

ABREU STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH THREE NEW PROMOTIONS

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Abreu Advogados has promoted **Diogo Pereira Duarte**, **Hugo Teixeira** and **Maria Santa Martha** to become partners. Besides the recognition of the quality and important work carried by the three lawyers throughout their careers, these invitations, "reflect the strengthening of Abreu Advogados' growth strategy and affirmation as one of the leading independent law firms in Portugal, with a highly cohesive and specialised group of partners," according to a statement from the firm.

"Diogo Pereira Duarte, Hugo Teixeira and Maria Santa Martha represent the commitment, dedication and talent that we seek in all our professionals and that we apply in the services and projects we develop every day together with our clients. We are grateful to them for their work which is a sign that Abreu Advogados is a law firm that prepares the future, invests on new leaders and, rather than following trends, wants to anticipate them. We believe that this is the right way to increasingly continue to put the future into practice", said Inês Sequeira Mendes, managing partner of Abreu Advogados.

With these three promotions, Abreu Advogados now has 39 partners and more than 210 lawyers.

Diogo Pereira Duarte has accumulated more than two decades of experience. He is a co-coordinator of the Finance Law practice area at Abreu Advogados and a Professor of Civil and Financial Law at University of Lisbon School of Law. He works primarily on investment banking law and has a specialised expertise in advice on the legal implications resulting of the intersection between technology and financial law (FinTech), such as: smart contracts and blockchain; intelligence and quantum; cryptocurrency, crypto assets and innovation in payment services. He is also organiser of periodic conferences on Fintech and a publisher of collective studies about this topic.

Hugo Teixeira has more than 15 years of experience and works primarily on mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and commercial contracts (distribution). He focuses particularly on corporate and financial matters, mergers and acquisitions, spin-offs, corporate restructuring, asset purchases, creating investment vehicles, start-ups, preparation for private equity funding and venture capital financing.

Maria Santa Martha has been assisting local and foreign clients for more than 20 years and works mainly on grand scale real estate operations; on corporate real estate, purchase and sale of assets, sale and leaseback; on the development of real estate commercial projects, housing, services and logistics and on the expansion planning for retail facilities. Likewise, she focusses on Corporate and M&A transactions having participated in several M&A operations and assisted renowned corporations, both national and international.