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Valeri Bozhikov is a partner in the London office of Gibson Dunn. He is a member of the firm's Antitrust and Competition Group.

Valeri has extensive experience advising clients from a diverse range of industries on EU, UK, and international competition law, with a particular focus on merger control and foreign investment. He has routinely represented clients before the European Commission, the UK CMA, and the German Federal Cartel Office.

He is recognised in the *Legal 500 UK* 2024 directory as a Key Lawyer for EU and Competition and in the category Ones to Watch for Competition Law in the 2025 *Best Lawyers* edition.

Valeri graduated with a Master of Law (LLM) from Kings College London and a Magister Juris from Sofia University. He is admitted to practice in England and Wales, Belgium and Bulgaria.

As of 2023, Valeri is a visiting professor at Queen Mary, University of London.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, he was a Special Counsel in the Competition practice group at another major international law firm.

Valeri's select representations include:*

- KKR and the consortium of KKR and Energy Capital Partners on the proposed £5.75 billion take-private acquisition of DCC Energy plc, an international energy sales and distribution group, and a constituent of the FTSE 100. This will be KKR's largest public-to-private transaction in Europe in more than a decade
- KKR on:
    - NetSPI's merger with Synack
    - The $4.2 acquisition of EDF's North American renewable energy operations
    - The investment in Fresha
    - The investment in Biosynth and subsequent add-on acquisitions
    - Follow-on investments in Paddle, Ornikar and Reserv
- I Squared Capital on the merger control clearances for a global infrastructure joint venture, including EU, Brazil and China filings
- Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) in an Equitix-led consortium on the acquisition of a 50% co-control stake in Viridor, the UK's largest energy-from-waste platform

Capabilities

Antitrust and Competition

National Security

Credentials

Education

King's College London - 2014 Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Sofia University - 2012 Magister Juris

Admissions

Bulgaria - Plovdiv Bar Association

Belgium - Balie Brussel (Nederlandstalige sectie)

England & Wales – Solicitor

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- Brown-Forman on an antitrust matter
- Morgan Stanley 1GT on the antitrust and FDI aspects of its investments in Huel and other portfolio companies
- The Lycra Company on the regulatory aspects of its Chapter 11 restructuring
- Thoma Bravo in numerous transactions, including its acquisitions of Ping Identity for $2.8 billion and Darktrace for $5.3 billion, its portfolio company Ping Identity's acquisition of ForgeRock for $2.3 billion, its portfolio company Proofpoint's acquisition of Hornetsecurity, its portfolio company Flexera's acquisitions of Snow Software and the USU GmbH, and its portfolio company LogRhythm's merger with Exabeam
- Viavi's attempted $1.3 billion public takeover of Spirent Communications plc
- AEA Investors in numerous transactions, including its acquisition of Excelitas, Scan Global Logistics, Process Sensing Technologies, Scio Automation
- Aleris Corporation in its acquisition by Novelis for $2.8 billion, which resulted in Phase 2 (in-depth) reviews in the EU and China
- Leidos in its acquisition of L3Harris' Security, Detection and Automation business for $1 billion
- Towebrook Capital Partners on multiple transactions, including the investment in GMC Group, the acquisition of IDAK Food Group and the $8.9 billion acquisition of R1 RCM (together with CD&R)
- Allergan (now part of AbbVie) before the UK CMA in the hydrocortisone investigation and the subsequent appeals before the Uk Competition Appeal Tribunal

**Some of these representations occurred prior to Valeri's association with Gibson Dunn.*

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