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The first webinar in the Spring Perspectives Series programme will be presented online by Bruce Embley, Philipp Girardet, Michael Grenfell and Leigh Oliver on Wednesday 19 March at 9am EST / 1pm GMT / 2pm CET / 9pm HKT.

Antitrust authorities in Europe and the US are signalling changes in their approaches to clearing mergers. As a result, some deals raising competition issues will have better prospects of clearance. In particular, the US agencies are likely to become more open to accepting divestment remedies, the UK Competition and Markets Authority is reviewing its approach to behavioural remedies and the European Commission has indicated a new willingness to

consider remedies that result in improvements in innovation, infrastructure or supply chain resilience. In the US, the Trump administration is also expected to bring about a shift in the enforcement of the prohibitions on anticompetitive agreements and monopolisation.

Our panel will explain these changes and what they mean for your deal planning and compliance policies.

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### **Clifford Chance Webinar: Global trade in a time of disruption**

The following webinar in the Spring Perspectives Series programme will be presented online by Jessica Gladstone, Jeremy Stewart, Thomas Voland and Janet Whittaker on Thursday 20 March at 9am EST / 1pm GMT / 2pm CET / 9pm HKT.

The landscape for cross-border business is increasingly disrupted and uncertain. Under the new US administration, traditional political alliances no longer guarantee stability, and tariffs and other trade barriers are increasingly being linked to broader policy objectives in a broad range of areas – including technology and digital regulation, defence and national security, immigration, health, and industrial policy. The turbulence is set to continue as we see how countries respond to new US measures and the ripple effects of their shifting positions on international trade.

Our panel will discuss the fast-moving political and legal developments in this space, and what businesses can do to remain agile and navigate the dynamic conditions ahead.

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### **FCA reviews private market valuation processes**

The [Financial Conduct Authority](#) (FCA) has published its [findings](#) from a multi-firm review of private market valuation processes, identifying both good practices and areas for improvement. The review was conducted in response to the growth of private markets in recent years and examined valuation practices and governance for private equity, venture capital, private debt, and infrastructure assets. It found that firms generally exhibited good practices in investor reporting, process documentation, and the use of third-party valuation advisers, and were consistently applying valuation methodologies.

However, the FCA also identified areas requiring improvement, including the need for better identification and documentation of potential conflicts of interest and increased independence within firms' valuation processes. In addition, the FCA noted that some firms needed to enhance their processes for ad hoc valuations during market disruptions. The FCA has emphasised that these improvements are particularly important as retail investor exposure to private assets increases.

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