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Valerio Sodano is an Associate Principal based in RBB's Madrid office. Since joining RBB, Valerio has advised clients on wide array of matters, including mergers, art. 101 and 102 investigations and damages litigation. He has worked in cases before the European Commission and national competition authorities, including Spain, Italy and the UK. He also has significant experience providing expert testimony before national courts of justice.

An Italian national, Valerio is fluent in Italian, Spanish and English.

Valerio has 8 years' experience of advising clients on all aspects of competition policy and across a wide range of sectors of the economy. He has worked in cases before the European Commission and several national competition authorities, including Spain, Italy and the UK.

Valerio has advised clients in merger cases notified to the European Commission and the national authorities of Spain and the UK. His relevant experience includes assisting ArcelorMittal before the European Commission in its acquisition of ILVA (Phase II investigation), as well as several Phase I and Phase II merger investigations before the Spanish Competition Authority.

Valerio's experience also includes several art. 101 investigations related to information exchanges and horizontal cooperation agreements. His recent experience includes assisting clients in a wide range of industries, including car distribution, radiopharmaceuticals, power cables, textbook publishing, raw milk and helicopter services.

As concerns Article 102 investigations, Valerio's experience includes assisting Brussels Airlines and TAP in the European Commission's investigation into the parties' codeshare agreement in the Brussels-Lisbon route.

Valerio has also extensive experience in the field of litigation. His recent experience includes assisting clients on damages estimation in the automotive and fuel distribution industries.

Valerio joined RBB in 2013. Between 2019 and 2023, before rejoining RBB, Valerio worked as a senior financial strategist for an important financial endowment based in Spain.

Valerio holds an MSc in Competition and Market Regulation from Barcelona School of Economics and an MSc in Economics and Social Sciences from Bocconi University.

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Recent Case Experience

Renault
Follow-on damages from art. 101 infringement, Spain

Radiopharmaceuticals
Alleged art. 101 infringement, Italy

Fuel distribution
Follow-on damages from art. 101 infringement, Spain

Helicopter services
Alleged art. 101 infringement, Italy

ArcelorMittal/Ilva
Phase II Merger, EC

Brussels Airlines/TAP
Alleged art. 102 infringement, EC

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