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COVID-19 in Canada: Competitor Collaborations, Pricing, Mergers, and Foreign Investment During (and After) the Pandemic

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As the COVID-19 public health crisis continues to unfold around the globe, antitrust considerations remain important for businesses evaluating strategic options and reacting to the pandemic's disruptive impact on business operations. The legality of competitor collaborations, the applicable rules concerning "price gouging" during the pandemic, and whether strategic mergers will attract more (or less) scrutiny under antitrust or foreign investment legislation are but a few of the issues that have arisen and remain relevant. We discuss the Canadian antitrust perspective on each of these issues as well as the latest guidance provided by the Competition Bureau and various branches of the federal and provincial governments in Canada.

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