

# MIRANDA ALLIANCE NETWORK ADDS FRENCH FIRM

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**The Miranda Alliance network of law firms – which was founded by Portuguese firm Miranda Correia Amendoeira – has been strengthened by the addition of the Paris-based firm Cabinet Sophie da Cunha.**

A Miranda Alliance statement said the French firm had been added to the network because of “rising demand among French corporates, investors and law firms to look beyond Europe for new opportunities, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and other emerging economies”.

Cabinet Sophie da Cunha will not advise on French law issues but will instead focus on facilitating the flow of international investment into Francophone and Portuguese-speaking Africa and Asia.

The firm's founding partner, Sophie Da Cunha, specialises in advising clients on international investment, energy and arbitration matters.

With the addition of Cabinet Sophie da Cunha, the Miranda Alliance now extends across 17 countries, including 10 in Africa, namely Angola, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Republic of the Congo and São Tomé and Príncipe.

In addition to Portugal, the alliance also has a presence in the US, UK, Brazil, Macau and Timor-Leste.

Rui Amendoeira, managing partner of Miranda Correia Amendoeira said: "Recent years have seen us extend the reach of the Miranda Alliance, particularly across Francophone Africa, and the result has been a growing number of French businesses asking us to assist them as they move into the continent.

"In Paris we have no plans to focus on French law – the expansion of the Miranda Alliance to include a Paris member is a direct response to the demand we are experiencing from established and new clients for us to help them extend their own reach."

Amendoeira added that Paris is a major investment gateway to Francophone Africa and that the alliance could now "bridge the gap between local French demand and local African and emerging markets expertise".

Da Cunha said the alliance would give French clients access to the sub-Saharan African markets that are "seeing the most consistent new investment".