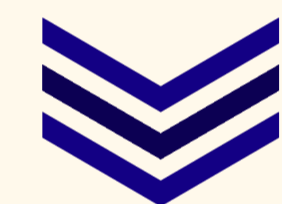


Travel Services Sector Price-fixing Cartel Case Summary

Initiation of the Case



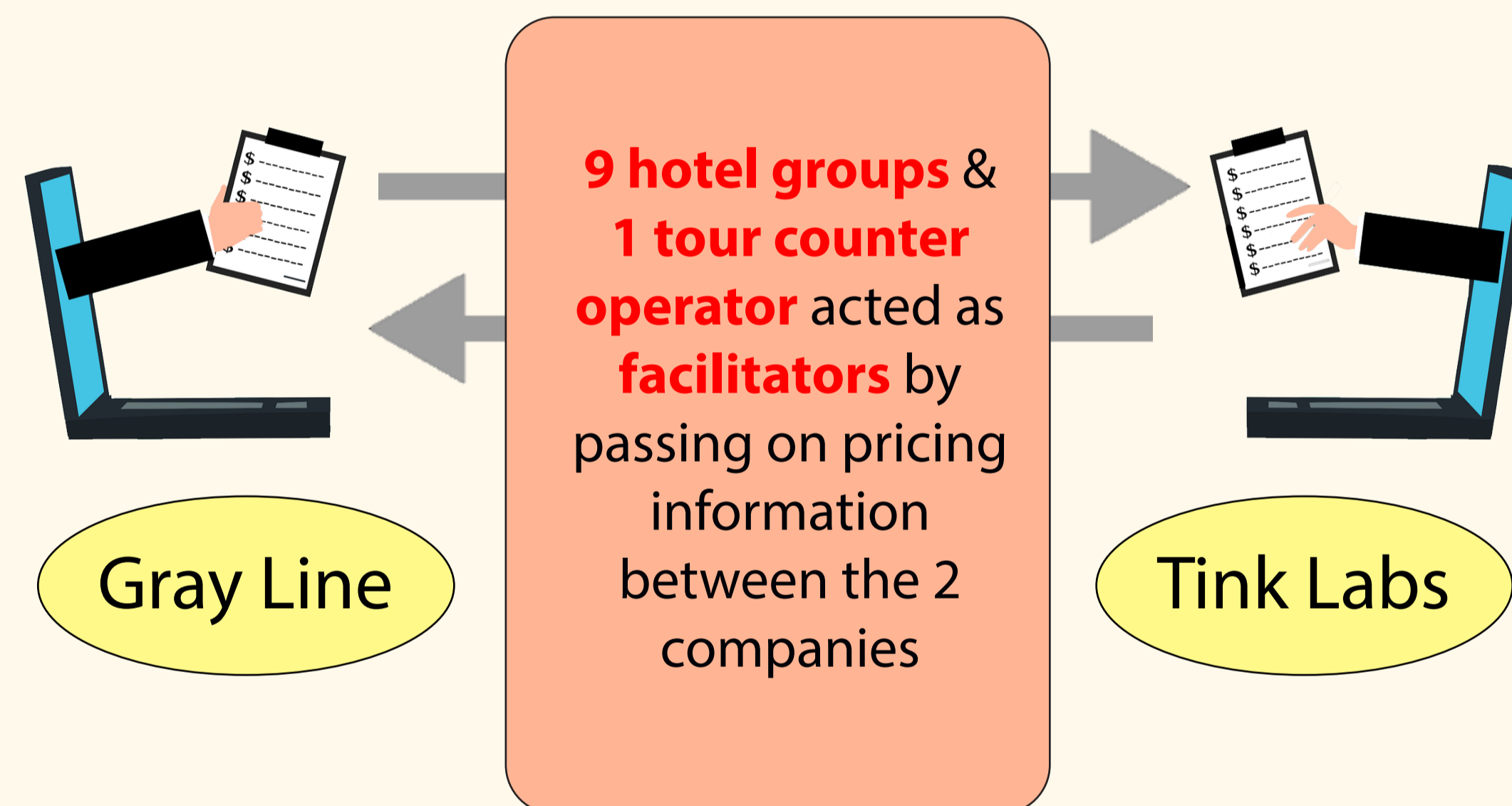
Commission received a leniency application



Commission conducted an investigation and exercised its compulsory investigatory powers under the Competition Ordinance

The Commission's Case

Two travel services providers, **Gray Line** and **Tink Labs**, agreed to **fix the prices** at which tourist attractions and transportation tickets were sold at various hotels in Hong Kong.



Enforcement Outcomes

Early Cooperating Parties*

- 6 hotel groups
- 1 tour counter operator

Cooperating Respondents

- Gray Line (including its Managing Director)
- Intercontinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong (ICGS)

Respondents

- Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees
- Prudential Hotel

- Commission issued Infringement Notices to them in January 2021
- All of them accepted the Infringement Notices and made commitments to comply



Jointly seeking orders before the Competition Tribunal to allow the proceedings to be disposed of by consent:

- Declaration of contravention of the First Conduct Rule
- Imposition of fines after cooperation discount:
 - Gray Line: HK\$4,177,000
 - ICGS: HK\$1,600,000
- Recovery of Commission's costs
- Director Disqualification Order against Managing Director of Gray Line for 3 years



Commission is seeking orders before the Competition Tribunal:

- Declaration of contravention of the First Conduct Rule
- Imposition of fines
- Recovery of the Commission's costs
- Respondents to adopt an effective compliance program



*See the Commission's [Press Release](#) and [Questions & Answers](#) dated 17 February 2021.