

OTHER RECOMMENDED FIRMS

Albuquerque & Associados

FCB&A – F Castelo Branco & Associados

Franco Caiado Guerreiro & Associados

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and the Portuguese Association of Publicity Agencies. Practice head Leonor Chastre adopts a 'very professional approach'.

Offering 'profound TMT knowledge', **CCA Advogados** advises private equity investors and advertising agencies. It advised interactive marketing and sales company Tim w.e. and Sonae on the FIFA World Cup SMS campaign, and advertising groups HAVAS and Euro RSCG are also key clients. Team head Martim Menezes provides 'real and viable solutions'.

Carlos de Almeida Sampaio leads the TMT team at **Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira**, which advises major corporates on issues including data protection and IT.

Miranda Correia Amendoeira & Associados provides 'very quick and competent support' on TMT matters. João Luís Traça has 'exceptional capabilities in the area of IT and overall contract negotiation', while Rui Amendoeira is a 'very good analyst'. Clients include Barclays, Western Union and Accenture Portugal.

Abel Sequeira Ferreira leads the TMT practice at **Raposo Bernardo**, which provides a 'very high standard' of advice. The firm advises Phone House and Angola Telecom on regulations and T-Systems on technical and regulatory procedures. Logica is another key client.

Rui Pena, Arnaut & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, RL's TMT practice is closely integrated with its IP group, and has particular expertise in the media sector. Clients include Portugal Telecom and TMN. José Luís Arnaut is the key contact, with associate João Figueiredo also recommended.

Tax

The 'outstanding' Diogo Ortigão Ramos leads the tax practice at **Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira**, which handles contentious and non-contentious matters. The team acted alongside the firm's Spanish office to advise Galp on taxes relating to setting up a new branch in Spain, and advised EDP on taxes relating to an investment in an Angolan power plant. Other key clients include Banco Bradesco and Cork Supply Group. António Rocha Mendes departed to **Campos Ferreira, Sá Carneiro & Associados** in 2010.

Garrigues Portugal's three-partner practice includes 'one of the best tax lawyers in the country', Fernando Castro Silva, who leads a highly competent tax team that has experience in tax

litigation, compliance and consultancy. The group advised the Brazilian construction company Companhia Siderurgica Nacional on taxes relating to its bid for Cimpor. It is also assisting Iberdrola with tax planning relating to its proposed construction of four hydroelectric plants in Portugal. Galp Energia is another important client. Paulo Nuncio is 'available, knowledgeable and accurate'.

Linklaters LLP has widely acknowledged tax expertise, particularly for litigation and tax structuring. The team advised Magnum Industrial Partners on a €1bn refinancing and restructuring of Iberwind wind farms, and also advised ING Bank on updating its €50bn debt funding programme. Other clients include Macquarie Bank, Portucel and Suzlon Energy. Rui Camacho Palma is highly rated, while the 'impressive' Ricardo Reigada Pereira is described as a 'rising star in Portugal' for tax work.

Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados has an excellent tax group, featuring 'one of the best tax specialists in Portugal', Francisco de Sousa da Câmara, who is 'really something else'. The team advises clients such as Mota-Engil, Nobre Alimentação and EDP on their ongoing tax needs, and also has expertise in taxes relating to M&A and financing. The team advised Barclays Capital on the Portuguese element of an intragroup financing operation worth €1.7bn. António Lobo Xavier leads in Oporto, and acted for the Grupo Jerónimo Martins on various tax liquidation claims.

Clients praise the 'depth of tax expertise' in **Abreu Advogados**' dedicated seven-partner practice, which advises on tax issues relating to corporate, restructuring and contentious matters. This 'excellent' team is advising Banco Espírito Santo de Investimento on tax aspects of incorporating an investment bank and securities broker in Angola. Regular clients include Grupo Semapa and BPN Imofundos. Miguel Teixeira de Abreu heads the practice.

João Espanha leads the practice at tax boutique **Espanha & Associados**, and is widely recommended for his longstanding experience and knowledge of tax law. The group, which also includes Elsa Rodrigues, handles a range of tax matters including restructuring of Portuguese companies.

The 'very qualified professionals' at **PLMJ Law Firm** have particular experience on corporate tax matters, and recently advised Barclays on acquiring Citibank's credit cards division in Portugal. Rogério Fernandes Ferreira is advising Portugal Telecom on a €150m tax controversy case. ZON – TV Cabo Portugal and Panrico Produtos Alimentares are also clients.

Uriá Menéndez – Proença de Carvalho's tax practice focuses on deal-related taxation, including restructuring matters, as well as tax litigation. The 'very competent' Filipe Romão advised ING, Sonae Sierra, Iberdrola and Caixa

Geral de Depósitos on the €70m sale of Lisbon Torre de Oriente, and also assisted the Portuguese branch of Barclays on the securitisation of €1.3bn of residential mortgage loans. The team also represents Uniam and Grupo Damm.

Vieira de Almeida & Associados provides 'tailor-made' service and 'quick and objective responses of exceptional quality and depth'. It is particularly noted for its experience in international taxation matters, and advised the Portuguese branch of Citibank on divesting its credit card division to Barclays. It also assisted JPMorgan and the REIT Fundo de Investimentos Imobiliário Fechado Imodesenvolvimento on establishing a new finance structure. Tiago Marreiros Moreira heads this 'outstanding team' which includes Conceição Gamito and Joaquim Pedro Lampreia. Four new associates joined in 2010.

André Gonçalves heads **AAA**'s tax team, which deals with transactional tax issues as well as tax litigation. Clients include Volkswagen Autoeuropa, DDBO Portugal Group and Dia Portugal Supermercados.

Tax is a strong focus for **ABBC – Azevedo Neves, Benjamim Mendes, Carvalho & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados**

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Uriá Menéndez – Proença de Carvalho	◦
Vieira de Almeida & Associados	◦
AAA	◦
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Albuquerque & Associados	
Cardigos e Associados	
FCB&A – F Castelo Branco & Associados	◦
Franco Caiado Guerreiro & Associados	◦
Macedo Vitorino & Associados	◦
Mouteira Guerreiro, Rosa Amaral & Associados – Sociedade de Advogados R.L.	◦
Raposo Bernardo	◦
Rui Pena, Arnaut & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, RL	◦
SRS Advogados	◦
Sérvulo & Associados	◦
Teixeira de Freitas, Rodrigues e Associados – Sociedade de Advogados RL	◦

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