

NEW VDA GOVERNANCE OFFICIALLY COMMENCES

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Paula Gomes Freire officially assumes the role of managing partner, with João Vieira de Almeida taking office as senior partner



These new appointments are the result of the approved amendment to the firm's governance model, confirmed back in June 2021, [as previously covered by Iberian Lawyer](#).

As managing partner, Paula Gomes Freire will sit on the Board of Directors and chair the Executive Committee. She will be leading the firm's operational management, focusing on business, the team, and results.

As senior partner, João Vieira de Almeida will continue to chair the Board of Directors and perform executive duties, particularly taking on the partnership's strategic development and management and the assurance and promotion of the firm's culture and sustainability.

A spokesperson from the firm said: "VdA's innovative governance model brings about a combined and collaborative leadership that can focus on different aspects and is enhanced by the firm's current structure and sophistication. Our focus is unchanged and we remain driven by the same ambition, ever in line with our vision of very long-term sustainability."