PREFACE

At the time of the publishing of this Handbook, there were over 4,000 private fund advisers registered with the Securities Exchange Commission and, in addition to the United States, over 160 jurisdictions with merger control regimes. Given the increasing importance for private equity entities to be aware of and understand the complexities of the antitrust and merger control laws in the United States, as well as other select jurisdictions, the Section created this Handbook.

The Handbook is designed to be a resource for business people and legal practitioners alike—a useful guide for business people at private equity firms in understanding the potential competition issues that arise in connection with their business, and to assist legal practitioners working with private equity firms in navigating the particular intersections of antitrust law and the private equity industry.

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