

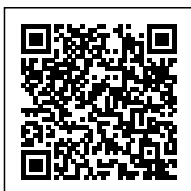
# GPA ESTABLISHES ASSOCIATION WITH CABO VERDEAN FIRM

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GPA - Gouveia Pereira, Costa Freitas & Associados and the Cabo Verdean law firm DHA - D. Hopffer Almada & Associados, have entered into an agreement.

The main purpose of this agreement is the joint provision of legal services and advice in Cabo Verde, in strategic areas such as foreign investment, real estate, corporate and banking, and the possibility for DHA to offer legal advice to its clients in Portugal.

This agreement increases the international network of GPA - GPA Network - reinforcing its partnership with offices in the African continent, and is also part of the expansion strategy of D. Hopffer Almada & Associados, through the establishment of partnerships with offices in other countries.

For **Sofia Gouveia Pereira** (pictured), managing partner of GPA, this agreement, "is part of the strategy of partnerships that GPA Network has been establishing on the African continent, and allows a more agile response to the demands of foreign investors, mitigating cultural, linguistic and legal barriers often associated with international transactions."

For his part, **David Hopffer Almada**, managing partner of DHA, said that this partnership, "represents an important advance in the strategy of expansion and broadening the scope of its service provision, taking into account the extensive Cabo Verdean Diaspora in the European continent, which may have a more agile legal assistance, and the growing interest that Cabo Verde has been awakening, as an investment destination, particularly in the tourism-real estate sector."

DHA - D. Hopffer Almada & Associados is a law firm established in Cabo Verde since 1996, located in Cidade da Praia, Santiago Island, and also has a branch office in Ilha do Sal. GPA Network currently has partnerships in countries such as Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe.