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## Leading lawyers

José Del Chiaro - Advocacia José Del Chiaro  
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At [Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão](#), the experienced and 'very professional' team regularly assists on many of the most complex Brazilian and cross-border competition cases. 'One of the best in the field', Barbara Rosenberg 'knows how to treat clients and take care of all the issues' – she leads the very competent team. The firm advises on merger control cases before the Brazilian Competition Authority (Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Economica – CADE), in conjunction with its highly experienced corporate practice, and also acts for clients in antitrust investigations. A major highlight of 2011 involved advising TAM, on competition issues



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## INTEGRITES SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS PIRAEUS BANK

12 September 2012. International law firm Integrites successfully defends the interests of Piraeus Bank in a number of major disputes.

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Fraser and Neave, Limited ("F&N") in the S\$8.8 billion proposed takeover of F&N by TCC Assets Limited ("TCC Assets"). TCC Assets announced a mandatory general offer of S\$8.88 per F&N share on 13 September 2012 after its shareholding in F&N, together with its concert parties, reached approximately 30.36% of the total issued F&N shares.

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Mitigation of damages in arbitration practice: trite law or space for creativity?

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related to its merger with Chilean airline LAN. Other key instructions included advising lochpe-Maxion on its \$725m acquisition of Hayes Lemmerz International, and assisting Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (and its subsidiary company Ponto Frio) on pending competition matters related to its merger with Casas Bahia in 2009. Elsewhere, the group advised Sadia on its merger with Perdigão forming BRF-Brasil Foods, and acted for meatpacker JBS in a competition review relating to its 2009 merger with BERTIN. Rosenberg also advised Diagnósticos da América on a competition review following its acquisition of MD1 Diagnósticos. In antitrust work, the team has substantial experience advising on international cartel cases, and has represented Samsung, Dunlop and Mitsubishi in this regard. Associates José Carlos da Matta Berardo and José Inácio Almeida Prado Filho are '*very competent*'.

Competition law is a key pillar of the practice of Franceschini e Miranda, Advogados, and the firm has a considerable depth of knowledge in the area. The group, led by the very established José Inácio Gonzaga Franceschini, advises clients in antitrust investigations and in merger notifications to CADE, among other matters. It has experience across a large range of sectors and industries, including oil and gas, mining, technology, telecoms and pharmaceuticals. Franceschini has an excellent reputation in the market for his abilities, and is widely known as one of the key competition law experts in Brazil.

One of the oldest competition boutiques, Advocacia José Del Chiaro has a top reputation in the market, and has been involved in several landmark cases in Brazil in recent years. Founding partner José Del Chiaro is noted for his extensive experience, and heads up an extremely strong practice with expertise in advising on abuse of dominance cases, cartel investigations, merger filings, litigation, anti-dumping and intervention. The group, which also features the highly recommended Ademir Antonio Pereira Jr, recently advised Hypermarcas on the acquisition of Brazilian pharmaceutical company Mantecorp and on the acquisition of two Brazilian condom brands. Other highlights included representing Volkswagen in an abuse of dominance case brought by The Association of Independent Autoparts Producers (ANFAPE), and also advising the company on the acquisition of truck manufacturer MAN. Elsewhere, the team advised Philip Morris in bringing an abuse of dominance case against Souza Cruz, the Brazilian subsidiary of British American Tobacco (BAT), and represented Lundbeck in an investigation for sham litigation practices following lawsuits brought to protect the data package of a drug. Other major clients include steel manufacturer ArcelorMittal, Renault, Ericsson and Alcoa. The firm's office in Brasilia ensures close contact with all relevant authorities based in the federal capital, and clients and peers both see the firm as a key reference point in the market.

Magalhães, Nery e Dias – Advocacia is a '*top-quality*' boutique with a very highly regarded competition practice, and an outstanding track record in merger notification, antitrust investigations, consulting and compliance work. Founding partner Carlos Francisco de Magalhães is noted for his academic and practical expertise. Gabriel Nogueira Dias is also praised for his experience. The group acts for major clients in merger control cases, and also assists in investigations into alleged cartels across a number of industries in Brazil. Highlights included advising Lafarge on a merger review relating to the assets transferred by Votorantim in the exchange of Cimpor shares owned by Lafarge, and advising Nestlé on an administrative procedure relating to exclusivity agreements between the company and its retailers and the use of freezers in the ice cream market.

'*Excellent on every score*', [Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados](#) fields a large competition team which is known for its broad capabilities and experience across merger reviews, antitrust investigations and abuse of dominance cases, and it assists in both domestic and cross-border work. Clients rate the group's '*fast responses*', and impressive strength-in-depth from partner through to associate level. The '*complete package*', Amadeu Carvalhaes Ribeiro is highly praised for his '*deep and practical legal knowledge*'. One client's '*go-to person for Brazilian aspects of global antitrust matters*', Ribeiro is widely respected in the market alongside Lauro Celidonio Gomes dos Reis Neto. Neto represented key client Camargo Corrêa before CADE in connection with an investigation of an alleged cartel in the Brazilian cement market, and continues to advise the company in competition matters related to its acquisition of a stake in Cimpor in 2010. In other work, Ribeiro is advising Synthes in a cross-border merger review case following its \$21.3bn acquisition by Johnson & Johnson, and is also representing United Parcel Services (UPS) before CADE in an investigation into an alleged international cartel, involving more than ten jurisdictions. In 2011, Ribeiro also represented Danaher Corporation in a merger review case after it acquired Beckman Coulter for \$6.8bn. Senior associate Marcio Dias Soares is '*up and coming*', and the firm's client roster also features major corporates including Toshiba, Fiat, Oi/Telemar and Embraer.

An '*outstanding firm*', [Pinheiro Neto Advogados](#) has a large competition group which acts

The mitigation of damages is a well-known principle in international legal practice. However, in Ukraine there is no widely applied court and arbitration practice on the issues relating to mitigation of damages, and aggrieved parties may be unclear as to what should and can be done.

- [Astapov Lawyers International Law Group](#)

Proposed ban on personal import of medicinal products ordered via Internet

The Ministry of Health and Care has recently issued a hearing letter proposing stringent restrictions on import of medicinal products for personal use. Among the actions proposed, is a general ban on the import of prescription drugs, and access for Customs to seize and destroy falsified or illegal medicinal products.

- [Advokatfirmaet Grette DA](#)

Termination of Distribution Agreements in Romania

The absence of a contract regulating the duration and termination of a distribution relationship does not necessarily entitle a party to abruptly terminate the agreement without facing financial exposure to the other party. In particular, a reasonable notice period should be given to allow the other party to adapt its business operations.

- [Schönherr](#)

Treasury Shares – Austrian Takeover Law Aspects

Post financial crisis, many listed companies used their excess liquidity to invest in treasury shares. In addition to corporate law aspects, listed companies and shareholders of listed companies must be aware of implications under Austrian takeover law.

- [Schönherr](#)

Reminder of changes to overstayer applications from 1 October 2012

In July 2012 we announced on our website that the UKBA would be introducing changes to applications for overstayers from 1 October 2012 in line with the new immigration rules for family migration which came into effect on 9 July 2012.

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Important information about renewing your sponsor licence

Holders of sponsor licences have recently been receiving emails from the Home Office informing them that the initial grant of four years is to come to an end soon.

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Russia and the WTO

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for major Brazilian and international corporates in competition and antitrust issues including merger review, cartel investigations, leniency applications and settlement agreements. The six-partner team acts for clients across a range of industries, and has an excellent reputation for the depth of its knowledge of competition law. Highlights for [Flávio Lemos Belliboni](#) included successfully advising SAP on a notification to CADE regarding its \$5.8bn acquisition of Sybase, and acting for Kimberly-Clark Corporation during a ten-year investigation into an alleged toilet paper cartel: this concluded in 2011 without any fine to the company. In other work, Cristianne Saccab Zarzur advised Banco Bradesco, Banco do Brasil and Caixa Econômica on notifying CADE of their plans to develop the ELO payment card in Brazil, and Rodrigo Carneiro de Oliveira advised Corn Products on a merger filing and negotiation following its \$1.3bn acquisition of National Starch. América Latina Logística (ALL) is a key client for [Renê Guilherme Medrado](#), and Leonardo Peres da Rocha e Silva is advising Microsoft Corporation in a pending CADE notification following its \$8.5bn acquisition of Skype. [José Alexandre Buaiz Neto](#) is singled out for his experience in advising clients on cartel investigations. The team has also been working with CADE regarding the new legislation for pre-merger notification.

Competition law boutique Sampaio Ferraz Advogados has a leading reputation in the market. Very well-known, the 'excellent' Tercio Sampaio Ferraz Jr is highly rated for his depth of knowledge and lengthy experience in the sector. The group advises domestic and international clients across sectors including telecoms, mining, electronics, finance and the automotive industry. It is particularly experienced in antitrust investigation work, and regularly represents clients before the Brazilian competition authorities and the Federal Department of Justice (MPF). The team also handles a substantial number of merger review cases. Alongside Ferraz, Celso Lafer is also highly recommended, and the team can call on in-house economists to assist in competition cases.

The 'excellent' [TozziniFreire Advogados](#) fields a sizeable competition team, and advises domestic and international clients on cross-border merger filings, leniency agreements, and antitrust investigations. Highlights for Marcelo Calliari included advising Motorola Mobility on competition issues relating to its \$12.5bn acquisition by Google, and obtaining approval from CADE on behalf of Kirin Holdings Company in connection with the R\$3.9bn acquisition of Aleadri-Schini Participações e Representações by Kirin's wholly-owned subsidiary Kusuga Participações. Calliari also acted for Novartis in negotiations with CADE concerning its divestment order following a decision taken in 2011 regarding Novartis' acquisition of Alcon from Nestlé. José Regazzini is also highly recommended and advised Hitachi in a notification to CADE regarding the \$4.3bn acquisition of Hitachi's storage technology business by WDC. On the antitrust side, the team acted for SKF in a unilateral conduct investigation of resale price maintenance. Elsewhere, the group regularly assists clients in leniency agreements and in antitrust compliance programmes. The firm is also rated for its experience in Asian markets, including Japan, Korea and China, and clients praise the team's 'impressive teamwork' and 'eagerness to assist'.

Grinberg, Cordovil e Barros Advogados has a substantial competition practice, and the team assists clients on merger control and in antitrust investigations, including cartel and abuse of dominance cases. Noteworthy, Mauro Grinberg acts for clients in the pharmaceutical, technology and hydrocarbons sectors, including Google, Shell, Merck and Abbott. The team also assists in compliance programmes and leniency agreements, and in actions for damages caused by competition infringements. Leonor Cordovil, who acts on international trade cases, is also recommended.

With an excellent reputation for the strength of its competition law practice, Lino, Beraldi, Belluzzo e Caminati Advogados has a significant presence in the market and is noted for its depth of experience. The 'very respected' Fábio Francisco Beraldi, regularly assists clients with merger notifications and in antitrust investigations. The team also advises on abuse of dominant position cases, competition compliance, leniency agreements and indemnity lawsuits for damages following anticompetitive conduct. Also recommended is Eduardo Caminati Anders, who is recognised for his knowledge of the workings of a number of Brazilian regulatory bodies, and assists clients in judicial proceedings before the authorities, in addition to advising on merger notifications and investigations. Established litigator Baturá Rogério Meneghesso Lino is singled out for his longstanding experience in defending clients before CADE in cartel investigations.

A major firm in the Brazilian market, [Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados](#) has renowned strength in the competition sector. The team assists clients on merger filings, anticompetitive investigations and settlement agreements. Very active across these areas during 2011, highlights included advising Carrier Corporation on antitrust matters

In 2011, Russia completed negotiations regarding its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Over the 18 years of Russia's negotiations with the WTO and its members, discussions have occurred in society from time to time regarding the implications of this event for the country's economy.

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Import and repairing aircraft: customs issues

The current rates of import customs duty on civil passenger aircraft are as follows: ■ 0% – in relation to small aircrafts (i.e. those that have less than 50 seats and weigh less than 20,000 kg), aircrafts with between 50 and 300 seats and weighing between 90,000 and 120,000 kg and large aircrafts (i.e. those that have more than 300 seats or weigh more than 120,000 kg); ■ 20% – in relation to all other aircrafts.

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CSSF regulation sets out risk management and conflicts of interest rules for SIFs

Luxembourg's financial regulator, the Financial Sector Supervisory Authority (CSSF) has published on August 13 a regulation setting out the provisions implementing Article 42b of the revised Specialised Investment Fund legislation regarding risk management and conflict of interest requirements. CSSF Regulation N° 12-01 specifically concerns paragraph 1 of the article, regarding the criteria for assessing the suitability of risk management systems used by SIFs, and paragraph 2, regarding structures and organisational requirements designed to minimise the risk of conflicts of interest arising.

- [Chevalier & Sciales](#)

Foundations in Guernsey

On 25 July 2012 the States of Deliberation, Guernsey's parliament, approved the project de loi The Foundations (Guernsey) Law, 2012 (the "Law"). Subject to Privy Council approval, the Law is expected to come into force in late 2012 or early 2013. This note is a brief summary of certain features of the new Law.

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Ogier Advises Touchstone Gold on acquisition of Atlantis Gold Mines

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in relation to its joint venture with Midea, and assisting VeriFone Systems with a CADE filing regarding its \$485m acquisition of Hypercom. The practice is led by [Tito Amaral de Andrade](#), a well-known figure in the area. He acted for Cisco Systems in a notification to CADE following its acquisition of Inlet Technologies, and is also advising Seagate Technology on an antitrust filing relating to the company's \$1.375bn acquisition of the hard disk drive business of Samsung. Maria Eugênia Novis is highly recommended for her expertise, and the team is rated for its domestic and cross-border experience.

'*Absolutely excellent in every way*', the competition and antitrust group at Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie assists clients in cartel investigations, abuse of dominance cases, merger control, and compliance issues. It also has notable experience in cross-border work, and regularly provides advice on Brazilian law aspects of international investigations. Clients particularly praise the firm's ability to '*work well with other global counsel as a team*' and for its '*excellent relationships with the regulators*'. The team of '*very substantive lawyers*' provides '*thoughtful advice*' and has '*a wonderful willingness to work through different questions*'. Leading the group are the '*very responsive and knowledgeable*' Francisco Ribeiro Todorov and Tulio Freitas do Egito Coelho, who are '*fully dedicated to their clients*' and '*a pleasure to work with on every level*'. The '*timely, pragmatic and business-orientated*' team is currently representing Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in a Brazilian cartel investigation, and also acted for Air Liquide do Brasil in a judicial review of a R\$198m fine imposed by CADE. In 2011, it advised Fox Film do Brasil on the notification process for the formation of a joint venture with Sony.

At Demarest & Almeida Advogados, the highly capable team assists clients on merger notifications, cartel investigations and leniency agreements, among other competition matters. Mário Nogueira and Bruno Drago are highly active in the area and recommended for their experience. Recent merger review highlights include advising Takeda Pharmaceutical Company in connection with its acquisition of all shares of Nycomed, and representing Henkel Hong Kong Holding in competition issues following its joint venture agreement with Tiande Chemical Holdings. The team is equally experienced in antitrust work, and is currently representing a defendant in an investigation into alleged bid rigging in the dredging industry. It is also advising the defendant in an investigation into an alleged international cartel in the graphite electrodes market, and representing an air cargo company accused of price-fixing cargo fuel surcharge fees in a case related to a leniency agreement with competition authorities in various jurisdictions. The team is noted for its international experience, and clients value the practice as a key element of firm's full-service offering.

Providing a '*very professional service*', [Lefosse Advogados](#)' team is led by Paola Pugliese. The '*very knowledgeable, practical and business-friendly*' Pugliese advises domestic and international clients on merger controls, antitrust filings, compliance issues, and in administrative proceedings before CADE, among other matters. Key instructions included advising Marfrig Frigoríficos in regard to the competition elements of its asset swap with BRF-Brasil Foods. Air BP is a key client, and the group recently represented the company in its opposition to the sale of Cosanpar Participações' air fuel assets to Shell Brazil: resulting in Shell being required to undertake certain CADE-directed divestments. The team is now representing Air BP in the acquisitions of those assets. Pugliese also provided competition advice to Johnson & Johnson on its \$21.3bn acquisition of Synthes, and is advising Volkswagen on competition issues related to its acquisition of truck manufacturer MAN. Clients praise the team's '*excellent knowledge, sound advice and good response times*'.

Levy & Salomão fields a strong, combined competition and international trade team with a depth of experience meriting its solid reputation in the market. The firm assists its clients in connection with compliance issues, merger notifications, investigations into anticompetitive conduct and private enforcement actions. Bolívar Moura Rocha is a key figure in the practice group, and leads the team from the firm's Brasília office. In Sao Paulo, Ana Paula Martinez receives substantial praise, and regularly advises clients on antitrust investigations and compliance issues. Alexandre Ditzel Faraco is recommended, and Rio de Janeiro-based Mariana Tavares de Araujo's competition expertise is also recognised.

Competition and antitrust is a key part of Mattos Muriel Kestener Advogados' service offering. The firm represents major corporates in administrative and judicial proceedings regarding anticompetitive practices, including abuse of dominance and cartel investigations, and also advises on merger notifications to CADE and compliance with Brazilian competition law. Ubiratan Mattos is the key contact.

[Pereira Neto | Macedo](#) has a solid reputation for its competition law experience, and is singled out in the market for its '*quality and professionalism*'. Caio Mario da Silva Pereira Neto is a key name in the area, and regularly advises on major mergers in Brazil. The team also

Ogier in London, in its role as long term BVI legal advisor to Touchstone Gold Limited ("Touchstone"), have assisted Touchstone with its acquisition of Atlantis Gold Mines Corp. ("Atlantis"). The new business combination has resulted in the creation of a Colombia focused gold exploration and development company with an asset base of tremendous potential in a highly prolific gold district.

- [Ogier](#)

Hammarskiöld & Co represented Bel Fuse Inc. in the acquisition of Powerbox Italia S.r.l.

Hammarskiöld & Co represented Bel Fuse Inc. in relation to its acquisition of Powerbox Italia S.r.l. from Powerbox International AB.

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Lidings is advising the leaders of Chinese automotive industry

Lidings has further strengthened its leading position in providing legal support to clients from the Asia-Pacific region operating in the automotive industry and actively developing their presence in the Russian market. Emphasizing automotive industry as one of the Firm's flagship areas of expertise, extensive experience in representing some of the largest international car manufacturers, and long fruitful collaboration with leading Chinese law firms are all among the main contributing factors.

- [Lidings Law Firm](#)

Family law partner discusses proposals to reform divorce legislation on Woman's Hour

Julia Thackray, head of Penningtons' family law team, was a guest on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour on Thursday 13 September in a programme which examined the Law Commission's new review of divorce settlements. She joined presenter Jenni Murray to discuss the implications of potential changes along with Professor Elizabeth Cooke, one of the Law Commissioners heading the public consultation process which began on 11 September.

- [Penningtons Solicitors LLP](#)

Bär & Karrer: 14 September 2012 – Swiss Prime Site acquires all shares of Wincasa from Credit Sui

Swiss Prime Site AG, the leading company for real estate investments in Switzerland, has reached an agreement with Credit Suisse Group Ltd for the acquisition of all shares of Wincasa AG. Wincasa AG is one of the leading real estate service providers in Switzerland, with more than 670 employees and 171,000 properties under management.

- [Bär & Karrer](#)

assists clients in antitrust investigations arising from anticompetitive behaviour. The firm's client base includes telecoms and electronic payment companies.

[Veirano e Advogados Associados](#) has a highly experienced competition group, and assists on domestic and cross-border issues including merger control, cartel investigations, abuse of dominant position cases and competition law compliance. The highly regarded Mariana Villela is at the helm of the team, and can also call on the support of Pedro Garcia, Fábio Figueira and Brasília-based João Geraldo Piquet Carneiro. Villela is representing BR Distribuidora in an investigation into the practice of excessive prices in the fuel market, and acting for Eletropaulo in an investigation into an alleged abuse of dominant position in the electricity market. In other matters, Villela is advising Subsea 7 and Acergy in a merger notification regarding the companies' combination of offshore engineering, construction and maintenance businesses; and assisting Halliburton Company in merger notifications concerning several acquisitions. Figueira and Garcia also advised Merck & Co in the merger notifications of its joint ventures with Sanofi-Aventis and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries in the animal health and pharmaceutical markets respectively. Clients praise the group for its '*excellent service*'.

At Azevedo Sette Advogados, practice head Marcel Medon Santos handles antitrust issues including merger filings and merger reviews, and also acts on anti-dumping cases. Santos successfully represented Mapfre Vera Cruz Seguradora before CADE in connection with its formation of a joint venture with Banco do Brasil that has become a top-three player in the Brazilian insurance market. In other work, Santos gained CADE approval for Amazônia Energia Participações' acquisition of shares in Norte Energia.

[Barretto Ferreira, Kujawski e Brancher Sociedade de Advogados – BKBG's](#) competition group stems from the firm's experience in international trade cases. The group assists clients in merger control, investigations, actions before CADE, and compliance cases. Paulo Brancher and [Luiz Eduardo Salles](#) are the team's key figures. Highlights included successfully representing Claro (Americe) before CADE on the notification of its joint venture with Bradesco, and acting for Abiplast (Associação Brasileira da Indústria do Plástico) as a third party in the review of Braskem's acquisition of petrochemical producer Quattor.

Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados advises clients on merger filings, cartel investigations and competition law compliance. Aurélio Santos is currently acting for Praxair's Brazilian subsidiary, White Martins Gases Industriais, in a CADE investigation regarding alleged market foreclosure in the industrial gases market, and also assisting the company in a lawsuit attempting to annul a \$1bn fine imposed following collusive practices in Brazil's industrial gases market. In other matters, the '*technically excellent*' team provided preventative counselling to AmBEV (including a review of its compliance programme), and advised investment fund FIP Kinea Real Estate Equity on a merger filing relating to its acquisition of convertible debentures issued by Vifran. Ricardo Botelho is also singled out for his expertise, and '*attentive and helpful*' associates Camila Girardi and Camila Doria are noted for '*presenting alternative solutions*'. Other clients include Dow Agrosciences Industrial, Dachser and Vale.

At Dias Carneiro Advogados, Ricardo Inglez de Sousa leads the capable team in advising clients on a range of competition matters, from merger notifications to cartel investigations. Souza has a '*very good knowledge of antitrust law*' and gives '*appropriate advice*' together with '*fast responses*'. The team is currently representing Ford Motor Company in an administrative proceeding regarding an alleged abuse of dominant position case. Elsewhere, it successfully acted for Advent International in competition issues regarding its acquisition of Maxamcorp Holding. Clients rate the firm as '*good value for money*'.

[Fontes & Tarso Ribeiro Advogados](#) represents clients in antitrust cases, and also advises on merger notifications, compliance issues and matters related to anticompetitive practices. Paulo de Tarso Ramos Ribeiro is a well-known figure in the market, and provided antitrust advice to Perdigão regarding its merger with Sadia to form BRF-Brazil Foods. Another highlight for the group included advising Sanofi-Aventis and Medley on competition issues concerning the former's acquisition of Medley. It also advised Sanofi-Aventis on merger notification matters related to its hostile takeover of Genzyme. In the pharmaceutical area, Actelion is another key client.

Small competition boutique GNA – Gianni Nunes Advogados was founded in 2009 by Gianni Nunes de Araujo, a competition specialist with over ten years' experience. Araujo advises on competition compliance and merger notifications, as well as representing clients in contentious cases and investigations. The firm's client roster includes domestic and international companies in the cement, steel, technology and food and drink sectors. Notably, the firm can also call on its own in-house economists.

Delphi advised Statoil Fuel & Retail ASA on the sale of its business supplying...

liquefied petroleum gas

- Delphi

Carey Olsen seminar examines managing employment tribunal claims

Employers have been urged to act quickly and consider key factors such as reputational risk when managing employment tribunal claims, according to Carey Olsen legal experts at a breakfast briefing on Thursday, 6 September.

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The '*strong and well-connected*' Machado Associados has a '*deep understanding of the Brazilian legal system*' and is highly recommended by clients for its knowledge in the competition arena. Praised for its '*professionalism and quality of analysis*', the team features the '*excellent*' Eduardo Molan Gaban at the helm. He '*does a great job of guiding clients through Brazilian antitrust processes*' and recently advised Marfrig Alimentos and Seara Alimentos on bringing a challenge to the 2009 merger of Sadia and Perdigão that created BRF-Brazil Foods. Other highlights included advising Standard Logística e Distribuição on a filing regarding its 2011 merger with América Latina Logística to create Brado Logística, and successfully acting for Japanese trading group Marubeni in a CADE filing regarding its purchase of the majority stake of Terlogs Terminais Marítimos.

Founded in 2009 by André Marques Gilberto and Natália Oliveira Felix, competition boutique Marques Gilberto & Oliveira Felix Advogados provides a highly specialised service to clients both in Brazil and abroad. It regularly acts on cases before CADE and SDE (Secretaria de Direito Econômico), and also advises on investigations and merger control. The firm is steadily growing its practice and client base.

Mundie e Advogados' regulation and competition practice is noted for advising clients in contentious competition cases, particularly in the telecoms sector, before the Brazilian authorities. Guilherme Favaro Corvo Ribas is the key contact at the firm, and Ana Claudia Beppu dos Santos Oliveira and Rafael Fabbri D'Avila are also active in the area.

At [Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados](#), Elisa Ribeiro's team advises on merger notifications, compliance matters and leniency agreements. The team has recent experience advising on merger and acquisition notifications in the energy, steel, and automobile sectors. Its clients include CEMIG and Diageo. The Belo Horizonte-based Ribeiro can also call on [Maria João Pereira Rolim](#) in the firm's Sao Paulo office.

The '*very good*' Souza, Cescon, Barriou & Flesch Advogados has an active competition group, which is regularly involved in competition cases, particularly those related to merger filings. Fabíola Cammarota de Abreu leads the team, and has a reputation built upon long experience. Key mandates of 2011 included advising Shell Brasil on the antitrust filing for its joint venture with Cosan, and advising São Luiz Operadora Hospitalar on antitrust matters including a filing regarding its acquisition by Rede D'Or. Abreu led the advice to Portugal Telecom on a filing concerning its R\$8.4bn acquisition of a minority shareholding in Oi, and also acted for Camil Alimentos regarding approval of its acquisition by Coqueiro. Clients appreciate the team's '*timely responses and excellent market knowledge*', and the group plays a key role in supporting the firm's very established corporate practice.

[Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni – Advogados](#) has a growing competition practice, led by the '*very professional*' Priscila Brolio Gonçalves. Clients praise the '*partner involvement*' in each case. The group has experience advising on administrative and judicial procedures relating to alleged cartel and abuse of dominant position cases, as well as in competition investigations.

Vieira, Rezende, Barbosa e Guerreiro Advogados' developing competition department is led by Marcio de Carvalho Silveira Bueno, who joined the firm in late 2011. Bueno has considerable experience, and heads up a team that advises on merger notifications, Brazilian competition law compliance, and investigations. It also assists clients in judicial proceedings related to abuse of dominant position, predatory pricing and alleged cartels, among other anticompetitive activities.

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Regulatory powerhouse Manesco Ramires Perez Azevedo Marques Advocacia is 'the most recognised name in the market for public law'. Although a boutique, the firm's well-balanced service offering ensures that 'its streamlined niche model manages to provide all the necessary supplementary support in the business law area'. Advising on both transactional and contentious work, and particularly active in infrastructure projects and telecoms matters, the firm nevertheless has 'top-class experience in all the main regulated industries' including transport, health, and energy and natural resources. Floriano de Azevedo Marques Neto is 'Brazil's leading expert on public procurement', and Eduardo Augusto de Oliveira Ramires specialises in economic regulation and is widely recognised for his work advising companies in the telecoms field. On the litigation side, José Roberto Manesco is recommended for defending civil servants and businessmen in civil liability actions.

Boutique firm Sundfeld Advogados is 'a, if not the, prominent player in the public law space' and benefits from 'one of the strongest benches of public law specialists in the market, which makes it a top choice for complex issues'. Firm founder and public law academic Carlos Ari Sundfeld is widely considered to be 'the father of Brazilian telecoms regulation', and Vera Monteiro is particularly recommended for PPP projects. The firm's legendary reputation for telecoms law should not obscure its strength across all of the main regulated industries: the

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firm shines on the consultancy side of public law, advising on public bids and procurement issues, the drafting of laws and regulations, and the preparation of public sector privatisation documents. Administrative, constitutional and land law are all areas in which it has specialist expertise.

The 'very hands-on' team at Azevedo Sette Advogados is 'among the best in Brazil for public law' thanks to its 'highly knowledgeable, responsive and business oriented lawyers'. The firm regularly acts for both public sector bodies and private companies on a broad range of public law matters but it specialises in advising on PPPs and social infrastructure projects. In 2011 alone it acted on a diverse mix of transport projects, leisure developments and health schemes. Among recent highlights, Frederico Bopp Dieterich advised successful bidder CCR on the structuring of the proposed light railway system concession in Rio de Janeiro. In a representative public-side instruction, the firm advised the Government of the City of Belo Horizonte on the structuring of a concession project regarding the operation of three of the city's public cemeteries. Gustavo Eugênio Maciel Rocha is also recommended.

Lawyers at [Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão](#) attract praise for being 'effective', 'clear communicators' and 'among the most responsive in the market', with team head Álvaro Jorge singled out for his 'great technical knowledge' and 'excellent availability'. The practice specialises in advising construction companies on public law issues and it advised Contern Construções e Comércio in preparing its bid to construct a section of a ring road outside the city of Sao Paulo. The firm's market-leading M&A practice also ensures it has excellent experience in advising on privatisation transactions and corporate work across the major regulated industries including telecoms, energy and transport.

Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados scores points for its 'excellent technical knowledge of public law' under the leadership of 'committed' team head Bruno Aurélio, whose 'practical knowledge and experience makes the difference in service delivery'. The firm stands out for its considerable experience in the PPP sector; as reflected by a case list sharply focused on advising on concession bids. It recently advised the INVEPAR-ACSA consortium in the public bidding process for the concessions of the international airports of Brasília, Campinas and Sao Paulo.

The 'responsive' team at Demarest & Almeida Advogados 'takes pains to understand the client's business' and provides 'personal service at all times'. The one-partner team is led by 'outstanding lawyer' Renato Poltronieri. Specialised in advising on the regulatory aspects of public bidding processes, he has a particularly good track record in advising technology and consulting companies. In a highlight case, the firm advised Banco Nacional do Desenvolvimento on the restructuring of the Brazilian Airport Infrastructure Company (INFRAERO). Other representative clients include Diebold Brazil and Pepsico do Brasil.

[Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados](#) has an 'extremely responsive and good team with highly qualified staff to guarantee smooth service'. In addition, it is 'extremely adept at dealing with the needs and worries of international clients'. The firm's public law experience is closely aligned to its project finance capability and it specialises in advising bidding consortiums and development banks on infrastructure projects. [José Virgílio Lopes Enei](#) recently led advice to the Porto do Rio Consortium on the development of a legal-institutional model for the revitalisation of Rio de Janeiro's port. The IFC and BNDES are also active clients.

[Pereira Neto | Macedo](#) has built upon its signature strength in competition to advise on a wide range of regulatory and administrative law issues. In particular, the firm has a strong reputation for infrastructure-related advice and advising clients on Brazilian public procurement law, but it also regularly advises companies in the regulated sector -particularly the telecoms and energy industries- on litigation and regulatory compliance. In a highlight example, it advised Oi on regulatory changes proposed by the Brazilian Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL). Senior partner Caio Mario da Silva Pereira Neto is a noted name.

Considered a 'top choice for strategic matters', [Pinheiro Neto Advogados](#) impresses with its 'fast response times', 'comprehensive and profound research' and ability to 'keep ahead of market trends'. Lawyers 'add value through being well-prepared and strongly integrated with other practice teams' and 'highly experienced' team head [Ricardo Pagliari Levy](#) has 'deep knowledge of relevant case law'. Although the team sits within the firm's litigation group, its work is largely transactional and it is currently advising a European and Latin American consortium on the tender process for a R\$6.5bn toll road construction project.

The public law practice at litigation specialist firm [Siqueira Castro Advogados](#) has a predictably contentious bent, however it does also advise on bidding procedures, feasibility

space for creativity?

The mitigation of damages is a well-known principle in international legal practice. However, in Ukraine there is no widely applied court and arbitration practice on the issues relating to mitigation of damages, and aggrieved parties may be unclear as to what should and can be done.

- [Astapov Lawyers International Law Group](#)

Proposed ban on personal import of medicinal products ordered via Internet

The Ministry of Health and Care has recently issued a hearing letter proposing stringent restrictions on import of medicinal products for personal use. Among the actions proposed, is a general ban on the import of prescription drugs, and access for Customs to seize and destroy falsified or illegal medicinal products.

- [Advokatfirmaet Grette DA](#)

Termination of Distribution Agreements in Romania

The absence of a contract regulating the duration and termination of a distribution relationship does not necessarily entitle a party to abruptly terminate the agreement without facing financial exposure to the other party. In particular, a reasonable notice period should be given to allow the other party to adapt its business operations.

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Treasury Shares – Austrian Takeover Law Aspects

Post financial crisis, many listed companies used their excess liquidity to invest in treasury shares. In addition to corporate law aspects, listed companies and shareholders of listed companies must be aware of implications under Austrian takeover law.

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Reminder of changes to overstayer applications from 1 October 2012

In July 2012 we announced on our website that the UKBA would be introducing changes to applications from overstayers from 1 October 2012 in line with the new immigration rules for family migration which came into effect on 9 July 2012.

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Important information about renewing your sponsor licence

Holders of sponsor licences have recently been receiving emails from the Home Office informing them that the initial grant of four years is to come to an end soon.

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studies and other consultancy services. Clients are drawn from across the energy, telecoms, transport and technology sectors and the team recently advised Companhia Distribuidora de Gás do Rio de Janeiro (CEG) on administrative issues relating to the readjustment of tariffs. Other clients on the firm's books include Nextel Telecommunications, Band Outernet and FCC Construcción.

[TozziniFreire Advogados](#) 'outstanding experience in public law' ensures that it provides 'accurate and insightful advice' and achieves 'excellent results'. The firm houses a broad practice that regularly advises on PPP projects, transactions within the regulated industry sector and complex public law litigation. It recently advised a consortium on the first airport privatisation implemented by the federal government, and also counts Advent Brasil, IFC and McKinsey as recent clients. The three-partner team includes Claudia Elena Bonelli who is highlighted for her 'unparalleled knowledge of the Brazilian public law framework'.

Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie attracts praise for its 'strong market knowledge in the area of procurement and contracts administration' and it also has excellent experience in complex public law litigation. In a headline piece of work, Heloisa Barroso Uelze is advising GE Lifesciences in negotiations for the second phase of the first human plasma plant in Brazil. Associate Henrique Frizzo is considered 'one to watch' and clients single him out as a 'highly qualified professional, with the experience and skill to handle adverse situations'.

[Barretto Ferreira, Kujawski e Brancher Sociedade de Advogados - BKBG](#) receives a regular flow of cases relating to public procurement, administrative contracts and privatisation matters. The firm's telecoms and technology client base provides the bulk of instructions and it advised Sky/DIRECTV in a bidding process relating to the right to use of satellite orbital positions.

[Castro, Barros, Sobral, Gomes Advogados](#) has an active PPP practice and regularly advises on the public law implications of major projects. It recently advised the Sao Paulo state development agency (CPD) on the legal feasibility of implementing a sanitation project for prisons administrated by the Sao Paulo state government.

In 2011, [Fontes & Tarso Ribeiro Advogados](#) advised Unibanco, Andrade Gutierrez, Carioca Engenharia and Rio Ônibus on the \$400m Corridor T5 public transport project – significant for being the first PPP to be implemented in Rio de Janeiro state.

At Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA), Paulo Prado is recommended for advice relating to public bidding procedures. Recent representative clients include communications company HNS Americas, fire truck manufacturer Crimson Fire, and technology company Smartmatic Brasil.

[Veirano e Advogados Associados](#) advised Foz do Brasil and Águas do Brasil Saneamento Ambiental on the resumption of water and sewage services following the termination of the government's concession. The firm is particularly well regarded for its experience in aviation matters.

Russia and the WTO

In 2011, Russia completed negotiations regarding its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Over the 18 years of Russia's negotiations with the WTO and its members, discussions have occurred in society from time to time regarding the implications of this event for the country's economy.

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Import and repairing aircraft: customs issues

The current rates of import customs duty on civil passenger aircraft are as follows: ■ 0% – in relation to small aircrafts (i.e. those that have less than 50 seats and weigh less than 20,000 kg), aircrafts with between 50 and 300 seats and weighing between 90,000 and 120,000 kg and large aircrafts (i.e. those that have more than 300 seats or weigh more than 120,000 kg); ■ 20% – in relation to all other aircrafts.

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CSSF regulation sets out risk management and conflicts of interest rules for SIFs

Luxembourg's financial regulator, the Financial Sector Supervisory Authority (CSSF) has published on August 13 a regulation setting out the provisions implementing Article 42b of the revised Specialised Investment Fund legislation regarding risk management and conflict of interest requirements. CSSF Regulation N ° 12-01 specifically concerns paragraph 1 of the article, regarding the criteria for assessing the suitability of risk management systems used by SIFs, and paragraph 2, regarding structures and organisational requirements designed to minimise the risk of conflicts of interest arising.

- [Chevalier & Sciales](#)

Foundations in Guernsey

On 25 July 2012 the States of Deliberation, Guernsey's parliament, approved the project de loi The Foundations (Guernsey) Law, 2012 (the "Law"). Subject to Privy Council approval, the Law is expected to come into force in late 2012 or early 2013. This note is a brief summary of certain features of the new Law.

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Ogier in London, in its role as long term BVI legal advisor to Touchstone Gold Limited ("Touchstone"), have assisted Touchstone with its acquisition of Atlantis Gold Mines Corp. ("Atlantis"). The new business combination has resulted in the creation of a Colombia focused gold exploration and development company with an asset base of tremendous potential in a highly prolific gold district.

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Lidings is advising the leaders of Chinese automotive industry

Lidings has further strengthened its leading position in providing legal support to clients from the Asia-Pacific region operating in the automotive industry and actively developing their presence in the Russian market. Emphasizing automotive industry as one of the Firm's flagship areas of expertise, extensive experience in representing some of the largest international car manufacturers, and long fruitful collaboration with leading Chinese law firms are all among the main contributing factors.

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Fraser and Neave, Limited ("F&N") in the S\$8.8 billion proposed takeover of F&N by TCC Assets Limited ("TCC Assets"). TCC Assets announced a mandatory general

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12 September 2012. International law firm Integrites successfully defends the interests of Piraeus Bank in a number of major disputes.

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Demonstrating a *'combination of focus and experience not found elsewhere in Brazil'*, [Barretto Ferreira, Kujawski e Brancher Sociedade de Advogados – BKBG's](#) TMT practice is *'the envy of the market'*. The *'extremely responsive'* three-partner team is *'well-informed on telecoms regulatory issues'* and seeks to *'understand the needs of the client'* so as *'to present practical and appropriate solutions'*. Led by *'first-class specialist'* Fabio Kujawski, the group includes *'superior'* managing partner Ricardo Barretto Ferreira da Silva who impresses clients with his *'mastery of the law and excellent commercial awareness'*. Unlike many of its competitors, the firm's well-balanced practice hits the right notes across all three areas of telecoms, media and technology, and it also provides excellent support in



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<a href="#">Benin</a>			- <a href="#">Astapov Lawyers International Law Group</a>
<a href="#">Bermuda</a>	Telecoms boutique Mundie e Advogados 'is the top choice for cutting-edge advice' and draws admiring glances from across the market for 'setting the bar on regulatory matters'.		Proposed ban on personal import of medicinal products ordered via Internet
<a href="#">Bolivia</a>	Peers and clients alike highlight name partner Kevin Mundie as 'the most recognised telecoms expert in town' but Elinor Cristóforo Cotait stands shoulder-to-shoulder with Mundie in terms of technical excellence and experience and is highlighted as a 'top-notch lawyer with a tremendous awareness of what makes the market tick'. In 2011 the firm acted for Virgin Mobile in the negotiation of a \$300m partnership with Tribe Mobile across eight jurisdictions. In addition to its signature strength in telecoms matters the firm also packs a hefty punch in internet, technology, and media and entertainment matters, and its regulatory reputation is supported by robust transactional and contentious capabilities. Litigator Carlos Suplicy de Figueiredo Forbes is singled out as 'the lawyer you want in your corner'.		The Ministry of Health and Care has recently issued a hearing letter proposing stringent restrictions on import of medicinal products for personal use. Among the actions proposed, is a general ban on the import of prescription drugs, and access for Customs to seize and destroy falsified or illegal medicinal products.
<a href="#">Bosnia</a>			- <a href="#">Advokatfirmaet Grette DA</a>
<a href="#">Botswana</a>			Termination of Distribution Agreements in Romania
<a href="#">Brazil</a>	The excellent all-round practice at <a href="#">Pinheiro Neto Advogados</a> is 'up there with the best in media and entertainment matters', and its technology practice is 'steeped in market knowledge and relevant experience' and its telecoms experience is also first-rate. On the telecoms and IT side, 'outstanding specialist' <a href="#">Esther Nunes</a> is recommended as 'very practical and business oriented'. She represented the Brazilian arm of fibre optic network provider Global Crossing in its applications to ANATEL requesting approval for the change of control following its acquisition by Level 3 Communications. The 'smart, pragmatic and efficient' <a href="#">Raphael de Cunto</a> handles both telecoms and media work and attracts sterling praise for his 'unrivalled responsiveness and market knowledge'. The department's media clients are drawn from an array of entertainment sectors including TV networks, news agencies, movie studios and radio stations.		The absence of a contract regulating the duration and termination of a distribution relationship does not necessarily entitle a party to abruptly terminate the agreement without facing financial exposure to the other party. In particular, a reasonable notice period should be given to allow the other party to adapt its business operations.
<a href="#">British Virgin Islands</a>			- <a href="#">Schönherr</a>
<a href="#">Bulgaria</a>			Treasury Shares – Austrian Takeover Law Aspects
<a href="#">Burkina Faso</a>			Post financial crisis, many listed companies used their excess liquidity to invest in treasury shares. In addition to corporate law aspects, listed companies and shareholders of listed companies must be aware of implications under Austrian takeover law.
<a href="#">Cambodia</a>			- <a href="#">Schönherr</a>
<a href="#">Cameroon</a>			Reminder of changes to overstayer applications from 1 October 2012
<a href="#">Canada</a>			In July 2012 we announced on our website that the UKBA would be introducing changes to applications from overstayers from 1 October 2012 in line with the new immigration rules for family migration which came into effect on 9 July 2012.
<a href="#">Cape Verde</a>			- <a href="#">Penningtons Solicitors LLP</a>
<a href="#">Cayman Islands</a>			
<a href="#">Chad</a>			
<a href="#">Chile</a>			
<a href="#">China</a>			
<a href="#">Colombia</a>			
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<a href="#">Indonesia</a>			
	Bitelli Advogados is a specialist in media, social communication and entertainment matters and is widely seen as 'one of the market's top two firms for media law'. Firm founder Marcos Alberto Sant'Anna Bitelli 'knows more than most lawyers know about the area' and he is recommended as 'a visionary in the field'. Clients include some of the leading companies in film, TV, music, publishing and digital media and new technology is a particularly strong area: the team recently assisted with the development of contracts that will allow theatres to show 3D football matches during the World Cup.		
	Unlike its boutique rivals, media-focused market heavyweight Cesnik, Quintino & Salinas Advogados prides itself on providing a full-service offering to its media and entertainment clients. It advises media groups, sponsors, investors, producers, publishers and broadcasters on all relevant support areas including corporate matters, employment, administrative law, IP and litigation. Fábio de Sá Cesnik is one of the markets best-known names; 'you would struggle to find a lawyer more in tune with their industry than Fábio'. Rodrigo Kopke Salinas is recommended for IP issues.		
	Manesco Ramires Perez Azevedo Marques Advocacia has built upon its regulatory strength to field a telecoms practice with a strong public law bent; however, its solid capability in transactional and infrastructure ensures it also receives a significant flow of corporate deals. In a recent highlight, the firm advised Guerreiro Teleconsult on the drafting of a review of the country's telecoms regulations. Floriano de Azevedo Marques Neto and Eduardo Augusto de Oliveira Ramires are both considered among the market's leading lights.		
	Lawyers at Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie 'reply to requests as soon as possible' and demonstrate 'genuine concern for their client's business'. Esther Miriam Flesch heads a five-partner team that also includes 'excellent professional' Maria Cristina Machado Cortez, who stands out for her 'technical quality, personal customer service and commitment to achieve the best result'. The firm shines on the technology side and over the past year it has advised a broad mix of IT providers and software companies on outsourcing issues and general corporate and commercial matters.		
	Regulated industries specialist Felsberg, Pedretti e Mannrich Advogados e Consultores Legais provides a service offering of quality in the IT, telecoms and sports and entertainment areas. It is particularly well known for advising athletes and sports clubs on matters such as image rights and licensing but it also has a strong film practice. Clients include the Brazilian Paralympic Committee and Paramount Pictures.		
	Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA)'s telecoms team advises domestic and multinational companies on a wide range of regulatory, transactional and IP issues. Clients include satellite service providers and telecoms cable manufacturers. On the media side, the firm houses a		

Iran	prominent TV practice and Brazilian media conglomerate Grupo Bandeirantes de Comunicação is a trophy client.	Important information about renewing your sponsor licence
Iraq		Holder of sponsor licences have recently been receiving emails from the Home Office informing them that the initial grant of four years is to come to an end soon. - Penningtons Solicitors LLP
Ireland	Highlighting its strong telecoms capability, <a href="#">Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados</a> recently advised mobile telecoms giant Telefónica on regulatory matters related to its \$760m acquisition of outstanding Vivo shares from minority shareholders. Founding partner <a href="#">Moshe Boruch Sendacz</a> is highly recommended for telecoms work, and Ivandro Sanchez, the firm's media law contact, for sports-related matters.	Russia and the WTO In 2011, Russia completed negotiations regarding its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Over the 18 years of Russia's negotiations with the WTO and its members, discussions have occurred in society from time to time regarding the implications of this event for the country's economy. - <a href="#">Pepeliaev Group</a>
Isle of Man		Import and repairing aircraft: customs issues The current rates of import customs duty on civil passenger aircraft are as follows: ■ 0% – in relation to small aircrafts (i.e. those that have less than 50 seats and weigh less than 20,000 kg), aircrafts with between 50 and 300 seats and weighing between 90,000 and 120,000 kg and large aircrafts (i.e. those that have more than 300 seats or weigh more than 120,000 kg); ■ 20% – in relation to all other aircrafts. - <a href="#">Pepeliaev Group</a>
Israel		CSSF regulation sets out risk management and conflicts of interest rules for SIFs Luxembourg's financial regulator, the Financial Sector Supervisory Authority (CSSF) has published on August 13 a regulation setting out the provisions implementing Article 42b of the revised Specialised Investment Fund legislation regarding risk management and conflict of interest requirements. CSSF Regulation N° 12-01 specifically concerns paragraph 1 of the article, regarding the criteria for assessing the suitability of risk management systems used by SIFs, and paragraph 2, regarding structures and organisational requirements designed to minimise the risk of conflicts of interest arising. - <a href="#">Chevalier &amp; Sciales</a>
Italy		Foundations in Guernsey On 25 July 2012 the States of Deliberation, Guernsey's parliament, approved the project de loi The Foundations (Guernsey) Law, 2012 (the "Law"). Subject to Privy Council approval, the Law is expected to come into force in late 2012 or early 2013. This note is a brief summary of certain features of the new Law. - <a href="#">Carey Olsen</a>
Japan	The transactionally focused practice at Pinheiro Guimarães – Advogados has an excellent track record in advising on major corporate and finance deals in the telecoms sector. In a highlight, the firm advised Vésper in a \$1.2bn deal involving the establishment of a telecommunications network covering 27 Brazilian states – notably the firm also advised on the negotiations to obtain regulatory approval of the transaction before ANATEL.	
Jersey		
Jordan		
Kazakhstan		
Kenya		
Kuwait	Schivartche Advogados' <i>'quality of advice matches, if not exceeds, the best-known firms in Brazil'</i> and it is highlighted as a <i>'top choice for TV law'</i> . The firm specialises in advising on production, distribution and screenwriting contracts and all related IP, corporate and tax issues. André Schivartche is the main contact for the entertainment practice and is highlighted as <i>'a clear, communicative lawyer who would stand out as among the best in any market'</i> .	
Kyrgyzstan		
Laos		
Latin America: International firms	<a href="#">TozziniFreire Advogados</a> has a strong technology client base and receives a steady flow of transactional instructions relating to the electronics, IT and software industries. The firm recently advised Hitachi on its R\$80m acquisition of 100% of the shares of Linear Equipamentos Eletrônicos. On the consultancy side, the firm advised SupportComm on the software license, development and exploration agreement for a matchmaking service.	
Latvia		
Lebanon		
Lesotho		
Libya		
Liechtenstein	In 2011, Valdir de Oliveira Rocha Filho's team at <a href="#">Veirano e Advogados Associados</a> was boosted by the arrival of senior associate and media specialist Fábio Luiz Barboza Pereira, who joined from an in-house position at a television company. Over the past year, the firm has advised on a series of major strategic telecoms and technology transactions including advising TIM Participações, Brazil's second largest mobile telecoms company, in a \$910m public share offering.	
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Macedonia		
Madagascar		
Malawi	IP specialist Dannemann, Siemsen, Bigler & Ipanema Moreira has built upon its traditional strengths to specialise in advising media clients on sponsorship and copyright issues. José Eduardo Vieira is recommended.	
Malaysia		
Mali		
Malta	Demarest & Almeida Advogados' four-partner media team is led by Tatiana Campello Lopes and handles the full range of entertainment-related law matters, including image license agreements, copyright issues and sponsorship matters. Clients include Metro International and CBS Studios.	
Mauritius		
Mexico		
Moldova		
Monaco	<a href="#">Pereira Neto   Macedo</a> is standout on telecoms work and it excels in advising on regulatory and competition matters. Clients include SindiTelebrasil (the association of Brazilian telecoms companies), and Oi, the largest telecoms company in Brazil.	
Mongolia		
Montenegro		
Morocco	Under the leadership of Elisa Ribeiro, <a href="#">Rolim, Viotti &amp; Leite Campos Advogados'</a> telecoms and technology practice has built a strong reputation for contentious regulatory issues. Among its headline cases, the team advised Companhia de Telecomunicações do Brasil Central on filing lawsuits against ANATEL contesting the unlawfulness of imposed fines.	
Mozambique		
Myanmar		
Namibia		
Netherlands	In a recent headline transaction, Uihôa Canto, Rezende e Guerra Advogados advised Telemar, and its subsidiary Oi, in the sale of a \$5bn stake in Oi to Portugal Telecom. Ewald Possolo Corrêa da Veiga heads the team.	
Netherlands Antilles		
New Zealand	<a href="#">Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni – Advogados</a> has concentrated on increasing its share of telecoms and technology work in recent years. The firm has experience in corporate and regulatory matters and its clients include Next IT Corporation.	
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Pakistan		
Panama		
Papua New Guinea		
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Slovenia
South Africa
South Korea
Spain
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Ogier Advises Touchstone Gold on acquisition of Atlantis Gold Mines

Ogier in London, in its role as long term BVI legal advisor to Touchstone Gold Limited ("Touchstone"), have assisted Touchstone with its acquisition of Atlantis Gold Mines Corp. ("Atlantis"). The new business combination has resulted in the creation of a Colombia focused gold exploration and development company with an asset base of tremendous potential in a highly prolific gold district.

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Hammariskiöld & Co represented Bel Fuse Inc. in the acquisition of Powerbox Italia S.r.l.

Hammariskiöld & Co represented Bel Fuse Inc. in relation to its acquisition of Powerbox Italia S.r.l. from Powerbox International AB.

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Lidings has further strengthened its leading position in providing legal support to clients from the Asia-Pacific region operating in the automotive industry and actively developing their presence in the Russian market. Emphasizing automotive industry as one of the Firm's flagship areas of expertise, extensive experience in representing some of the largest international car manufacturers, and long fruitful collaboration with leading Chinese law firms are all among the main contributing factors.

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Carey Olsen seminar examines managing employment tribunal claims

Employers have been urged to act quickly and consider key factors such as reputational risk when managing employment tribunal claims, according to Carey Olsen legal experts at a breakfast briefing on Thursday, 6 September.

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#### INTEGRITES SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS PIRAEUS BANK

12 September 2012. International law firm Integrites successfully defends the interests of Piraeus Bank in a number of major disputes.

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Schoenherr scoops five legal awards from Austria's Die Presse

Schoenherr further strengthened its standing as the leading corporate law firm in Austria by winning five "Advocatus" legal awards from the distinguished newspaper Die Presse.

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