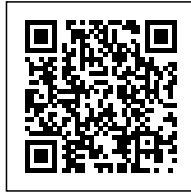


# VDA STRENGTHENS M&A AREA

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**Viera de Almeida has announced the integration of Francisco Sá Carneiro as partner in the M&A practice area**



VdA has announced the hiring of Francisco Sá Carneiro (pictured). The lawyer, with more than 35 years of experience practicing law, is recognised for his expertise in mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance, commercial and corporate, and capital markets. He regularly advises clients, namely financial institutions and investors, on complex domestic and international transactions.

João Vieira de Almeida, managing partner at VdA said: "I have great admiration for Francisco, who is one of the most reputed Portuguese transactional lawyers. His entry into VdA, is a source of great pride and satisfaction, constituting a reinforcement for a core area of the firm, which already has enormous talent and a unique track record in mergers and acquisitions in Portugal."

Francisco Sá Carneiro said: "I have known and been friends with João Vieira de Almeida for over thirty years and, during this period, I had the great pleasure of working not only with him, but with countless other partners and associates of VdA, with whom I maintained a excellent relationship. Now having the opportunity to join the partners of a firm with the reputation, capacity, organisation, depth and quality of VdA, is both a challenge and a great personal and professional opportunity."

Francisco Sá Carneiro graduated in Law from the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lisbon. After graduation, he joined the law firm Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, in Brussels. In 1982 he joined João Morais Leitão & Associados, a firm of which he was a partner and, in 1993, he founded Vasconcelos, F. Sá Carneiro, Fontes & Associados. In 2004, the firm integrated with Uría Menéndez, of which he was partner, co-director of Portugal (2004-2009), member of the Board of Directors (2004-2009) and member of the Executive Committee (2007-2009). In 2009 he founded Campos Ferreira, Sá Carneiro & Associados, of which he was a partner until 2021.