

Latham & Watkins promotes four

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Mathilde Saltiel, Max Hauser, Patrick English and Jason Daniels at Latham & Watkins

Latham & Watkins has reinforced its global competition practice by promoting one partner and three counsel in Germany, France and the US.

Frankfurt

Max Hauser, 37, has been made partner in Frankfurt. He is a member of the firm's litigation department and advises clients on transactional, behavioural and litigious matters, with a focus on complex merger control proceedings in Germany and the EU.

He currently acts for German recycling company Duales System Deutschland in its sale to Remondis, the country's largest waste management company. He also represents Deutsche Fachpflege group on its sale to global private equity firm Advent International from Chequers Capital.

Prior to joining the competition team at Latham in 2011, Hauser was an associate at Hengeler Mueller. He was also a law clerk at Germany's Federal Cartel Office and the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition.

"My new role will help me to leverage, expand and further shape my experience to the benefit of our clients and to further contribute to the growth and success of Latham's global antitrust and competition practice," Hauser said.

He added that the firm offers him the ideal environment to build and grow his skills in navigating merger control reviews for complex deals and acquisitions, while also allowing him to service growing demand for advice regarding antitrust litigation.

Paris

Mathilde Saltiel, 31, has been promoted to counsel in the firm's Paris office. She represents French and international clients in merger control proceedings and cartel cases, having developed expertise in the telecommunications, transportation and information technology industries.

Saltiel acted on behalf of French lens manufacturer Essilor in its €46.2 billion merger with Italian eyewear maker Luxottica, which closed earlier this month. She previously advised French telecommunications company Orange in its €3.4 billion acquisition of Spanish operator Jazztel, which was cleared by the European Commission in 2015.

Saltiel is a recent addition to Latham's antitrust team, having joined the firm in May from Willkie Farr & Gallagher, where she had worked since 2011.

"As a woman, I would like to give younger female associates an encouraging perspective on progression in a demanding international law firm such as Latham," Saltiel said, adding that she is thrilled to be part of such a "sharp, shrewd and dedicated antitrust group."

US

The firm has also promoted Patrick English, 37, and Jason Daniels, 40, in Washington, DC, and San Francisco respectively.

English's practice focuses on regulatory and transactional matters for clients in the healthcare, medical device and life sciences industries.

He acted on behalf of Amneal Pharmaceuticals in its \$1.45 billion (€1.2 billion) acquisition of an equity share in Impax Laboratories. The deal closed in May, leaving Amneal as the largest pharmaceutical generics business in the US.

He was also part of the team that represented medical technology company Integra LifeSciences in its acquisition of Johnson & Johnson's Codman Neurosurgery business. Prior to joining the firm in 2009, English worked at the US Federal Trade Commission from 2003 to 2006 as a paralegal specialist investigator.

"I'm invested in helping expand our presence in the health care merger space," he said.

English added that practising competition law at Latham means getting to work with "incredibly bright, talented and interesting people who make client service and attorney development a priority."

As a global chair of the LGBTQ affinity group, he said he would like to play a major role in cultivating diversity in the practice.

Daniels' practice primarily focuses on complex mergers and government investigations across the technology, healthcare, pharma and retail sectors.

He currently represents healthcare company DaVita on the \$4.9 billion (€4.3 billion) sale of DaVita Medical Group to health services company Optum. DaVita revealed in March that the deal had received a second request from the FTC.

Daniels also acts for Method on the sale of its cleaning supplies brand People Against Dirty to SC Johnson.

Daniels has been at Latham since 2009. Prior to joining the firm's competition team, he was a special assistant to the chief of staff at the Office of the Mayor in Chicago from 2003 to 2005.

He told *GCR* that his colleagues are what make the practice – even if that sounds like a cliché.

"Of course, it doesn't hurt that we get to work for leading and cutting edge companies advising them on the most novel and innovative aspects of competition law," he added.

Amanda Reeves, who is global co-chair of the firm's competition practice, said the firm is thrilled by all four promotions, which take effect at the start of January.

"The quartet's presence around the globe reflects the broad and balanced nature of our world class antitrust practice and brings us to more than 60 partners and counsel in 12 offices," Reeves said.

"These are all star merger control lawyers working on some of the hardest matters out there and putting client service first," she continued.