

Press release

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E.CA Economics joins global consulting firm BRG, strengthening European competition economics capabilities

E.CA Economics today announced that it has joined global consulting firm BRG, marking an important step in the firm's continued development and strengthening its position in the field of competition economics.

BRG is a global consulting firm with more than 1,600 professionals operating across more than 40 offices in the US, EMEA, APAC and Latin America. Its service lines span economics, disputes and investigations, corporate finance and performance improvement. BRG's Antitrust & Competition practice brings together leading experts with extensive experience before competition authorities worldwide.

The combination brings together the two firms' presence in Brussels and London while establishing a combined platform in Germany, supported by the resources and reach of a global consulting network. It creates the most comprehensive German-language competition economics capability in the market, uniting E.CA's long-established leadership in the German-speaking region with BRG's existing German speaking professionals across Europe.

The enhanced European Antitrust & Competition practice brings together two former Chief Economists of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition (DG Comp), Lars-Hendrik Röller and Kai-Uwe Kühn, alongside six Lexology Index Global Elite Thought Leaders in competition economics. Collectively, the group has nearly a century of experience across DG Comp, the UK Competition and Markets Authority, the US Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice, and other competition authorities worldwide.

Commenting on the transaction, Hans W. Friederiszick, Managing Director and partner at E.CA Economics, said: "A commitment to excellence, academic rigour and senior-level case experience is a shared value proposition. Scale, regional scope and enthusiasm are additional benefits – this is an exciting time for our group!"

Rainer Nitsche, Managing Director and partner at E.CA Economics, added: "We are delighted to join BRG as we see a perfect fit in terms of culture and approach to our work. The combined entity will have a solid footprint in all large European states which further underpins our capability to handle international mergers and damage litigation cases."

David Sunding, Vice Chairman at BRG and leader of the firm's global Economics, Disputes and Investigations community, commented: "We are delighted to welcome such a distinguished group of experts and professionals to BRG. E.CA has earned an outstanding reputation in the market, underpinned by rigorous economic thinking and a distinctive blend of creativity and robustness. This approach perfectly aligns with BRG's commitment to rigour, independence and deep expert insight, and our promise to deliver intelligence that works in all that we do."

Friederiszick and Nitsche will join David Sunding in the United States, Konstantin Ebinger in Brussels and David Parker in London as co-leaders of BRG's Antitrust & Competition practice. The firm was recognised as "Outstanding" in GCR 100: Economics 2026, marking its thirteenth consecutive year of recognition by Global Competition Review.

The firm expects that its expanded European footprint will support the introduction of additional offerings in the German market.

Note to editors

About E.CA Economics: E.CA Economics is one of the leading European competition economics consultancies, with offices in Berlin, Brussels, London and Munich, advising law firms, companies and public authorities on competition policy and regulation. Its work covers mergers, antitrust and state aid cases, as well as economic analyses in regulatory proceedings and studies on competition policy issues for international organisations. The firm is consistently recognised among the leading competition economics consultancies globally, including in Global Competition Review's GCR 100. In addition, all ten directors of E.CA Economics are recognised in the Lexology Index Competition ranking as leading experts in the field.

About BRG: Founded in 2010, BRG has more than 1,600 professionals operating across more than 40 offices in the US, EMEA, APAC and Latin America. Its service lines span economics, disputes and investigations, corporate finance and performance improvement, with industry-focused groups across healthcare, financial services, energy, construction and beyond.

BRG combines world-leading academic credentials with world-tested business expertise, purpose-built for agility and connectivity, which sets us apart—and gets our clients ahead.

Our top-tier experts include experienced industry leaders, renowned academics and leading-edge data scientists. Together, they bring a diversity of proven real-world experience to economics, disputes and investigations; corporate finance; and performance improvement services that address the most complex challenges for organisations across the globe.

Our unique structure nurtures the interdisciplinary relationships that give us the edge, laying the groundwork for more informed insights and more original, incisive thinking from diverse perspectives that, when paired with our global reach and resources, make us uniquely capable to address our clients' challenges.

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