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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

On January 27, 2017, European Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said that putting “faith in barriers and fences” instead of open markets are going about it the wrong way. She went on to say that “[t]hose defenses will not help. They’ll only weaken our economies and increase prices for consumers, without giving people any more control over their own lives.”

Meanwhile, on May 16, 2016, then candidate Trump said that Jeff Bezos and Amazon “have a huge antitrust problem” and that “Amazon is getting away with murder, tax-wise.”

With Commissioner Vestager’s and President Trump’s recent statements as a backdrop, we are proud to offer our subscribers this year’s second edition of the CPI Antitrust Chronicle for February: **“The 2017 Antitrust Horizon.”**

This edition focuses on what’s next for antitrust in the U.S. and the EU for the coming year. Antitrust policy and enforcement faces uncertainties on both sides of the Atlantic in the near future. The antitrust times...they are a-changin’. But how far reaching will these changes potentially be?

In the U.S., things may become a bit clearer once the Trump administration appoints leadership positions at the DOJ and FTC and new Justice of the Supreme Court is confirmed. In Europe, the pending Brexit looms large on the horizon of antitrust enforcement.

We are featuring a **“Digital Markets Update”** in this month’s Chronicle with three great articles from leading minds in the field.

In our CPI Talks section, we hear from Frederic Jenny and get his thoughts on what could be ahead for antitrust in 2017. A must read interview!

Thank you to our great panel of authors this month.

We hope you enjoy reading our February edition of the CPI Antitrust Chronicle.

Sincerely,
CPI Team