

# HK Competition Law – Current Trends and Outlook for 2022



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## **Hong Kong Competition Law – Current Trends and Outlook for 2022**

Around the world, regulators continued to step up antitrust scrutiny in 2021, with antitrust enforcement making front-page news around the globe. What is the antitrust trajectory in Hong Kong and what are the Competition Commission's priorities now and going forward?

In this annual event, our panel of experts will examine the evolution of the Hong Kong Competition Ordinance including key developments, enforcement trends and future enforcement outlook.

This year we are again delighted to have the current Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Commission, Rasul Butt as our keynote speaker.

This will be followed by a panel discussion where we will

be joined by Jindrich Kloub, Executive Director (Operations) of the Competition Commission, Freshfields partner Alastair Mordaunt (Co-head Asia Antitrust and Hong Kong Office Managing Partner), Freshfields partner Hazel Yin (Co-head China Antitrust) and Freshfields senior associate Laurent Bougard.

We hope you can join us and participate in what promises to be an informative webinar. Attendees to our webinar will be able to participate in a live Q&A session. The webinar is jointly hosted by Freshfields and the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and is being accredited with 1 CPD point (to be confirmed and subject to Law Society approval).

### **About the speakers**



**Alastair** is the co-head of Freshfields' antitrust practice in Asia, based in Hong Kong. He also co-heads the firm's foreign investment skills group. He has more than 20 years of regulator and private practice experience, advising clients on merger control, foreign investment review and antitrust investigations. This includes four years as a senior official at the UK's competition authority, the Office of Fair Trading.

Alastair's practice covers competition-related work across Hong Kong, mainland China and the rest of the Asia-Pacific region. He has previously worked in the firm's offices in London, Brussels and Washington DC.

His extensive experience both at the regulator and as a private practitioner across three continents gives him a deep understanding of working effectively with regulators and devising successful strategies for his clients in the context of transactional and investigatory work.

Alastair is ranked as a leading lawyer in the legal directories for antitrust and foreign investment.



**Hazel Yin** is a partner and co-head of the Freshfields' China competition practice, based in Beijing. Hazel specialises in antitrust and competition law matters in China and the Asia-Pacific region with a focus on domestic and international merger control, antitrust investigations and compliance.

Hazel has a wealth of expertise representing both Chinese companies and multinational clients in relation to some of the most complex merger control matters and investigations in China. Hazel also assists clients coordinating multi-jurisdictional merger control filings,

national security and foreign investment reviews. Hazel is one of the few lawyers who have handled national security review cases in China.

Before joining Freshfields, Hazel worked in one of the leading Chinese law firms for 13 years and at a US law firm (in Washington D.C.) for 9 months.

Hazel is ranked as a leading lawyer in legal directories for antitrust and foreign investment.





**Mr. Jindrich Kloub** was appointed to the position of Executive Director (Operations) of the Competition Commission (Commission) in October 2017.

Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Kloub was an official at Directorate-General for Competition (DG Competition) of the European Commission from 2006 until 2017, dealing primarily with cartel enforcement and related policies. Mr. Kloub has vast experience with investigations across a variety of industries and was involved in some of the most prominent cases in the global financial sector in recent years. Prior to joining DG Competition, Mr. Kloub

was in private practice, dealing with litigation and corporate work.

Mr. Kloub obtained his law degree at the Charles University in Prague and received an LL.M. from Columbia University in New York, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He is a frequent speaker and author of articles on competition law and has taught university courses on EU competition law in Belgium and France.





**Laurent** is a senior associate in Freshfields' antitrust, competition and trade group, based in Hong Kong. He was previously based in Brussels. His practice encompasses both transactional and behavioural antitrust mandates, with a particular focus on global merger control investigations.

Laurent has extensive experience with EUMR proceedings including complex Phase I and Phase II investigations requiring remedies. His international experience also spans Asian merger control regimes, including among others those of Mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea and Singapore. He has represented clients, including institutional investors, across a diverse range of industrial and regulated sectors.



**Mr. Rasul Butt** was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Commission (Commission) in May 2021.

Mr. Butt joined the Commission in April 2015 as Executive Director (Corporate Services & Public Affairs), and was appointed to the position of Senior Executive Director in July 2016 overseeing the policy advisory, advocacy and corporate functions of the Commission.

Before joining the Commission, Mr. Butt spent more than 16 years at the Urban Renewal Authority, Hong Kong where his last position was General Manager (Corporate

Planning). His main focus was formulating urban renewal policies and strategies.

Mr. Butt obtained his Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom, followed by Master of Laws (Public Law) from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales (Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn) and the Hong Kong Bar. He had worked as Head of Compliance of the Futures & Options unit of a merchant bank in Malaysia in mid-1990s. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law and Arbitration from the University of Hong Kong, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Banking and Insurance from the Institute of Islamic Banking and Insurance, London where he is an Associate Fellow.

***Details on how to join will be sent via email by 5pm the day before the webinar.***

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