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Giovannelli e Associati launches Antitrust and FDI department with Matteo Farneti as partner

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Giovannelli e Associati has launched an Antitrust and FDI department, led by Matteo Farneti, who joins the firm's partnership.

Giovannelli e Associati announces the launch of its Antitrust and FDI department, with the arrival in the partnership of **Matteo Farneti**, who will head it.

Farneti has over twenty years of experience gained at leading Italian and international law firms, in Italy and in Brussels, in the area of Italian and European competition law (including State aid), in relation to the Italian FDI legislation on foreign direct investment (so-called Golden Power), in the field of consumer protection and unfair commercial practices, and in the media and publishing regulation sector. He regularly assists clients before the AGCM (Italian Competition Authority), the Italian Government, the European Commission, the AGCOM (Italian Communications Authority) and the various competent Italian and European administrative and judicial bodies.

The new Antitrust and FDI department responds to a growing demand for specialist assistance, linked to an increasingly articulated regulatory and enforcement framework, also due to recent legislative changes that have given competition and foreign investment control authorities new

and more incisive powers. In this scenario, oversight of antitrust, FDI/Golden Power and consumer protection issues is an essential element in business strategy planning.

The department will work closely with the firm's M&A and Corporate department. The assessment of antitrust and FDI/Golden Power aspects will be integrated into all phases of extraordinary transactions, from the preliminary feasibility analysis through to the management of notifications to the authorities and standstill obligations. This integrated approach allows the firm to offer clients complete and coordinated assistance, to reduce execution times and to assess in good time the regulatory risks that may affect the structure, timing and value of transactions.

"The arrival of Matteo Farneti and the launch of the Antitrust and FDI department are an important step in our growth plan. Today, the antitrust and FDI/Golden Power components are decisive for the success of many extraordinary transactions. Integrating them with our M&A practice allows us to assist clients with a unified vision, from structuring the transaction to closing. We are happy to welcome a professional of his caliber." (**Alessandro Giovannelli**, Managing Partner of Giovannelli e Associati)

"I am delighted to join Giovannelli e Associati and to lead the new department. Competition law (Italian and EU), FDI/Golden Power legislation and consumer protection law are increasingly central to companies' strategic choices, and they ask for assistance able to combine knowledge of the practices of the competent authorities with a full understanding of business objectives. Collaborating with such a consolidated M&A team will allow us to offer clients a truly integrated service." (Matteo Farneti)

With this arrival, Giovannelli e Associati takes a further step forward in its growth plan.

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