world.

Incoming update of the Spanish competition legislation

6 August 2020

On 31 July 2020 the Spanish Government released its proposal to amend the Spanish Competition Act. The background is the implementation of EU Directive ECN+, but Government has taken the opportunity to introduce other changes.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Knorr Bremse on the acquisition of a majority stake in Cojali

15 June 2022

DLA Piper has advised Knorr-Bremse and its subsidiary Knorr-Bremse Systeme für Nutzfahrzeuge GmbH on the acquisition of a majority stake of 55 percent in Cojali S.L.

DLA Piper advises Nemetschek on acquisition of DEXMA by subsidiary Spacewell

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Nemetschek group, one of the world's leading software providers for the Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Owner-operated (AECO) industry, on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in DEXMA by its subsidiary Spacewell.
