

Press release

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Bas Dessens promoted to Director in London office

European economics consultancy E.CA Economics has announced the promotion of Bas Dessens to Director. He will be responsible for business activities at the London office.

Bas Dessens, who was previously a Principal at E.CA Economics, joins the leadership team with the promotion. "Bas has been an important and well-trusted colleague at E.CA for many years and we are excited to grow our business with him in this position, particularly in the UK and the Netherlands," says Hans W. Friederiszick, Managing Director and one of the founders of E.CA Economics.

Rainer Nitsche, Managing Director and co-founder of E.CA Economics, explains "Bas has successfully managed large teams in time-sensitive large merger cases and his economic expertise added notable value to our clients in the full range of projects he led."

Bas has been with E.CA Economics since 2006, and has extensive experience in the field of competition economics. He has supported clients in cases related to state aid, mergers, cartels, abuse of dominance, regulation and market investigations in a broad range of sectors. In particular, his work has focussed on damage assessments related to cartel/information exchange cases (e.g. trucks, smart-card chips, air cargo), and economic analysis in the context of merger proceedings (e.g. *Holcim/Lafarge*, *Knauf/Armstrong*, *EssilorLuxottica/GrandVision*).

Bas supported clients on cases brought before the European Commission and various national competition authorities, and brings agency experience. He was seconded to the UK Competition Commission (the Competition and Markets Authority's predecessor), where he worked on several merger proceedings and a market investigation. Prior to joining E.CA, Bas served as a consultant for a business consultancy in the Netherlands. Bas holds master's degrees from Tilburg University in the Netherlands and the Humboldt University of Berlin in the areas of business and economics.

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We contribute substantial value to our clients by providing tailor-made advice built on robust economic analyses and thorough research. As a partner of ESMT Berlin, a leading business school in Germany, E.CA Economics can draw on the latest economic research. On transatlantic cases, we work jointly with our US partner firm, Bates White LLC. E.CA Economics has been named in Global Competition Review's annual ranking of the Top 21 consultancies for antitrust economics advice since 2008. www.e-ca.com