

# MORAIS LEITÃO CONFIRM NEW PARTNERS

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Morais Leitão has confirmed the election of three new equity partners following its General Meeting. The new partners strengthen the areas of insurance and criminal law.

**Duarte Santana Lopes**, **João Lima Cluny** and **Margarida Torres Gama**, the new partners, began their careers at Morais Leitão as trainee lawyers and have made a truly unique progression in their respective areas.

Duarte Santana Lopes, from the criminal law, regulatory offences and compliance team, has specialised in the preventive aspects (compliance and internal investigations), particularly in matters related to the prevention of corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing.

João Lima Cluny, also a criminal law, regulatory offences and compliance lawyer, works regularly with clients from a wide range of sectors, with a strong focus on regulatory enforcement and corporate crime. He is also an arbitrator and mediator for the Portuguese Court of Arbitration for Sport, an area in which he is frequently engaged.

Margarida Torres Gama co-heads the insurance, reinsurance and pension funds team. Since the beginning of her career, she has been significantly involved in the insurance sector, in matters of corporate, M&A, contracts, distribution (including bancassurance), regulatory and also in the new and growing area of insurtech.

Morais Leitão also confirmed **Philipp Melcher**, from the competition department, as a new non-equity partner:

Philipp Melcher coordinates Morais Leitão's German Desk, and he has worked at the firm in the European and competition team since 2015. He regularly advises national and international clients on competition law (antitrust, state aid), foreign trade (antidumping, antisubsidy) and EU matters in general, frequently representing them in proceedings before national and EU authorities and courts.

For **Nuno Galvão Teles**, managing partner, "this is a well-deserved celebration of talent and commitment. These new partners were already established names in the market, but now they are confirmed as the future of Morais Leitão, on whom our current and future clients will be able to rely with complete confidence. They combine two characteristics that for us are fundamental: commitment to the interests of our clients and the continuation of our institutional culture."