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Education

LL.M., Maastricht University, 1997

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Bar Admissions

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Giorgio Motta has more than 25 years of experience in European Union (EU), Italian and international antitrust merger control and cartel enforcement.

Mr. Motta advises clients on antitrust aspects of mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures. He has been involved in some of the most high-profile and complex merger control cases in numerous transactions requiring international antitrust merger control approvals, both in Europe and on a worldwide basis, for companies in the energy, telecommunications, financial services, pharmaceutical, consumer goods and many other industries. Mr. Motta is part of Skadden's Italian practice that repeatedly has been named Best Italian Desk by *TopLegal*.

Mr. Motta also advises clients on state aid and cartels, as well as EU and Italian competition law issues relating to vertical restraints and dominance. He has represented clients in Article 101 investigations in relation to cartels, trade association membership, strategic alliances, distribution arrangements and other vertical agreements, both before the European Commission and the Italian Competition Authority.

Mr. Motta's recent experience includes advising on the following transactions:

- Xilinx, Inc. in its \$35 billion acquisition by Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
- SK hynix, Inc. in its \$9 billion acquisition of the NAND memory and storage business of Intel Corporation
- Hanwha Group with respect to the unconditional EU approval (and other regulatory filings) of its \$1.45 billion acquisition of Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co.
- Castik Capital and its portfolio company TBAuctions in its bolt-on acquisition of Swedish online auction platform Klaravik
- International Paper Company in its \$812 million sale of its pulp and paper mill in Kwidzyn, Poland, to Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG
- WABCO Holdings Inc. in its \$7 billion acquisition by ZF Friedrichshafen AG
- Hg in connection with its:
 - acquisition of Benevity, Inc. alongside General Atlantic, JMI Equity and the Benevity management team
 - acquisition of Gen II Fund Services LLC as part of a consortium along with General Atlantic and IHS Markit
 - investments in Litera Microsystems and Visma
 - £410 million sale of U.K.-based visual effects producer Foundry to Roper Technologies, a U.S.-headquartered technology company specializing in niche markets
- A. Schulman, Inc. in its \$2.25 billion acquisition by LyondellBasell Industries N.V.
- HighQ Solutions Limited in its sale to Thomson Reuters Corporation

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- International Paper Company in its acquisition of two packaging businesses in northwestern France and Portugal from DS Smith Plc
 - I Squared Capital in its acquisition of PEMA from Société Générale
 - HP Inc. in its acquisition of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd's printer business
 - E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in its merger-of-equals with The Dow Chemical Company
 - Rockwell Collins Inc. in its acquisition of B/E Aerospace Inc.
 - Konecranes Plc in connection with:
 - the global antitrust aspects of its proposed, but terminated, merger with Cargotec Corporation
 - its proposed acquisition of Terex Corporation's material handling and port solutions unit; and its proposed, but terminated, all-stock merger with Terex Corporation

Mr. Motta has been repeatedly selected as one of the world's leading practitioners in *Who's Who Legal: Competition*. He also has been recognized by *The Legal 500 EMEA* and *Best Lawyers* for his work in antitrust/competition and EU law. Mr. Motta serves as a non-governmental adviser for the activities of the International Competition Network, as well as a visiting professor at the University of Lille, where he teaches a course on EU Merger Control Law.

Recent Publications

"New UK Law Will Give CMA Broad Powers To Boost Competition in Digital Markets," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 2, 2023

"UK To Revamp Merger Control, Expanding CMA's Jurisdiction and Making Procedures More Flexible," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 2, 2023

"Merger Control and the Increase in Deal Uncertainty," *Financier Worldwide Magazine*, March 23, 2023

"EU Court of Justice Faults European Commission for Expansive Interpretation of State Aid in Tax Rulings," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, November 22, 2022

"Antitrust Enforcers Intensify Scrutiny of Private Equity Deals," *Competition Policy International's Antitrust Chronicle*, October 27, 2022

"EU Digital Markets Act Enters Into Force on November 1, Creating New Regulatory Regime for Large Tech Platforms," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, October 12, 2022

"EU and UK Revamp Antitrust Rules on Distribution Arrangements," *Skadden Insights*, June 2022