

DLA PIPER ABBC INTEGRATES TWO PARTNERS

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DLA Piper ABBC announces the integration of two new partners in the Lisbon office: **Patrícia Paias** and **Stéphanie Sá Silva**.

Patrícia Paias has nearly 20 years of experience in the Life Sciences sector, in recognized Law Firms in Portugal, and in recent years in international leadership positions at Sandoz International and Gilead Sciences. She returns to Portugal and to the law as a Partner at DLA Piper ABBC in Life Sciences and IPT, with a special focus on patent litigation.

Stéphanie Sá Silva has nearly 17 years of experience as a jurist and lawyer, having dedicated a large part of her professional activity to the M&A and Corporate practice area and to the Aviation sector. During this period, she was part of recognised Law Firms in Portugal, having been legal director of TAP Air Portugal in recent years. She returns to law as a partner at DLA Piper ABBC in Aviation and Corporate.

Nuno Azevedo Neves, country managing partner of DLA Piper ABBC, underlines: "It is with great enthusiasm that we integrate Patrícia and Stéphanie. Both have a fantastic track record in recognised law firms in Portugal and management experience in leading companies in the sectors in which they work. Patrícia strengthens our global Life Sciences practice, with a special focus on patent litigation. Her vast international experience will be a very important asset in supporting our global customers in this sector, increasing the already consolidated capacity of DLA Piper in Portugal. In her turn, Stéphanie will strengthen our Aviation and Corporate sector. DLA Piper is a leader in Portugal in the aviation sector, so the integration of Stéphanie appears as a natural step for us to cement our position as leaders."

"Patricia and Stéphanie share our values, our vision, our strategy and, above all, our ambition. This integration will allow us to materially increase our offer in Portugal and internationally for global customers in strategic sectors", reinforces Nuno Azevedo Neves.

For Patrícia Paias, "the opportunity to return to Portugal for a company like DLA Piper ABBC is not to be missed and it is with great enthusiasm that I start these functions, after more than four years in management roles in Germany and Ireland and almost two decades of practice in Life Sciences and Intellectual Property. This is a very exciting area, especially given the context of recent years, and DLA Piper ABBC is the right place to go further in this path, apply my experience and continue to make a difference for our customers."

For Stéphanie Sá Silva, "it is with great enthusiasm that I join the team at DLA Piper ABBC, a world-renowned office and leader in Portugal in the aviation area. Here I will have the opportunity to develop the experience acquired in recent years, particularly in the air transport sector and in the M&A and Corporate practice area, with a permanent focus on providing an excellent service to our clients, capable of meeting the your needs".

With this integration, DLA Piper reinforces its team in Portugal, now having 17 Partners in a universe of 115 people.