

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION

M. Firon & Co.'s Antitrust and Competition Department has for many years been ranked as one of the leading and highest quality practices in Israel in this field, and the department's partners are known and reputable both in Israel and overseas. As one of the longest-established departments in Israel in this area of law, the team has significant experience and proven abilities in providing advice on competition and antitrust to leading Israeli and international companies, on agreements and complex transactions, and on joint mergers and acquisitions.

The antitrust team continually strives to support clients in order to ensure the maximum freedom of commercial activity within the law. The team has many years of expertise in consultancy, presentation, and obtaining approvals for merger and acquisition deals, even in markets with little competition and in cross-border transactions, where the firm provides ongoing support for its clients - including many market leaders and even companies holding a monopoly - in their routine management to ensure compliance with the requirements of the law and the competition regulator. The firm's lawyers have an impressive record of appearances and negotiations with the Israel Competition Authority.

The team has successfully represented the firm's clients in all types of litigation proceedings in the field, including class action suits, proceedings in the competition tribunal, and criminal proceedings in the District Court and the Supreme Court. The firm provides its clients with strategic consultancy regarding all aspects of competition law. Among others, the firm provides major financial and real economy organizations with close support on the Law to Promote Competition and Reduce Concentration (Concentration Law) and offers advice to its clients engaged in commerce and distribution on the Law to Promote Competition in the Food Sector.

The department's lawyers are also experienced in preparing and integrating internal compliance programs to suit the organization needs and comply with the antitrust instructions for commercial companies and professional associations.

M. Firon & Co.'s clients in the field of competition and antitrust include the largest and best-known companies operating in the Israeli economy, in such areas as defense, energy, tourism and aviation, pharmaceuticals, distribution, insurance, finance, infrastructure, and more. The firm also supports many international companies in their activities in Israel. The firm's clients enjoy first-rate professional support with an approach that promotes transactions with maximum caution and responsibility, from lawyers with decades of experience in the field (formerly with the competition authorities in Israel, the US, and the EU), a thorough understanding of the sector, essential experience in all enforcement and litigation proceedings, and out-of-the-box thinking.

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COMPREHENSIVE AND FULL SERVICE INCLUDES:

Advice on Competition Law, the Concentration Law, and the Food Law;

Advice on restrictive arrangements and collaborations between corporations;

Negotiations in mergers and designing optimal transactions in view of the

Competition Law;

Submitting merger notifications for domestic and crossborder M&A transactions;

Litigation in Competition cases, including representation in court:

Designing and integrating internal compliance programs; Support in all areas of administrative and criminal enforcement.

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