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Giorgio Motta is the head of Skadden's Brussels office. He has more than 25 years of experience in EU and international merger control and antitrust 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 also counsels clients on EU state aid and foreign subsidies matters, as well as EU and international 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 European Courts.

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

- KONE Corporation in connection with its pending combination with TK Elevator GmbH, a portfolio company of a consortium led by Advent International and Cinven, at a €29.4 billion enterprise value. This is the largest-ever acquisition by a strategic buyer from private equity in Europe to date and one of the region's largest takeovers in years
- Prada S.p.A. in its €1.25 billion acquisition of Gianni Versace S.r.l. from Capri Holdings Limited
- Ansys, Inc. in its acquisition by Synopsys, Inc. at an enterprise value of \$35 billion
- International Paper Company in its:
 - \$9.9 billion acquisition of DS Smith Plc
 - \$812 million sale of its pulp and paper mill in Kwidzyn, Poland, to Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG
 - acquisition of two packaging businesses in northwestern France and Portugal from DS Smith Plc
- Juniper Networks, Inc. in its \$14 billion acquisition by Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- Splunk Inc. in its \$28 billion acquisition by Cisco Systems, Inc.
- 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
- 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
- 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 *Lexology Index: Competition*. He was named a 2025 Litigation Star for Belgium - Competition/Antitrust by *Benchmark Litigation Europe* and has also been recognized by *The Legal 500 EMEA* and *Best Lawyers* for his work in antitrust/competition and EU law. In addition, he has been honored as one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers. 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

- “EC’s Draft Merger Guidelines Open New Arguments for Merger Parties,” *Skadden Publication*, May 2026
- “The EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation: What the New Guidelines Mean in Practice,” *Corporate Disputes*, April-June 2026
- “Navigating the EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation: New Guidelines, Growing Enforcement and What Lies Ahead,” *Skadden Publication*, January 2026
- “EU Road Map for Clean Industries: A New State Aid Approach,” *Skadden Publication*, September 2025
- “Merger Control in a Changing Global Context: Four Key Themes for Dealmakers,” *Skadden Publication*, July 2025
- “UK Competition Authority Launches Consultation on Merger Remedies: A Shift Toward Flexibility and Growth?” *The M&A Lawyer*, April 2025, and *Skadden Publication*, March 2025
- “The EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation Beds Down: 10 Enforcement Trends,” *Skadden Publication*, October 2024
- “Your Homework Will Be Graded: The ECJ’s *Apple* Decision and Its Implications for International Tax,” *Skadden Publication*, September 2024
- “European Commission Blocked From Reviewing Below-Threshold Mergers,” *Skadden Publication*, September 2024
- “EU Cleantech Policy: Navigating the Regulatory Maze For Investors,” *Financier Worldwide*, July 2024
- “European Commission Turns Focus to Competition in Labour Markets, Targeting Wage-Fixing and No-Poach Agreements,” *Skadden Publication*, June 2024
- “U.K. Revamps Merger Control, Expanding CMA’s Jurisdiction and Making Procedures More Flexible,” *Thomson Reuters’ FinTech Law Report*, May-June 2024
- “UK Enacts a New Digital Regime Regulating the Conduct of Major Tech Platforms,” *Skadden Publication*, May 2024
- “UK Revamps Merger Control, Expanding CMA’s Jurisdiction and Making Procedures More Flexible,” *Skadden Publication*, May 2024