New year, new titles for several antitrust lawyers

Global Competition Review (GCR) has published an announcement on their website regarding the promotion of Mustafa Ayna and Caner K. Çeşit to Counsel positions at ACTECON. Below is the text from this announcement regarding the promotions of Mr. Ayna and Mr. Çeşit. Please refer to the <u>link</u> for the entire article by Olivia Rafferty.

"ACTECON

Turkish antitrust boutique ACTECON promoted senior associates Caner Çeşit, 31, and Mustafa Ayna, 29, to counsel on 2 January.

Çeşit, who joined the firm as an associate in August 2020 before being promoted to senior associate the following June. He represented Coca-Cola as the Turkish Competition Authority used its commitments powers for the third time in September 2021 to <u>close</u> a probe into the company's alleged exclusivity provisions.

He also currently represents EssilorLuxottica in the Turkish enforcer's ongoing abuse of dominance probe and defends Domino's Pizza in the agency's ongoing investigation into alleged no-poach agreements.

Prior to joining ACTECON, Çeşit was an associate at Aslan Hukuk Bürosu-Aslan in Istanbul from September 2014 to August 2020.

Ayna joined ACTECON as an associate in July 2016 and was later promoted to senior associate in January 2021. While at the firm, Ayna has advised several different companies involved in the Turkish agency's sector inquiries, including poultry supplier Bupiliç, car manufacturers Nissan and Renault, cement suppliers OYAK Çimento and cosmetics retailer Watsons.

He also helped obtain two of Turkey's first-ever cartel annulment decisions. The Ankara Regional Administrative Court last year ruled that the national enforcer did not provide enough evidence to show that both chemical company Akkim and wood panel manufacturer Kronospan had taken part in two separate conspiracies.

ACTECON partner Bahadir Balki in Istanbul said the promotions are a "proud moment" for the firm, which has also promoted a further two lawyers to senior associate. It now has five counsel in its competition practice."