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Saattvic has been advising public and private sector clients in Europe and Asia on antitrust and regulatory matters since 2008. He has worked at a leading law firm and several economic consultancies. In addition to conducting economic analysis, he has contributed towards preparing legal submissions and opinions, represented clients before the Indian competition regulator, and managed teams of lawyers in obtaining merger approvals.

Saattvic has provided expert evidence and testimony in several major antitrust proceedings in Asia. For Google, he was called to testify during an investigation into Google Play in Indonesia, and has authored reports during Indian investigations into Google Play, GPay and Android TV. His opinion was extensively cited by Indian authorities in an order upholding hotel aggregator FabHotels' complaint against online booking platform MakeMyTrip. His opinion supporting Maruti Suzuki marked the first time efficiencies were argued in an Indian resale price maintenance case. His report in the *ChrysCapital / Intas* acquisition introduced Indian authorities to quantitative common ownership analysis methods and was instrumental in eliminating unilateral effects concerns.

He has also contributed extensively towards expert evidence and legal submissions in other antitrust proceedings.

He has advised on complex mergers and acquisitions, including every Phase II transaction in India since 2017 (Bayer / Monsanto, Praxair / Linde and Schneider / L&T) and Sun / Oracle in Europe. He has advised on other notable transactions, including Reliance / Den / Hathway, Vodafone / Idea, AION / JSW / Monnet, ArcelorMittal / Essar and CPPIB / Delhivery in India; Invitrogen / Applied Biosystems and Dow / Rohm and Hass in Europe, and San Miguel / Holcim in the Philippines.

He has supported several clients through abuse of dominance proceedings, including Ramco during a cartel investigation; ACC during its appeal against a cartel infringement decision; Facebook and Uber during predatory pricing proceedings; and Monsanto India during abuse of dominance proceedings.

He has contributed towards non-litigation related competition studies for several European public and private sector clients, in sectors including the legal professions, urban mass transit systems, utilities and education. He also has extensive policy and regulatory experience. He carried out numerous impact assessment and policy evaluation studies for clients in India and Europe in the education, transport, telecoms and utilities sectors. He has also undertaken advocacy studies in the European defence, retail, public procurement, tobacco and sports sectors.

He is in the final stages of obtaining a PhD in Strategy and Business Economics from the University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business. He holds an MPhil in Economics (with distinction) from Oxford University and a BA (Hons) in Economics from Delhi University.