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Partners Group and Capvis acquire VAT Holding AG

Partners Group, a global private markets investment manager, and Capvis, a leading Swiss mid-size market PE fund, have agreed to jointly acquire VAT Holding, the global market leader in high-end vacuum valves. The transaction is subject to merger control approval.

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Tercio Sampaio Ferraz Jr - Sampaio Ferraz Advogados

Undoubtedly ‘*One of the top firms in Brazil for competition matters*’, **Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão** has excellent experience in competition and antitrust, both domestically and as regards cross-border matters. Frequently a ‘*first port of call*’, the practice handles all matters from merger control to competition investigations. The ‘*quick and attentive*’ team demonstrates ‘*high levels of technical competency*’ and it is praised for combining ‘*deep knowledge*’ with ‘*practical experience*’. Key practitioner Barbara Rosenberg is highly regarded in the market, and José Carlos da Matta Berardo was appointed partner in November 2012. ‘*Highly capable*’ and ‘*always available*’, Rosenberg and Berardo ‘*add significant value*’ to competition cases. Significant recent work includes advising Itaú Unibanco on its merger filing before competition authority CADE and the Central Bank of Brazil; advising Lochpe-Maxion on competition matters related to its acquisition of Hayes Lemmerz International; and representing airline industry trade association, IATA, and eight international carriers, in an investigation alleging anti-competitive practices in Brazil. The team also concluded a five-year cartel investigation on behalf of Cimentos Liz, without sanction, and is currently active in a number of international cartel investigations, particularly in the technology sector.

‘*Excellent in 100% of transactions*’, **Advocacia José Del Chiaro** is a premier competition boutique in Brazil and operates out of offices in Sao Paulo and Brasilia. The ‘*high-quality*’ and ‘*client-orientated*’ practice is rated for providing ‘*clear options*’ to clients, and is ‘*always prepared to deal with unlikely situations*’. José Del Chiaro has ‘*deep knowledge of economic laws*’ and is a ‘*respected market authority*’ on all competition matters. Recent mandates for the ‘*brilliant*’ team include representing key client Volkswagen, in competition-related lawsuits in the states of Sao Paulo and Santa Catarina; advising ArcelorMittal Brazil on seeking the annulment of a CADE decision related to an alleged cartel; and representing Coca-Cola FEMSA in an anti-competitive practices investigation. The firm is also noted for acting for Philip Morris in an abuse

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Life, death and reincarnation: The Hastings-Bass principle in Jersey

This briefing examines the evolution of the Hastings-Bass principle in Jersey up to and including the adoption by Jersey of statutory provisions to give statutory force to the rule in *Re Hastings Bass* in response to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Pitt v Holt* and *Futter v Futter*. Read more...

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Action Plan to fight against social dumping

The government is taking an increasingly harder line in dealing with the problem of abuses by foreign subcontractors, with increased inspections, a stricter prosecution policy and more severe penalties.

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Nullity of irregularly obtained evidence limited

Legislator roots the so-called Antigoon case law in criminal law

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So-called “fake self-employment”

Special criteria adopted for the road transport and logistics sectors

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Highlights of the new Luxembourg government programme

The new coalition government formed after the elections held last October recently released its government programme. It is the expression of a strong commitment to further strengthen the competitiveness of the Luxembourg economy and to sustain the long-term development of its financial centre.

- **Arendt & Medernach**

China	of dominance case against Souza Cruz; and advised the Brazilian arm of Heineken, Cervejarias Kaiser, on bringing an abuse of dominant market position investigation against AmBev, relating to beer bottles. 'An excellent young professional', Ademir Antonio Pereira Jr demonstrates a 'high level of legal and business knowledge' and offers 'flawless service' and 'creative and smart solutions'. Pereira Jr represented Santos Brasil in an alleged exclusionary conduct investigation into terminal handling charges at the port of Santos.
Colombia	
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Curacao	
Cyprus	
Czech Republic	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Denmark	
Dominican Republic	
Ecuador	
Egypt	
El Salvador	
Estonia	
Ethiopia	
Faroe Islands	
Finland	
France	'Absolutely outstanding', Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados competition practice delivers 'useful and practical advice in short time frames' on domestic and international merger notifications and antitrust investigations work. Clients praise the 'committed' team for 'digging deep and coming up with a precise legal analysis when needed'. Working closely with the firm's top-rated corporate practice, the team handled over 50 merger filings during 2012, including advice to Camargo Corrêa, through its company InterCement, on the acquisition of control over Portuguese group Cimpor; and British Gas, on the \$1.8bn sale of its controlling stake in Companhia de Gás de Sao Paulo (Comgás), to Cosan. These cases were led by the Sao Paulo-based Lauro Celidonio Gomes dos Reis Neto , who is 'extremely technically capable', 'highly dedicated', and 'always available' – 'he leads on instructions personally'. In Rio de Janeiro, the 'responsive and pragmatic' Amadeu Carvalhaes Ribeiro is 'clearly among the best competition lawyers in Brazil'. Ribeiro has a leading reputation and experience, and is currently representing United Airlines on an investigation concerning an alleged international cartel in the air cargo market. Senior associates Marcio Dias Soares and Renata Zuccolo Giannella are commended for their growing expertise.
Georgia	
Germany	
Ghana	
Gibraltar	
Greece	
Greenland	
Guatemala	
Guernsey	
Guinea	
Honduras	
Hong Kong	
Hungary	Fielding six partners in its 'proficient and committed' competition team, the 'first-rate' practice at Pinheiro Neto Advogados has notable domestic and cross-border experience spanning merger review and antitrust investigations. The 'proactive and agile' Flávio Lemos Belliboni has 'deep knowledge of competition law' and is praised for his 'commercial vision and awareness': in March 2012, he successfully concluded a 12-year investigation into anti-competitive practices in the international lysine market on behalf of client Ajinomoto Interamericana. Providing 'highly appropriate advice', Renê Guilherme Medrado is 'very
Iceland	
India	
Indonesia	
Iran	
Iraq	

[Extension of the Penalties Range Applicable in the Regulation of Healthcare](#)

On November 25, 2013, the President of the Russian Federation has signed the Federal Law № 317 -FZ "On amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation and on the annulment of certain provisions of legislative acts of the Russian Federation on the health of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 317 - FZ "). The purpose of this statutory act is to harmonize various effective statutes in the area of healthcare, following the recently occurred amendments in connection with the adoption of the Federal Law of November 21, 2011 № 323- FZ "On the basis of health protection of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 323 -FZ "), and amendments to the Federal Law of April 12, 2010 № 61 -FZ "On circulation of Medicines " ("Law 61-FZ ").

- [Lidings Law Firm](#)

[Albania's new courts](#)

This article looks at the new administrative courts in Albania which are part of a strategy to increase foreign investment by offering more security to investors. This was first published in 'The Lawyer' May 2012.

- [Hoxha Memi Hoxha](#)

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For bonus plans which lead to payments in 2014, the exempted amount has been raised to 3,131 EUR (social security limit) and 2,722 EUR (tax limit).

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On 7 November 2013, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

Ireland	<i>knowledgeable</i> and acted for Prosegur on the merger filing for its \$450m acquisition of Nordeste Group. <i>'Business-orientated'</i> , José Alexandre Buaiz Neto is praised for his timely responses, positive approach and <i>'high degree of commitment and expertise'</i> : he successfully defended Evonik Industries and Evonik Degussa Brasil in an investigation into an alleged cartel in the hydrogen peroxide market (no fines were imposed), and also advised Mitsui on a merger notification. Highlights for Cristianne Saccab Zazur include advising GKN Group on a merger filing following its acquisition of part of AB Volvo; and Sodexo on a merger filing related to its R\$1.2bn acquisition of Puras do Brasil. Leonardo Peres da Rocha e Silva advised General Motors Holding on a filing related to its agreement with Peugeot for the joint purchase of vehicle auto parts, while Rodrigo Carneiro de Oliveira acted for Corn Products.
Isle of Man	
Israel	
Italy	
Japan	
Jersey	
Jordan	
Kazakhstan	
Kenya	With offices in Sao Paulo and Brasilia, Sampaio Ferraz Advogados is a well-known boutique with a superb market reputation for competition law. The firm advises on antitrust investigations and also handles merger notifications. Singled out from the highly capable team is name partner Tercio Sampaio Ferraz Jr, who has considerable expertise. The team is recognised for its academic knowledge and is very experienced in advising clients on matters before CADE. Celso Lafer is also noted.
Kosovo	
Kuwait	
Kyrgyzstan	
Laos	
Latin America: International firms	At TozziniFreire Advogados , the <i>'knowledgeable and responsive'</i> competition team has substantial experience in domestic and cross-border instructions. On the merger notification side, the firm remained busy throughout 2012, and highlights included advising Toshiba Tec, following its purchase of sole control of the assets of IBM's Retail Store Solutions business; and Motorola Mobility regarding its \$12.5bn global acquisition by Google. The team is also adept at handling leniency agreement work, and is currently defending several clients in investigations regarding alleged international cartels in the air cargo, LCD and auto parts markets, among others. Marcelo Calliari and José Regazzini have notable experience, and Daniel Andreoli is particularly recommended for merger notification work. The firm's Asia-focused practice groups generate considerable competition work, and the team also advises on antitrust compliance programmes for clients including MasterCard and Valeo.
Latvia	
Lebanon	
Libya	
Liechtenstein	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Macedonia	
Malaysia	
Mali	With experience across many different industry sectors, Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie's <i>'great'</i> competition practice is praised for its <i>'strong knowledge of competition regulations in Brazil and abroad'</i> . The team <i>'treats clients with high levels of consideration and priority'</i> , and key members include the recommended Tulio Freitas do Egito Coelho and Francisco Ribeiro Todorov, who has <i>'incredible in-depth knowledge'</i> . Associate Adriana Franco Giannini is also singled out. Recent mandates for Todorov included assisting PepsiCo on competition matters related to its acquisition of Mabel; and advising FedEx Corporation on the notification regarding its acquisition of the outstanding shares in Rapidão. On the antitrust side, Todorov continues to represent Nippon Electric Glass on an investigation into an alleged international cartel in the CRT glass market; and he also acted for Archer Daniels Midland on the international cartel investigation into the lysine market. Coelho advised Nestlé on the notification concerning its \$11.85bn acquisition of Pzifer's infant nutrition business. Other clients include Merck, Fox Film do Brasil, Boehringer Ingelheim and Yara International.
Malta	
Mauritius	
Mexico	
Moldova	
Monaco	
Mongolia	
Montenegro	
Morocco	
Mozambique	
Myanmar	
Netherlands	Singled out for its <i>'market vision and history'</i> , Franceschini e Miranda, Advogados is a competition-focused boutique, benefitting from longstanding experience and a solid market
Netherlands Antilles	

approved the registration of the first four trade repositories under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("European Market Infrastructure Regulation" or "EMIR").
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Violation of Inheritance Rights over Shares in Limited Liability Companies

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Writ petition filed pertaining to delays at the Indian Patent Office

In the matter concerning: Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3742/2013 and Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3756/2013

- **Anand and Anand**

Baker & McKenzie berät Société Générale bei ABS-Transaktion im Wert von 1 Milliarde Euro

Frankfurt, 12. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die Société Générale Corporate, Investment Banking (Société Générale) als Arranger Counsel bei der zweiten öffentlichen ABS-Transaktion für die Bank Deutsches Kraftfahrzeuggewerbe GmbH ("BDK") in Deutschland beraten.

- **Baker & McKenzie**

Baker & McKenzie berät Airesis bei Verkauf von Boards & More

München, 28. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die börsennotierte

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Saint Martin
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
South Korea
Spain
Sri Lanka
St Barts
St Vincent
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria

reputation. Under the leadership of the recommended José Inácio Gonzaga Franceschini, the team has capability throughout the sector, from merger notifications to anti-competitive practice investigations. The team has particular experience in key industries including energy, telecoms and pharmaceuticals.

Grinberg, Cordovil e Barros Advogados places a key emphasis on competition law, and the *'highly qualified, committed and flexible'* team advises clients on merger notifications, antitrust investigations, leniency agreements and compliance. Mauro Grinberg demonstrates *'exceptional technical competency'* and has an excellent reputation, while co-partner Leonor Cordovil is *'very professional and committed'*. The firm is well known for its work in relation to investigations across a wide range of industries: it acted for Associação Brasileira de Televisão por Assinatura (ABTA), on bringing a cartel investigation against ECAD; Chungghwa Picture Tubes on the cartel investigation into the TFT-LCD market; Merck in an investigation into an alleged cartel in the pharmaceutical sector; and Peróxidos do Brasil on the investigation into an alleged cartel in the hydrogen peroxide market. The team was also involved in the merger notifications concerning Google's acquisition of Motorola Mobility and Solvay's acquisition of Rhodia.

Levy & Salomão's *'very high-quality team'* is spread across Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia and provides *'extremely good service'* in competition matters, from merger control and antitrust investigations to compliance and enforcement. The firm combines *'deep subject matter knowledge'* with *'excellent practical experience'*, and includes several practitioners who have experience working at the competition authorities, notably the *'excellent'* Mariana Tavares de Araujo and the *'very competent'* Ana Paula Martinez. *'Always available'*, partners are praised for their *'personal involvement'* in instructions, and are *'really able to handle the most complex cases in competition'*. Martinez recently defended Construções Camargo e Corrêa in an investigation into a bid-rigging cartel related to the Sao Paulo metro system; and together with Araujo, is advising Usiminas on preventing the acquisition of a minority stake in the company by Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN). Araujo and Brasilia-based practice head Bolívar Moura Rocha advised SHV Gas Brasil on administrative proceedings concerning an alleged cartel as well as on its compliance programme. In merger notification work, Martinez advised EADS Group (Airbus) on matters relating to its formation of a joint venture with Singapore Technologies Aerospace; and Polycom on the filing regarding its acquisition of Hewlett-Packard's video conferencing product line. Alexandre Ditzel Faraco also impresses with his expertise; he advised Paraná Mídia and Canal Rural Participações on merger filings.

The *'very good'* **Lino, Beraldi, Belluzzo e Caminati Advogados** is highly regarded for the strength of its competition practice, and the experienced team advises on all manner of instructions, from merger review and antitrust investigations to leniency agreements and compliance programmes. It is also experienced in representing clients on matters before CADE. Founding partners Fábio Francisco Beraldi and Eduardo Caminati Anders are rated by peers for their depth of expertise and knowledge.

Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados' *'very good'* team has *'deep knowledge'* of competition matters and is noted for its experience advising on both domestic and cross-border cases. At the helm of the practice is the *'excellent'* **Tito Amaral de Andrade**, who is supported by three very capable senior associates. Recent merger control work includes advising Citi

Schweizer Beteiligungsholding Airesis S.A. bei dem Verkauf der Boards & More-Gruppe an EMERAM Capital Partners beraten. Die Boards & More-Gruppe ist mit den Marken Fanatic, ION und North ein führender Sportartikelhersteller im Bereich Kite- und Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddling und Fahrradbekleidung. Der Jahresumsatz der Boards & More-Gruppe beträgt ca. 45 Millionen Euro.

- **Baker & McKenzie**

Baker & McKenzie erstreitet Urteil in urheberrechtlichem Musterverfahren vor BGH

München, 4. Dezember 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat gemeinsam mit dem BGH-Anwalt Axel Rinkler für den Alfred Kröner Verlag ein Grundsatzurteil vor dem Bundesgerichtshof (BGH) wegen der Zurverfügungstellung von Werkteilen im universitären Intranet erwirkt (Urteil vom 28. November 2013, Az. I ZR 76/12). Der BGH hat festgestellt, dass Universitäten ihren Studenten nur bis zu 12 Prozent eines Buches, höchstens jedoch 100 Seiten, digital zur Verfügung stellen dürfen. Eine Zugänglichmachung ist allerdings nicht zulässig, wenn der Rechteinhaber der Hochschule eine angemessene Lizenz für die fragliche Nutzung angeboten hat. Im vorliegenden Fall hatte der klagende Verlag ein Lizenzangebot ausgesprochen. Der BGH hat die Sache an das Berufungsgericht zurückverwiesen, das nun die Angemessenheit des Lizenzangebots zu prüfen hat.

- **Baker & McKenzie**

Hengeler Mueller advises freenet AG on refinancing by syndicated loan

freenet AG, the largest network-independent telecommunications provider in Germany, has entered into a €300m syndicated loan with a banking syndicate

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Yemen
Zambia

Group following the sale of the music publishing division of EMI; Eaton Corporation on its acquisition of Cooper Industries' outstanding shares; Diageo Brasil regarding its acquisition of cachaça brand Ypióca Agroindustrial de Bebidas; and United Technologies regarding its acquisition of Goodrich Corporation.

Particularly recommended for telecoms-related mandates, the 'excellent' competition practice at **Pereira Neto | Macedo** receives high praise from clients and peers alike. The 'very competent' team is rated for its 'rapid responses' and 'high level of knowledge', and assists clients in antitrust investigations and merger notifications. Practice head Caio Mario da Silva Pereira Neto does 'very good work', and his current workload includes acting for a consortium made up of Galvão Engenharia and Serveng Civilsan regarding an investigation into alleged bid-rigging for the tender of the Sao Paulo metro system; advising Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN) on matters before CADE concerning its acquisition of a minority shareholding in Usiminas; and representing Cimentos Liz on bringing a complaint against Camargo Corrêa Cimentos for anticompetitive practice in the cement production sector. Paulo Leonardo Casagrande is 'impressive', and other clients include Oi, Diagnóstico das Américas and Cielo.

'Excellent on all fronts', **Veirano Advogados** boosted its profile in the competition area in early 2013 with the arrival of Olavo Chinaglia, a former commissioner at CADE and a highly recommended practitioner. The team is 'well-versed in the law' and benefits from 'valuable practical experience'. 'An excellent antitrust and business lawyer', **Mariana Villela** is 'very client-focused' and 'understands clients' businesses deeply'. In merger control work, the team acted for Cemig regarding its acquisition of part of the capital stock of Gás Brasileiro Distribuidora; and Publicis Group on its acquisition of Neogama BBH Publicidade, Triacom Comunicação, Made in Moon Comunicação and BBH Brazil. In conduct cases, the team has broad experience in both domestic and international antitrust investigations, and is currently advising in relation to alleged cartels in the fuel and freight-forwarding markets. **Pedro Garcia** and Fábio Figueira, along with the Brasilia-based João Geraldo Piquet Carneiro are also recommended from the firm's 'deep bench' of lawyers.

Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados is 'very active' in competition matters and the team handles a substantial amount of work, spanning merger control, antitrust investigations, and competition compliance. The 'excellent' **Aurélio Marchini Santos** has won market recognition for his capabilities, and is praised for his 'skills in finding solutions for clients'. **Ricardo Franco Botelho** is 'very good technically' and provides 'prompt advice on a range of issues'. Among highlights, the pair acted for AmBev and Pepsi-Cola da Amazônia on a filing regarding a distribution agreement with Probiótica Laboratórios; and continue to represent White Martins Gases Industriais in a suit seeking the annulment of a \$1bn fine imposed by CADE for anti-competitive practices in the industrial gases market. Santos is also advising Vale in a unilateral investigation into the alleged abuse of dominant position in the rail cargo transportation market; and advising Unidas and Itaú Unibanco on their respective merger notifications. Botelho also counts MPX Energia as a client.

'All-round excellent', **Demarest Advogados'** competition practice is led by Mário Nogueira and assists the firm's corporate clients with merger notifications and antitrust investigations. In 2012, the team advised Legrand Société Anonyme on competition matters related to its acquisition of capital stock in Daneva Equipamentos Elétricos; and acted for Dynea, before

led by Commerzbank AG, including Bayerische Landesbank, HSH Nordbank, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Nord LB and UniCredit. The new revolving credit facility has a maturity of five years. Funds drawn may be applied towards the financing of general corporate purposes, including acquisitions.

- **Hengeler Mueller**

Getting the Deal Through - Franchise

Jacob Ørskov Rasmussen, partner in Plesner, Gitte Holtsø, partner in Plesner, and Anna Gentschein, Attorney with SOS International, have written an article about franchising for the international database "Getting the Deal Through".

- **Plesner**

Plesner gets top ranking by IFLR1000

The International Financial Law Review1000 ranks Plesner at the top in central practice areas.

- **Plesner**

Hengeler Mueller advises Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG on reorganisation

The new management and general work council of Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG reached an agreement in Hamburg in the past weeks on a general reconciliation of interests, several individual reconciliations of interests and social plans as well as a company agreement on compensatory payments.

- **Hengeler Mueller**

Hengeler Mueller successfully represents Afiliias in dispute on top-level domain .lotto

The International Centre for Expertise of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Expertise Centre) has decided that Afiliias Ltd, an ICANN accredited registry operator for Internet domains, may register the new generic top-level domain

CADE, regarding the acquisition of Dynea São Paulo Indústria de Resinas by SI Group Crios Resinas. The team is also active in a number of investigations in the transport sector and is currently acting for Aerolíneas Brasileiras on an investigation into an alleged cartel in the air cargo market. It also assisted Iberia and British Airways on an investigation into alleged anti-competitive practices regarding commission fees on the sale of airline tickets. The 'very knowledgeable, practical and responsive' Bruno de Luca Drago, is singled out for his 'charisma, unconditional dedication to the client and risk perception'.

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- [Hengeler Mueller](#)

The 'fast, responsive and high-quality' team at [Lefosse Advogados](#) is very experienced in both domestic and international competition matters. Praised for its 'technical skills' and 'valuable relationship with the competition authorities', the transaction-focused team is also rated for its 'knowledge and experience' in cartel investigations. 'A distinguished advisor', [Paola Pugliese](#) is noted for her 'very deep knowledge of antitrust law' and 'business-oriented approach'; clients value her ability to 'deal with issues from both a commercial and technical perspective'. Leveraging its M&A expertise, the team handles a substantial amount of merger control work: Pugliese advised Accor on its \$275m acquisition of the Grupo Posadas hotels in South America; and PSP on its €500m investment in the infrastructure division of Spanish company Grupo Isolux Corsán. In other work, the team advised Air BP on opposing the sale of Cosanpar air fuel assets, and is also advising on investigations in the transport and medical supplies sectors.

[Mattos Muriel Kestener Advogados](#) continues to be very active in competition work in Brazil, and also has a presence in Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia. The team features the recommended Ubiratan Mattos, whose has amassed great experience in the sector. The team is noted for merger notification work, and is also adept at assisting clients in antitrust investigations, abuse of dominance cases and compliance programmes, as well as in all related administrative and judicial proceedings.

Fielding 'many committed and hands-on lawyers', [Souza, Cescon, Barriau & Flesch Advogados](#) provides 'practical solutions' to clients' competition requirements. Fabíola Cammarota de Abreu's team is active in merger filings, antitrust investigations and leniency agreements, among other cases. The practice is highly regarded for its expertise, and recent work includes advising Camil Alimentos on a merger filing regarding its acquisition of Coqueiro; and Microservice Tecnologia Digital da Amazônia on competition issues related to its formation of a joint venture with Videolar.

[Ayres, Ribeiro, Oliveira, Jayme e Associados](#) was formed in November 2012 as a spin-off from [Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados](#). Elisa Silva de Assis Ribeiro is very experienced in competition matters, and Amanda Flávio de Oliveira is also recommended. The firm's recent caseload includes both merger notification and cartel investigation matters.

At [Azevedo Sette Advogados](#), Marcel Medon Santos' team advises the firm's corporate clients on merger review work and also provides key representation in antitrust investigations. The firm successfully advised Construtora Aterpa on the clearance of its acquisition of an 80% shareholding in J Dantas SA Engenharia e Construções, and is currently representing Aethra Sistemas Automotivos and BIOMM in merger reviews. Santos also handles international trade work and is currently acting for Caloi Norte in an anti-dumping investigation into the export of rubber tyres from China, India and Vietnam to Brazil.

BKBC's competition practice primarily assists clients in merger notifications. The team also handles competition compliance, leniency applications and antitrust investigations, and has particular expertise in relation to the regulated industries. A recent highlight includes advising Claro on notifying CADE regarding its joint venture with Bradesco to form MPO–Processadora de Pagamentos Móveis. Senior associate **Luiz Eduardo Salles** is the key contact and corporate partner Paulo Brancher also active in the area.

Since forming in 2009, **GNA – Gianni Nunes Advogados** continues to gain important mandates in the competition area, and the boutique firm is highly regarded by peers. At the helm of the practice is Gianni Nunes de Araujo, who is noted for her expertise and experience. The small team advises clients on matters ranging from merger review and compliance to antitrust investigations, and notably, includes in-house economists.

The combined competition and international trade team at **Machado Associados** is '*excellent*' and provides '*high-quality solutions*' to its clients. The '*very proactive*' **Eduardo Molan Gaban** is '*highly specialised and competent in trade and competition law*'. He is currently acting for Beraca Sabará Químicos e Ingredientes in an investigation concerning an alleged cartel in the chlorine and caustic soda markets; and representing JAS do Brasil Transportes Internacionais and JAS Worldwide Management in an international investigation into the freight forwarding market. In other matters, Gaban successfully advised Guarani on a merger filing relating to its acquisition of an interest in Terminal Portuário de Paranaguá (Teapar), and is advising ABIPET in administrative proceedings before CADE.

Mundie e Advogados leverages its expertise in the TMT sector to assist clients in competition and regulatory matters. The team has experience acting in merger review cases and also provides representation in antitrust investigations. Guilherme Favaro Corvo Ribas is the practice contact.

Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados lost Elisa Ribeiro to **Ayres, Ribeiro, Oliveira, Jayme e Associados** in September 2012, and **Maria João Rolim** and Fabio Appendino now lead the team. Rolim is praised for her '*top market knowledge and commercial sense*', and Appendino is regarded as '*very competent and committed*'. Providing '*fast responses*', the team recently advised on merger notifications in the power, mining and engineering industries (among others); and is currently representing a client in an investigation into alleged anti-competitive practices in the rail transportation market.

Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni Advogados' competition practice is handling an ever-increasing number of mandates, and the opening of the firm's new office in Brasilia in July 2012 has allowed the team added presence in the market. Priscila Brolio Gonçalves is praised for her expertise and acts in merger control cases as well as investigations into anti-competitive practices.

Providing a '*very good service*', **Vieira, Rezende, Barbosa e Guerreiro Advogados**' competition team provides '*creative solutions*'. Marcio de Carvalho Silveira Bueno is noted for his substantial experience. Highlights included advising Randon Group on notifications to CADE regarding two acquisitions and a joint venture; RBS Group on the notifications concerning several acquisitions of mobile marketing companies; and representing three

companies of the WRR Group in a cartel investigation into public tenders launched by the state of Rio de Janeiro.

Araújo e Policastro Advogados made a commitment to antitrust and competition work with the arrival of Bruno Lanna Peixoto from his own firm in May 2012. Peixoto demonstrates '*excellent knowledge of antitrust law*'.

At **Bichara, Barata, Costa & Rocha Advogados**, Carol Monteiro de Carvalho and Andrea Weiss Balassiano are active in competition matters. New associate Natália de Lima Figueiredo is '*diligent and very smart*', and does '*an exceptional job*' for clients.

De Vivo, Whitaker e Castro Advogados gained Ricardo Inglez de Sousa and an associate from **Dias Carneiro Advogados** in January 2013. The team handles investigations into cartels and abuse of dominant position cases, as well as merger notification.

Fontes & Tarso Ribeiro Advogados fields a solid practice and advises on compliance, merger review and investigations into anti-competitive practices. Representative clients include Sanofi-Aventis and Actelion. Paulo de Tarso Ramos Ribeiro is the key contact.

Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA) Tiago Cortez provides advice to the firm's corporate clients (including Abril, Kamin, Tiger Global and General Mills) on merger notifications and other competition matters.

Lobo & de Rizzo Advogados Sérgio Varella Bruna has a '*scholarly approach*' and is a '*standout individual*' for competition matters.

Pedro Dutra Advogados is active in representing clients before CADE and also in investigations of anti-competitive practices. A member of IBRAC, the Brazilian Institute of Studies on Competition, Consumer Affairs and International Trade Pedro Dutra is a well-known individual in the sector.

At **Tauil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown LLP**, associate Gustavo Flausino Coelho is '*smart, straightforward and responsive*'. The firm advises on merger notifications and in cartel investigations.

Boutique offering **Zingales & Pagotto – Sociedade de Advogados – ZISP Law** handles '*specialised and complex*' competition matters. The '*knowledgeable and responsive*' Rodrigo Zingales is praised for his '*technical capabilities*' and ability to '*present many different options to clients*'. Leopoldo Pagotto joined from **Veirano Advogados** in June 2012.

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Identified as 'One of the best firms in Brazil', **Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão** maintains its heavyweight status in the corporate and M&A area, and continues to build on its impressive experience and reputation. Clients praise the team's 'excellent response times' and 'thorough service in huge operations where many areas of law intertwine'. The large team is led by Francisco Müssnich, Plínio Simões Barbosa and Luiz Antonio de Sampaio Campos in Rio de Janeiro, and Paulo Cezar Aragão in Sao Paulo: all four are highly recommended for their knowledge and experience. Key mandates for Barbosa included advising Petroserv on all matters (including shareholder agreements), related to the construction, chartering and operation of two off-shore rigs, with Sete Brasil Participações, and charter and service agreements with Petrobras; and advising Saneamento Ambiental Águas do Brasil on its acquisition of a 50.25% stake in Manus Ambiental (formerly Águas do Amazonas) from Solvi. Barbosa and Fabiana Fagundes also advised Tailor Made Comunicações on the sale of a 5% interest to advertising company Leo Burnett Publicidade. Müssnich also enjoyed a busy 2012, acting as Brazilian counsel to Cielo on its acquisition of 100% of the equity interest in Merchant e-Solutions, and advising the founder of Brazilian sportswear clothing company Osklen on the sale of a 30% equity interest to Alpargatas. Müssnich also acted for Rede D'Or São Luiz on its acquisition of Hospital Santa Lúcia. Elsewhere, Aragão and Monique Mavignier advised Companhia de Tecidos Norte de Minas on corporate reorganisation matters, including a merger and tender offer, relating to the company's move to the Novo Mercado listing segment of BOVESPA. Campos counts GP Investments, San Antonio Internacional and telecoms company Oi as recent clients. Also singled out from the team are Rafael Padilha Calábria and the 'very experienced' Alex Schatkin Cukier, who 'acts as a real partner and business consultant' and is noted for his 'objectivity, perspicacity and proactivity'. Amir Achcar Bocayuva Cunha and Mauro Teixeira Sampaio in Rio de Janeiro are also recommended.

Rated for its 'sound and sensible advice' and 'commercial decisions', **Lefosse Advogados** has 'one of the best practices for big-ticket M&A work in Brazil'. 'Ceaseless in finding actionable solutions to difficult situations', the 'impressive' corporate team is experienced in sectors including retail, infrastructure and hospitality, and is praised for its 'high level of understanding of international laws and ability to translate them into the local legal system'. Practice head **Carlos Barbosa Mello** has an enviable track record, and **Geraldo Lefosse** demonstrates a 'very professional approach' coupled with 'profound legal knowledge'. **Thiago Sandim** 'leads from the front' and 'really understands business relationships and business requirements'. In a notable mandate, Sandim and Lefosse advised the Airport Company of South Africa on forming a consortium with Investimento e Participações which successfully won the public bid for the upgrade and operation of Sao Paulo's Guarulhos airport. Elsewhere, Mello and **Rodrigo Junqueira** advised EBX Group on the sale of its equity interest in Centennial Asset Brazilian Equity Fund to Abu Dhabi-based fund Mubadala Development Company. **Sérgio Machado**, who made partner in May 2012, is 'very bright, knowledgeable and experienced'. The key contact for private equity work, he counts Carlyle and several sovereign funds, including Temasek, as clients. Machado and Mello advised JPL Participações, as a shareholder in

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The new coalition government formed after the elections held last October recently released its government programme. It is the expression of a strong commitment to further strengthen the competitiveness of the Luxembourg economy and to sustain the long-term development of its financial centre.

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Extension of the Penalties Range Applicable in the Regulation of Healthcare

On November 25, 2013, the President of the Russian Federation has signed the Federal Law № 317 -FZ "On amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation and on the annulment of certain provisions of legislative acts of the Russian Federation on the health of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 317 - FZ "). The purpose of this statutory act is to harmonize various effective statutes in the area of healthcare, following the recently occurred amendments in connection with the adoption of the Federal Law of November 21, 2011 № 323- FZ "On the basis of health protection of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 323 -FZ "), and amendments to the Federal Law of April 12, 2010 № 61 -FZ "On circulation of Medicines " ("Law 61-FZ ").

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Albania's new courts

This article looks at the new administrative courts in Albania which are part of a

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	<p>healthcare provider Amil, on the sale of a stake to UnitedHealth Group. The <i>'diligent and dedicated'</i> Christian Roschmann provides <i>'the best legal advice possible'</i>; he advised BP Biocombustíveis in the R\$125m on the sale of various assets of a greenfield project in Minas Gerais to Usina Itapagipe Açúcar e Álcool, and also counts Glencore International and Accor as clients. Rafael Ribeiro made partner in 2012 and acts for Carlyle Brasil Consultoria em Investimentos. Clients value the team's <i>'integrity'</i>, <i>'pro-business approach'</i>, and <i>'ability to flawlessly execute requests'</i>. Associate Rafael Yaryd combines a <i>'very professional approach'</i> with <i>'profound legal knowledge'</i>.</p> <p><i>'In the vanguard of the Brazilian legal community'</i>, Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados fields a <i>'fully dedicated'</i> corporate and M&A practice with a superb track record. The team is <i>'second to none'</i>, provides <i>'prompt and comprehensive responses'</i> and can count on several highly experienced practitioners, particularly José Roberto Opice and Moshe Boruch Sendacz. The large group advises on all manner of corporate transactions, across the full spectrum of industry sectors. The team also acts as a valued partner in international transactions, where it regularly acts as Brazilian legal counsel in cross-border deals. The <i>'effective, knowledgeable and responsive'</i> Guilherme Bueno Malouf is <i>'a pleasure to work with'</i> and advised General Atlantic Investimentos on its acquisition of share capital in Aceco TI Participações. José Samurá Saiani advised Diageo Group on its R\$900m acquisition of 100% of the shares in Ypióca Agroindustrial de Bebidas. Mandates for Arthur Bardawil Penteadó included acting for BTG Pactual Participações on its R\$665m acquisition of 40% of Leader Participações, and advising Brazil Pharma on its R\$453m acquisition of the Big Benn drugstore chain. Mauro Cesar Leschziner assisted retail group Le Biscuit, on the acquisition by Vinci Capital Partners II of 40% of its capital stock for R\$160m; and Carlos José Rolim De Mello assisted Hospital Santa Lúcia in its merger with Rede D'Or São Luiz. Camila Borba Lefèvre counts HSBC as a client; and Giovanni Cardoso Leite Biscardi is <i>'very strong technically'</i> and has a <i>'great business sense and network'</i>. From the Rio de Janeiro office, Daniella Tavares represented Falcão II Participações on its R\$184.8m acquisition of Interativa Service and its subsidiary company SEI Serviços Integrados. In Sao Paulo, Adriana Pallis Romano and Antonio Corrêa Meyer are recommended. Flavio Roberto Penteadó Meyer and Luiz Felipe Martins Costa left to join Stocche Forbes in 2012.</p> <p>Offering <i>'concise, practical and business-orientated advice'</i>, the <i>'exceptional'</i> Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados provides <i>'excellent and efficient service'</i> and excels in advising on large and complex corporate and M&A matters. A <i>'go-to firm for any Brazilian law issue'</i> in the opinion of some clients, the team is known for its <i>'deep expertise'</i> across numerous sectors. Moreover, not only is the firm is noted for its <i>'high quality of work'</i>, but also for its particular culture, which <i>'enables partners to bring in others in order to create the best team for the client'</i>. The very highly regarded Moacir Zilbovicius led advice to Abertis Infraestructuras on its acquisition of a 60% stake in Partícipes OHL together with Brookfield, in exchange for a 10% interest in Abertis. In joint venture work, Zilbovicius acted for MPX Energia on agreements with E.ON to form a 50/50 joint venture in Brazil and Chile; and Hiram Bandeira Pagano Filho advised Embraer Defesa e Segurança Participações on a joint venture with Telecomunicações Brasileiras (Telebras). Pagano Filho also represented Takeda Farmacêutica Brasil on its R\$500m acquisition of Multilab Indústria e Comércio de Produtos Farmacêutica. João Ricardo de Azevedo Ribeiro and José Eduardo Carneiro Queiroz are</p>

strategy to increase foreign investment by offering more security to investors. This was first published in 'The Lawyer' May 2012.

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On 7 November 2013, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) approved the registration of the first four trade repositories under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("European Market Infrastructure Regulation" or "EMIR").
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both recommended as heavyweight corporate practitioners: Queiroz led on advising Tok & Stok with regard to its R\$700m sale of a 60% stake to the Carlyle Group. Considered by one client as *'one of the best M&A lawyers of his generation'*; Marcelo Sampaio Góes Ricupero is *'highly committed'* and has *'great negotiation skills'*. Ricupero and **Eduardo Secchi Munhoz** advised Equatorial Energia on its acquisition (with CPFL Energia), of stakes in Rede Energia. Among other highlights, the team advised T-T Group on its acquisition (with Nippon Steel), of equity interests in Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais; and assisted BG Gas Sao Paulo Investment with the R\$3.4m sale of its indirect interest in Companhia de Gás de Sao Paulo (Comgás) to Provence Participações. Rodrigo Figueiredo Nascimento *'represents the voice of reason in tough negotiations'* and provides *'good, practical advice and counsel'*. *'Very energetic and extremely responsive'* **Rodrigo Ferreira Figueiredo** has a *'high level of legal technicality'* and is *'detail-orientated and conscientious'*. **Paula Vieira De Oliveira** *'understands clients' needs'*; Vitor Gelli Cavalcanti is *'very knowledgeable'*; and **Renato Tastardi Portella** is also recommended. Oil and gas partner **Giovani Loss** is also highly rated for his transactional expertise.

'One of the founders of the Brazilian legal industry', **Pinheiro Neto Advogados** fields an *'excellent and responsive'* 31-partner team which remains at the forefront of the market in corporate and M&A work. Providing *'practical advice'*, *'amazing attention to detail'* and an *'exceptional service'*, the firm handles an impressive caseload, demonstrating expertise across all industry sectors, from infrastructure and energy to telecoms and banking. The team also has solid experience in private equity matters. Highly regarded practitioners include practice head Carlos Alberto Moreira Lima Jr and firm managing partner Alexandre Bertoldi. **Guilherme Leite** has *'strong experience in acting for financial institutions in M&A transactions'*, and recently acted for Citibank in the formation of a joint venture with Elavon. **Marcos Chaves Ladeira** represented DSM Produtos Nutricionais Brasil on its acquisition of Tortuga Cia Zootécnica Agrária, and **Fernando Alves Meira** advised Canadian fund, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP), on an investment agreement with Eike Batista concerning a tender offer for shares of LXX. The highly recommended Marcelo Viveiros De Moura advised Aggreko Energia Locação de Geradores on its R\$404m acquisition of Companhia Brasileira de Locações. Elsewhere, **Raphael de Cunto** acted for TransUnion on its acquisition of a controlling stake in Crivo; Fernando José Prado Ferreira acted for truck manufacturer PACCAR and asset manager Pacific Investment Management Company; and **Henry Sergio Sztutman** advised Mabel Alimentos as seller in its acquisition by PepsiCo. **Bruno Balduccini** and José Luiz Homem de Mello are noted for their corporate and M&A experience, and Fernando Ruiz De Almeida Prado, Ricardo Vieira Coelho, Miguel Tornovsky and Andrea Barbosa Campos are all also recommended.

Singled out for its *'competent and highly qualified team'*, *'ethical practice'* and *'great market knowledge'*, **Souza, Cescon, Barrieu & Flesch Advogados** has a *'brilliant'* corporate and M&A practice. The *'exceptional'* Maria Cristina Cescon is *'one of a kind': 'tough-minded, creative and responsive'*; and Marcos Rafael Flesch and Fabíola Cammarota de Abreu provide *'A-grade client treatment'*. Cescon, together with Fernanda Bastos recently acted for Anglo Ferrous Brasil on the sale of its 70% stake in a mining complex in Amapá. The duo also represented General Atlantic Group in an acquisition by GA Participações Financeiras and GA Investimentos XP. Elsewhere, Gyedre Palma Carneiro de Oliveira and Cescon represented

Baker & McKenzie berät Société Générale bei ABS-Transaktion im Wert von 1 Milliarde Euro

Frankfurt, 12. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die Société Générale Corporate, Investment Banking (Société Générale) als Arranger Counsel bei der zweiten öffentlichen ABS-Transaktion für die Bank Deutsches Kraftfahrzeuggewerbe GmbH ("BDK") in Deutschland beraten.

- Baker & McKenzie

Baker & McKenzie berät Airesis bei Verkauf von Boards & More

München, 28. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die börsennotierte Schweizer Beteiligungsholding Airesis S.A. bei dem Verkauf der Boards & More-Gruppe an EMERAM Capital Partners beraten. Die Boards & More-Gruppe ist mit den Marken Fanatic, ION und North ein führender Sportartikelhersteller im Bereich Kite- und Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddling und Fahrradbekleidung. Der Jahresumsatz der Boards & More-Gruppe beträgt ca. 45 Millionen Euro.

- Baker & McKenzie

Hengeler Mueller advises freenet AG on refinancing by syndicated loan

freenet AG, the largest network-independent telecommunications provider in Germany, has entered into a €300m syndicated loan with a banking syndicate led by Commerzbank AG, including Bayerische Landesbank, HSH Nordbank, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Nord LB and UniCredit. The new revolving credit facility has a maturity of five years. Funds drawn may be applied towards the financing of general corporate purposes, including acquisitions.

- Hengeler Mueller

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Bunge Fertilizantes on the \$750m sale of its Brazilian fertiliser business to Yara International; and Cescon and Ronald Herscovici advised the Mubadala Development Company (a wholly-owned investment vehicle of the government of Abu Dhabi), on the acquisition of a minority stake in several entities of EBX Group. Flesch and Tiago Peres advised Shell Gas regarding BG Gas Sao Paulo Investments' R\$3.4bn sale of its equity stake in Companhia de Gás de Sao Paulo (Comgás), to Provence Participações. Carlos Augusto Junqueira advised Cemig on a corporate restructuring matter, and together with Flesch and Roberto Pary, also acted for Redecard regarding a de-listing tender offer for the acquisition of a stake in the company made by Itaú. Joaquim José Aceturi de Oliveira is also noted for his experience in the sector.

A 'first-choice firm', **TozziniFreire Advogados** 'superb' practice provides 'speedy, accurate and detailed advice' on large and complex corporate transactions for major clients. The team of 'trusted advisors' is noted for 'understanding international clients' best interests', and handles all manner of mandates in sectors ranging from infrastructure and telecoms to private equity. Offering 'one-stop, personalised service', the team is recommended for its 'integrity, agility and deep understanding' and fields several highly recommended practitioners, including the 'excellent' José Luis de Salles Freire, a key figure at the firm. Freire and Shin Jae Kim advised FCI Group on the €765m sale of its Brazilian motorised vehicles division to Delphi Automotive, and the pair also acted for Hyundai Motors Company on the coordination of bids (by Brazilian states), for the selection of its manufacturing site. The 'dynamic, assertive and precise' **Darcy Teixeira Junior** is 'a professional of unquestionable competence', and acted for PARS Processamento de Dados on the sale of its shares to Chilean IT company Sonda for R\$150m. 'Responsive, knowledgeable and very sharp', Marcela Waksman Eijnisman advised Experian on its \$1.5bn acquisition of the remaining stake in Brazilian credit data provider Serasa; and Mauro Guizeline represented Máquina de Vendas on the formation of a R\$500m partnership with Bradesco Seguros. Guizeline also assisted Abril Educação with its acquisition of Escola Satélite. Other notable instructions saw **Fernando Cinci Avelino Silva** advise SBA Communications on its R\$362.8m acquisition of 800 free-standing wireless towers in Brazil from a broadband wireless carrier; and Martin Miralles Pose representing Canadian fund manager Alberta Investment Management Corporation on its R\$382m investment in Hidrovias do Brasil. The 'dedicated and passionate' Pedro Seraphim remains 'focused on clients' success', and Maria Elisa Gualandi Verri and Marcio Mello Silva Baptista are also recommended. Demonstrating its commitment to growth in the sector the firm promoted six associates to the partnership, including the 'very effective' Jun Oyafuso Makuta. **Cintia Vannucci Vaz Guimarães** has moved across to work full-time in the firm's real estate practice. The New York-based Marcio Mello Silva Baptista also provides key counsel on cross-border mandates.

'All-round excellent', the very established **Demarest Advogados** fields a large team which demonstrates the 'highest degree of knowledge' and provides 'rapid responses'. 'Treating all clients to the same high standards', the firm maintains its top-quality client base through many longstanding relationships, and reports recent activity in the industrial, insurance, retail, property and agribusiness sectors, as well as advising on several joint ventures. José Setti Diaz has expertise in private equity matters and is also a leader in international trade work. In a notable mandate, he advised Simon Property Group on its \$1.5bn joint venture with BR Malls. The 'very committed' Luciana Monteiro Cossermelli Tornovsky has 'one of the most brilliant

Getting the Deal Through - Franchise

Jacob Ørskov Rasmussen, partner in Plesner, Gitte Holtsø, partner in Plesner, and Anna Gentzschein, Attorney with SOS International, have written an article about franchising for the international database "Getting the Deal Through".

- Plesner

Plesner gets top ranking by IFLR1000

The International Financial Law Review1000 ranks Plesner at the top in central practice areas.

- Plesner

Hengeler Mueller advises Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG on reorganisation

The new management and general work council of Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG reached an agreement in Hamburg in the past weeks on a general reconciliation of interests, several individual reconciliations of interests and social plans as well as a company agreement on compensatory payments.

- Hengeler Mueller

Hengeler Mueller successfully represents Afiliias in dispute on top-level domain .lotto

The International Centre for Expertise of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Expertise Centre) has decided that Afiliias Ltd, an ICANN accredited registry operator for Internet domains, may register the new generic top-level domain (gTLD) .lotto.

- Hengeler Mueller

Partners Group and Capvis acquire VAT Holding AG

Partners Group, a global private markets investment manager, and Capvis, a leading Swiss mid-size market PE fund, have agreed to jointly acquire VAT Holding, the global market leader in high-end vacuum valves. The transaction is

minds, both in terms of legal knowledge and sector specialisation and clients benefits from her *'enormous professional experience'*. Diaz and Tornovsky advised Varuna Investimentos Financeiros on its R\$66m acquisition of Banco Ribeirão Preto, and the pair also advised Cascade Corporation on the acquisition of its former distributor Cascade do Brasil by Material Handling Products. The experienced Paulo Frank Coelho da Rocha acted for Outotec Group on the R\$19.5m acquisition by its subsidiaries of Demil Manutenção Industrial. André Alarcon acted for Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group and pensions company Brasilprev, and Gabriel Ricardo Kuznietz advised Aerolíneas Brasileiras on its successful R\$119m bid to provide national air cargo services to the Brazilian Post Office. Cláudio Oliveira Mattos, Altamiro Boscoli, Tatiana Campello Lopes and Maria Lúcia de Almeida Prado e Silva are all recommended.

subject to merger control approval.

- [Bär & Karrer](#)

Lobo & de Rizzo Advogados enjoys a solid reputation for its corporate and M&A experience, and managing partner Valdo Cestari de Rizzo is a respected transactional practitioner. De Rizzo advised the Brazilian subsidiary of Hotels & Resorts on its acquisition of a property in Rio de Janeiro from Performance Cruzeiro Empreendimentos Imobiliários. Other instructions saw José Orlando Arrochela Lobo act for Inbrands on the formation of a joint venture with Tommy Hilfiger, in order to sell Hilfiger branded products in Brazil; and Rodrigo Delboni Teixeira advise Pearson Education do Brasil on the acquisition of the equity stock of two publishing houses, Casa do Psicólogo and All Books. Rodrigo Millar de Castro Guerra acted for Kroton Educacional on the R\$510m acquisition of the nine companies that comprise the Uniasselvi Group. Regina Gasulla Bouza counts Ernst & Young Terco Assessoria Empresarial and VWR International as clients, and In Hee Cho acted for RPM International on its acquisition of Viapol. Cristiane Mamprin de Castro Guerra is also recommended.

Pinheiro Guimarães – Advogados maintains its reputation as a leader in finance work, and the firm's corporate offering is strong across all sectors. The team fields several heavyweight practitioners with substantial experience. Among recent mandates, Plínio Pinheiro Guimarães Neto advised Brookfield Brasil Shopping Centers on the R\$175m sale of an equity interest in MPH Empreendimento Imobiliário (the holding company of Shopping Center Vila Olímpia), to Morumbi Business Centre Empreendimento Imobiliário. **Francisco José Pinheiro Guimarães** and **Marcelo Lamy Rego** assisted BTG Pactual Group on a partnership with AGN Agroindustrial, Projectos e Participações, worth \$520m. The pair also acted for Rock World (the holding company of Rock in Rio) on the R\$134m sale of 50% of its capital stock to IMX Live. In other work, a team including Fábio Yanitchkis Couto represented Distribuidora Big Benn, Big Serviços and Nex Distribuidora de Produtos Farmacêuticos, as selling shareholders, in their acquisition by BR Pharma. Other key clients include: Credit Suisse Asset Management, General Motors do Brasil, GIF IV Fundo de Investimento em Participações, and South American Education. Mauricio Negri Machado Paschoal is also recommended.

The *'first-class'* **Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie** demonstrates *'excellent service levels'* in both domestic and cross-border corporate matters and fields a team structured so as to serve a variety of industry sectors. 2012 highlights for key practitioner José Roberto Baldoini Martins include advising State Grid Corporation of China on its \$531m acquisition of seven Brazilian transmission lines from Actividades de Construcción y Servicios and, together with the Rio-located Anna Tavares de Mello, advising Portigon on its sale of Banco WestLB do Brasil to Mizuho Corporate Bank by private bidding process. The

'*quick, helpful and available*' Nazir Takieddine assisted Yara on its \$750m acquisition of Bunge Fertilizantes, and also acted for Iron Mountain do Brasil on an acquisition deal. Claudia Farkouh Prado enjoys a solid reputation for her experience, and assisted by Alexandre Simões Pinto, she advised FedEx on its acquisition of Rapidão Cometa. Monica Pereira Cavalcanti acted for Itaútec regarding its acquisition of 70% of the capital of Biologica Sistemas. Cavalcanti and Maria Beatriz Mello assisted Petrobras Biocombustível on post-acquisition due diligence and other recent clients include Merck, Fogo de Chão and Safran Group.

Undoubtedly a '*go-to firm in Brazil*', the well-established corporate practice at **Veirano Advogados** continues to operate at a very high level. The firm has expanded its client base from advising mid-size private companies to include larger public companies, and it is also increasingly active in private equity deals. The corporate team's presence across three cities ensures broad coverage for clients, and its experience spans sectors including oil and gas, mining, agribusiness, technology and infrastructure. A member of the Sao Paulo-based practice group, **Lior Pinsky** is noted for his '*strong technical capacity and commitment to results*'. He advised mining company Manabi on its \$300m private capital increase; and in a cross-border mandate, advised Indústrias Romi on its €20.5m acquisition of Burkhardt + Weber Fertigungssysteme from an Italian conglomerate. In other matters, the highly recommended Carlos Alexandre Lobo acted for Carlyle Group on its \$4.9m acquisition of DuPont Performance Coatings from El du Pont de Nemours; and Sergio Bronstein represented Singapore-listed company Olam International on acquiring sugarcane miller and processor Usina Açucareira Passos for \$128.8m through its Brazilian subsidiary. In Rio de Janeiro, **Robson Goulart Barreto** advised on the Brazilian aspects of General Growth Properties' acquisition of a stake in Aliansce Shopping Centers. Other individuals recommended for their practice in this area include Fábio Figueira, Rafael Urbano Gimenes and Ricardo Veirano.

Azevedo Sette Advogados has an excellent reputation for its work with Brazilian companies in sectors including mining, electricity and tourism and travel. Headquartered in Belo Horizonte, the firm also continues to act for a roster of multinationals located in Minas Gerais, and the team can call on the resources of its offices in Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia to support clients' needs. The firm's client base includes major corporations such as Cemig and Brasil Travel; and the names to note in Belo Horizonte include Fernando Azevedo Sette, Ordélio Azevedo Sette, Ana Paula Terra Caldeira and Luís Ricardo Miraglia. Recommended individuals in Sao Paulo are Luiz Augusto Azevedo Sette, João Carlos Mascarenhas Horta and Joyl Gondim de Alencar Filho.

Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA) has solid experience in mid-market corporate and M&A work and its respected team is led by Fernando Koury Lopes. A key recent mandate for Lopes involved advising General Mills on its acquisition of 100% of the capital stock of Yoki Alimentos. Karin Alvo is another name of note; her recent work includes advising Prysmian Group on its acquisitions of a 50% interest in Telcon and a 30% interest in Draktel. Miriam Machado, Tania Liberman and Mariana Cortez are all highlighted for their experience and have solid reputations in the sector.

Levy & Salomão has deep experience in advising clients on corporate and M&A work in sectors such as technology, infrastructure and retail. The four-partner team acts for both Brazilian and foreign clients and is led by the highly recommended duo of Jorge Prada Levy

and Ana Cecília Giorgi Manente. Highlights for key individual Daniel Tardelli Pessoa include advising Ileos do Brasil Participações on its acquisition of a majority stake in Mappel Indústria de Embalagens; and acting for GAS Informática on its sale to Procomp Indústria Eletrônica (Diebold). Carlos Portugal Gouvêa represented Intermachinery Comércio on its \$12m sale to Luvata São Paulo Participações. A known name for banking work, Eduardo Salomão Neto also has an active transactional practice, and together with Pessoa, advised Tecondi, Termares and Termlog Transporte e Logística, all companies of the same group, on the sale of 50% of their total capital stock.

Founded in Rio de Janeiro, **Motta, Fernandes Rocha, Advogados** also has a Sao Paulo office and fields a team of *'excellent quality'* practitioners with wide-ranging corporate expertise. Luiz Leonardo Cantidiano is a founding member of the firm and has a superb track record in the sector. Senior partner Maria Lucia Cantidiano is highly recommended, as are Otto Eduardo Fonseca de Albuquerque Lobo, Gustavo Goiabeira de Oliveira and Marcelo Martin. The firm's experience spans M&A, corporate governance, joint ventures, corporate restructuring and foreign investment.

In a major breakaway move, **Stocche Forbes** was formed in September 2012 by a group of lawyers derived from **Souza, Cescon, Barrieu & Flesch Advogados** and **Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados**. The 80-strong firm has already made an impressive entry into the market, and through its offices in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, the corporate and M&A team is handling a steady flow of mandates for major domestic and international clients, including banks and listed companies. Highlights since its formation include advising EIG Global Energy Partners on acquiring the stakes in the Bolivia-Brazil gas pipeline previously held by British Gas and Kinder Morgan; and acting for Pershing Square Capital Management on the \$195m sale of its stake in Aliance Shopping Centers to General Growth Properties. Flavio Roberto Penteadó Meyer and Luiz Felipe Martins Costa are highly recommended practitioners, and André Mestriner Stocche and Fabiano Marques Milani *'really understand clients' businesses'*.

The *'very responsive and business-orientated'* team at **Tauil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown LLP** enjoys a strong reputation for all energy-related corporate work. *'Fully dedicated to clients' needs'*, the team is led by *'terrific dealmaker'* Alexandre Chequer, who demonstrates *'great transactional skills'*. The team also includes **Carlos Motta**, who is *'among the best capital markets and M&A lawyers in the country'*. Chequer and Motta advised BTG Pactual on the R\$699.7m sale of its stake in STR Projetos e Participações em Recursos Naturais; and Chequer and **Leonardo Costa** acted for Maersk Oil Brasil on the \$250m sale of its participating interest in offshore oil and gas concessions to OGX Petróleo e Gás. **Francisco Rohan** is currently assisting Geoquasar on matters including joint venture formation, and continues to represent key client Sonagol Pesquisa e Produção. **Guilherme Vieira da Silva** is advising a major telecoms company on the cross-border acquisition of a call centre. **Salim Jorge Saud Neto** and **Victor Galante** are recommended for their experience, and *'excellent'* associate Renata Rosa is *'very hands-on'*. Other clients include Vale, PDG Realty and Siemens.

Drawing on its top-tier tax expertise **Ulhôa Canto, Rezende e Guerra Advogados** handles a broad range of corporate and M&A matters. The team advises on corporate governance, due

diligence, and all manner of mandates related to publicly listed companies. Aloysio Meirelles de Miranda Filho, based in the firm's Sao Paulo office, is the key contact.

Corporate and M&A activity is a key practice for growing firm **Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni Advogados**, and the team has recent experience handling work in the financial services industry, as well as on mandates from the private equity sector. Rodrigo Vilardo Vella advised Alliar/Pátria Investimentos on the acquisition of several diagnostic medicine companies and clinics in Brazil, and also acted for Tetra Pak on its acquisition of Genius Automação. Frederico Buosi has experience advising on joint venture formation, and also regularly advises major banks. The *'very attentive'* Mariana Masson is rated for her *'capacity to understand clients' businesses'*. Denise Salles is also noted.

Clients recommend **BKBG** for its *'emphasis on teamwork'*, and the firm takes care to ensure that clients *'can reach someone informed and responsive, regardless of the time of day'*. The firm acts for a roster of international and domestic clients, and is renowned for its superb experience and knowledge in the TMT sector. A notable highlight of 2012 saw **André de Godoy Fernandes** and Paulo Brancher advise Claro on the development of the MPO–Processadora de Pagamentos Móveis joint venture with Bradesco. Fernandes, together with key partners **Cristiane Borges da Costa** and **Ricardo Barretto Ferreira da Silva** also assisted Madrid-based private equity fund Mercapital, on its acquisition of a 70% stake in Brazilian restaurant chain Rubaiyat. In other matters, Costa and Fernandes assisted Specialized Bicycle Components on its corporate reorganisation; advised Hitachi on due diligence processes; and assisted Ayesa Projetos Brasil on its acquisition of Unidade Técnica (UNITEC).

The *'quick, responsive and knowledgeable'* team at **Bragança Advogados** acts for clients in sectors including finance, energy and telecoms. Alberto de Orleans e Bragança leads the team from the Rio de Janeiro office, where Sergio André Laclau Marques and the *'extremely capable'* Marcos Medeiros Coelho da Rocha are also singled out. In recent matters, Bragança led on advice to Bradesco, and other minority shareholders of CPM Braxis, on the sale of their shares to Caixa Participações; he also acted for The Sterling Group on the Brazilian aspects of its acquisition of Liqui-Box. Rocha advised Banco Bradesco BBI on forming a joint venture, BR Towers, with GP Investimentos. In Sao Paulo, Maristela Sabbag Abla Rossetti is recommended, and in mid-2012, *'dedicated expert'* Augusto Cesar Barbosa de Souza joined with a group of 25 lawyers from Brasil, Pereira Neto, Galdino e Macedo (now known as **Pereira Neto | Macedo**), adding strong M&A capabilities to the existing team. Souza counts Arseus Group as a key client. Associate Bruno Ramos de Sousa is praised for his *'ability to deliver'*. Since publication, the firm has announced its merger into **Veirano Advogados**.

Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados demonstrates *'excellent knowledge'* and provides *'solutions to challenging matters'* and *'frequent partner involvement in all phases of a deal'*. The *'outstanding multi-disciplinary'* team offers *'very high-quality service'* and has *'extensive experience'* advising foreign and domestic clients on cross-border transactions, particularly in the infrastructure arena. Praised for his *'excellent technical skills'*, Eduardo Boulos is a *'unique and brilliant lawyer'*; he recently advised Vale on its \$30.1m sale of kaolin producer CADAM to KaMin. The *'very practical'* **Augusto César Rodrigues** has *'deep corporate knowledge'* and led advice to new client Pirelli Pneus on its R\$54m acquisition of

60% of the capital stock of Campneus; he is particularly recommended for '*coordinating all legal aspects of large real estate acquisitions*'. Milana Martins provides '*work of an impeccable quality*'; her recent mandates include advising Unidas on its acquisition of Best Fleet Locadora de Veículos; and Abril Educação on its R\$44m acquisition of Sistema GEO de Ensino. In Rio de Janeiro, the '*skilled and decicated*' [Eduardo Juaçaba](#) is rated for his '*capacity to deliver assignments promptly*'. Marcelo Vieira Rechtman and associate Marcelo Valença are also recommended.

Felsberg, Pedretti e Mannrich Advogados e Consultores Legais maintains a broad corporate practice, and regularly assists public companies in shareholder matters. Partners handling corporate and M&A work include Maria da Graça de Brito Vianna Pedretti, Claudia Maniaci Salim, David Leinig Meiler and Paulo Bekin. Eduardo Turkienicz has particular experience in joint venture formation. *Since publication, Eduardo Turkienicz has left the firm to join **Dias Carneiro, Flores, Sanches and Thomaz Bastos Advogados** and David Leinig Meiler has departed to join the energy team at **Campos Mello Advogados*** Rio de Janeiro office.

The '*excellent*' [Lobo & Ibeas](#) has solid M&A and corporate experience in sectors including mining and real estate. In Sao Paulo, '*strong negotiator*' Alfredo Divani has '*great legal and M&A knowledge*', and Natalie Sequerra is highly regarded. Paulo Eduardo Penna in the firm's founding Rio de Janeiro office is also recommended. The firm is noted for its ability to assemble teams according to clients' needs, and it acts for both Brazilian and foreign corporations. The team represented Ancar Ivanhoe on several acquisitions in 2012, including the R\$250m acquisition of the controlling interest in Shopping Center Boulevard Iguatemi Rio, and the acquisition of the controlling stake in Sbrbrast Participações, the developer of the Golden Square shopping centre in Sao Bernardo do Campo. In other matters, the team advised Monier Group on the sale of its interest in Heliotek Máquinas e Equipamentos to Bosch. Other clients include Total Express, EBX Group and Igal Group.

[Soares Bumachar Chagas Barros Advogados](#) continues to build a prominent profile in the market since its formation in late 2011. Clients value the firm's '*excellent quality service*' and '*partner-level involvement and dedication*'. Name partner [Eduardo Soares](#) is noted for his '*significant experience*'; and [Marcela Britto Correa Figueiró](#) is also recommended. The team has experience advising on corporate mandates in sectors including real estate, finance, energy and infrastructure. The '*very helpful*' [Thiago Rodrigues Maia](#) is '*always available*' and offers '*constructive advice on M&A transactions*'; he led advice to Estre Ambiental on its acquisitions of Viva Ambiental and Geo Vision Soluções Ambientais. Other key clients for the firm include Cone, Imerys do Brasil Mineração and Fundo de Investimento do Fundo de Garantia do Tempo de Serviço.

Vieira, Rezende, Barbosa e Guerreiro Advogados fields a strong team with solid experience in M&A. The firm is noted for its strong oil and gas bent, and it also regularly handles infrastructure and agribusiness-related transactions. Key high-profile clients include Cosan and Valle. All four founding partners, Paulo Albert Weyland Vieira, Fabio Leonel de Rezende, Marcelo Barbosa and Cláudio Guerreiro, are highly recommended for their expertise in the area.

'A small firm fielding brilliant lawyers', [Andrade, Pannunzio, Ricardo, Foz, Hypolito e Gabbai](#)

Advogados is rated for its 'excellent' experience in corporate mandates and 'different, personalised approach'. 'Always available', the team 'deeply understands clients' businesses' and provides 'quick responses to tight deadlines'. It handles M&A, private equity, joint ventures and corporate restructuring. Clients particularly rate the 'time dedication from partners'. 'One of the best', Carolina Moura Foz demonstrates a 'high level of knowledge', and Celina Pannunzio Soares is a 'calm and firm negotiator'. The 'deal-driven' Denise Hypolito Passaro and Luciana Gabbai Stocche are 'very committed to clients'.

Araújo e PolICASTRO Advogados 'very good' team 'meets all expectations' and regularly advises on M&A and other corporate matters, including cross-border transactions. Clients value the firm's 'personalised and high-quality service', and the team 'structures its advice to focus on the most important issues'. Recent mandates include advising a multinational educational publishing house on its corporate restructuring in Brazil, and acting for an international dairy company on several acquisitions. Practice head José Paulo Bueno has a 'client-focused approach', and Camila Araújo is 'always available'. The 'very skilled' Felipe Garcia de Souza is praised for his 'excellent response times' and 'efficient advice on contracting in Brazil'. Founding partner José Theodoro Alves de Araújo has impressive expertise.

Providing 'pragmatic and prompt advice', **Campos Mello Advogados** practice is split between Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. 'Available at any time', **Fabio Perrone Campos Mello**'s team is particularly experienced in assisting in real estate and energy-related matters. Mello and **Daniella Raigorodsky Monteiro** continue to act for Atlantia and its Brazilian subsidiary Autostrade Concessões e Participações Brasil. Rated for his 'excellent technical knowledge', **Fabiano Gallo** acted for SN Power, a Norwegian hydropower development company, on its R\$705m acquisition of a stake in Brazilian renewables company Desenvix. Marcus Vincius Bitencourt is also singled out. In the Sao Paulo office, Adriano Chaves is 'highly ethical and pleasant to deal with'; his caseload included advising Cognita on the acquisition of a bilingual school, and Ecolab on its acquisition of Econ Indústria e Comércio de Produtos de Higiene e Limpeza. **Martim Machado** advised Valentino on the formation of a joint venture with Lyon Comércio, Importação e Exportação; and **René Gelman** is also recommended.

Since its formation in 2010, the 'outstanding' corporate and tax boutique **Candido, Martins e Galizzi Advogados** has continued to handle high-quality and complex mandates. The 'outstanding' **Gustavo Oliva Galizzi** and the 'very sharp' **Henrique De Faria Martins** are 'highly responsive' and 'become deeply involved in matters'. The committed team draws on its previous experience in top-tier Brazilian law firms to offer 'top-flight legal advice', and lawyers 'always put clients' interests first'. It has recent experience advising on transactions and joint venture formation in the real estate and energy sectors. Alamy Candido de Paulo Filho provides tax support, and clients rate the firm's 'lean structure' and 'personalised, partner-led service' highly.

'Proactive and available', Porto Alegre-founded boutique **Carvalho, Machado, Timm & Deffenti Advogados** is focused on advising international clients and is noted for its 'outstanding service' and 'business-orientated approach'. The team has an 'especially good understanding of the southern Brazilian market' and regularly assists foreign clients on Brazilian aspects of cross-border transactions. Luciano Timm and Rafael Bicca Machado have recently been involved in due diligence operations, and Fabiano Deffenti is recommended. The

'*smart and dedicated*' Raquel Stein has a '*keen legal mind*', and clients highlight her involvement in transactions as '*a key factor*' in their successful closure.

Providing '*very quick responses*' and '*good results*', **Castro, Barros, Sobral, Gomes Advogados** demonstrates '*deep market knowledge*' and is noted for its strong sector-specific experience, particularly in projects, infrastructure, healthcare and telecoms. The '*highly competent*' team is made up of '*dedicated and attentive individuals*', and acts for a notable roster of clients. **Sergio Soares Sobral Filho** and **Guilherme Tepedino Hernandez** are highlighted from the Rio de Janeiro office, and Sao Paulo-based **Renato Parreira Stetner** is recommended. The firm also maintains a Lisbon office.

Since its founding in late 2011, the '*excellent*' **De Luca, Derenusson, Schuttoff e Azevedo Advogados – DDSA** has developed a strong profile in the Brazilian market. The '*quick and agile*' team provides '*high-level service*' and is praised for its '*pertinent advice*'. Recent mandates have seen it working with FedEx Trade Networks Serviços e Logística, Acebright Brasil, Johnson Controls and Cencosud Brasil, among others. '*Dedicated to his clients*', senior partner João Claudio De Luca Jr is recommended. In 2012, he and **Guilherme Filardi** advised Hoteles Turisticos Unidos on forming a joint venture with Spanish group Hotusa.

Corporate work is a key focus for **Dias Carneiro Advogados**, and name practitioner Henrique Dias Carneiro is well respected for his expertise in the sector. Highlights include advising Servizi Italia on its acquisition of 50% of the share capital of Lavsím Higienização Têxtil, and representing Interpump Group regarding its indirect purchase of Takarada Indústria e Comércio. Rafael D'Avila Dutra joined **Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão** in January 2013. *Since publication, the firm has been re-named **Dias Carneiro, Flores, Sanches and Thomaz Bastos Advogados**.*

Drawing on its top-tier skills in the energy and natural resources sectors, particularly within oil and gas, the '*very good*' **L.O. Baptista, Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira Agel** handles a growing amount of related corporate and M&A work. In 2012, the firm acted in several M&A transactions, and provided assistance to clients regarding shareholder matters and due diligence. Key practitioner **Daniela Zaitz** has '*deep knowledge*' and '*maintains solid client relationships*'; she works from Sao Paulo alongside **Mauricio Almeida Prado** and **Marta de Araújo Rodrigues**. In Rio de Janeiro, **Paulo Valois** and Rogério Miranda are recommended.

Niche firm **Landi, Rodrigues, Nakano e Giovannetti Advogados**' core focus remains the corporate, capital markets, banking and tax areas. The firm provides '*advice of the highest quality*' to several mid-size, family-owned Brazilian companies. Recent highlights include advising Nutrimarcas on its acquisition of a 50% equity interest in General Brands, and advising Art Options on its incorporation. Rogerio Padua Nakano, Ronaldo Bassitt Giovannetti, Ricardo Vieira Landi, Wagner Silva Rodrigues and Ricardo Mahlmann de Almeida are recommended.

Lilla, Huck, Otranto, Camargo Advogados' corporate and M&A team is led by the highly respected **Luís Gustavo Haddad**, and the firm handles matters including joint ventures and corporate restructurings. **Fábio de Campos Lilla**, **Hermes Marcelo Huck** and Raquel Otranto Colangelo are all noted for their experience. Colangelo, Haddad and **Bruno Robert** acted for Celpa on its part-purchase by Equatorial Energia as part of Celpa's judicial restructuring

process. Huck, **Fernanda Annenberg** and **Carol Saposnic Grunkraut** also acted for majority shareholder, Alexandre Gama de Medeiros, on the sale of shares in Neogama BBH Publicidade to BRZ Digital Comunicações. In other matters, Grunkraut acted for Datora on forming a joint venture with US broadband-telephone service provider, Vonage. The team's client roster includes major Brazilian companies such as Porto Seguro and Mangels Industrial, alongside international clients such as Arrow Electronics and Gearbulk. **Juliana Krueger Pela** is recommended.

Machado Associados' *'committed team'* draws upon the firm's excellent tax capability to assist clients with their corporate and transactional requirements. Maria Cristina Longo Braga e Silva leads a practice which *'always respects deadlines'* and provides *'creative and prudent advice'*. A recent mandate for **Luciana Felisbino** involved advising Libra Terminais Group on its acquisition of PSC Terminais Intermodais. Lisiane Menossi Pace advised infrastructure-concession company CCR Group on acquisitions of equity interests in specific purpose companies operating airport concessions in Ecuador, Costa Rica and Curaçao. Fabio Lanzana Pereira, **Renata Almeida Pisaneschi** and Gustavo de Freitas Leite are recommended.

Demonstrating an 'extremely professional manner', Pereira Neto | Macedo fields an excellent team in the corporate area –from founding partners through to 'very committed senior associates. The firm provides 'technically perfect and outstandingly valuable advice' coupled with a 'personalised and prompt service'. The 'brilliant' Ricardo Ferreira de Macedo is rated for his 'business-orientated outlook'; highlights included acting for Ericsson on forming a joint venture with Portugal Telecom Inovação Brasil, and advising Usina de Açúcar Santa Terezinha on its acquisition of Usina de Açúcar e Álcool Goioerê. The 'pragmatic' Paulo de Lorenzo Messina has a 'problem-solving attitude'; he recently assisted Institut Straumann on acquiring an equity stake in Brazilian dental implants supplier Neodent for R\$549m. Noted for the 'impeccable quality of her work', Mônica Arruda de Toledo Piza has 'unique technical knowledge' and 'instils absolute confidence'.

Perlman Vidigal Godoy Advogados displays *'working practices similar to top-tier US and UK firms'* and combines an *'old-school academic background with a modern approach to practising law'*. The boutique is wholly focused on providing advice to clients in the corporate and M&A, capital markets, banking and projects areas, and since the arrival of Luciano de Souza Godoy in 2013, the firm has added a dispute resolution capability. The team is praised for its *'hands-on, personalised approach'*, *'sharp advice'*, and *'excellent responsiveness'*. The *'very diligent and attentive'* Marcelo Perlman has *'good commercial sense'* and regularly assists foreign law firms by acting as Brazilian counsel on cross-border mandates. Perlman also assisted in the creation of the Associação Prolata de Reciclagem, involving 15 steel packaging manufacturers. Rubens Vidigal Neto is *'brilliant'*.

Bichara, Barata, Costa & Rocha Advogados' *'extremely responsive'* team acts as a *'true partner'* to clients and provides *'very appropriate'* advice. Senior associate Felipe de Freitas Ramos *'solves problems creatively'* and *'never gives up'*. Ramos assisted Banestes on a corporate restructuring matter involving the amalgamation of all the stock of two subsidiary companies.

Corporate and M&A work is a key pillar of **Bocater, Camargo, Costa e Silva Advogados Associados'** practice. Francisco da Costa e Silva is the key contact, and Maria Isabel do

Prado Bocater is recommended for her longstanding experience.

Costa, Waisberg e Tavares Paes Sociedade de Advogados has a solid practice and clients value the firm's association with boutique tax firm **Martins, Chamon e Franco Advogados e Consultores**. **Vamilson José Costa**, **Ivo Waisberg** and Antonio Tavares Paes Jr advise on M&A, private equity, and joint ventures, among other matters.

Established in 1910, **Advocacia Fernando Rudge Leite** provides a '*personalised service*' and does '*excellent work*' in the corporate area. Senior partner **Fernando Rudge Leite Neto** has '*deep knowledge*' and provides '*insightful advice*'; and the incorporation of **Ana Ligia Gomiero-Guthrie** from **Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie** in March 2012 further strengthened the team. The '*very clear and precise*' Gomiero-Guthrie has been advising a Brazilian importer on a joint venture. The team also has experience advising companies in sectors including construction, transport and technology.

Fontes & Tarso Ribeiro Advogados is a Rio de Janeiro-based firm with wide-ranging corporate experience. Paulo de Tarso Ramos Ribeiro is the key contact.

Madrona Hong Mazzuco Brandão Sociedade de Advogados has an excellent reputation for the strength of its '*high-quality*' corporate practice, and the team advises on M&A transactions, joint ventures and reorganisations, among other matters. Ricardo Madrona Saes and the '*always available*' Byung Soo Hong are noted for their extensive experience, and act for both Brazilian and foreign clients. Antonio Mazzuco, Milena Coimbra Mazzini, Danilo Henrique Pereira Mininel and Maria Brandão Teixeira are also recommended.

At **Mundie e Advogados**, Rodolpho de Oliveira Franco Protasio is an '*excellent M&A lawyer*'. The firm acts for telecoms clients in corporate matters, drawing on its depth of expertise in the area.

Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados' team is led by **Fabio Appendino** in Belo Horizonte, assisted by Frederico de Almeida de Oliveira (also in Belo Horizonte), and Cristiano Viotti in Sao Paulo. Recent mandates have seen the firm working with Synergy Group Corporation and Arcelormittal Brasil; and in a noteworthy panel win, the firm gained Cemig as a new client in 2012.

Rothmann Sperling Padovan was founded in June 2012 by former partners of **Araújo e Policastro Advogados**. The team '*works very hard to understand clients' business strategies and possible challenges*', and is praised for its '*fast responses*' and '*excellent knowledge*'. Lira Padovan and Marcio Sperling demonstrate '*outstanding communication skills, commitment and technical competence*'. Clients include Keiper, Helm and Schenck Process.

The '*outstanding*' **Salusse Marangoni Advogados** is noted for its '*high-quality responses*', and the '*very competent*' team advises primarily mid-cap domestic and foreign clients on M&A activity. Marcelo Klug Vieira is the key contact, and Wilson Pinheiro Jabur has '*broad vision*' and '*perfectly understands clients' needs*'.

Providing '*creative solutions*', **Siqueira Castro Advogados'** '*competent and dedicated*' team '*really understands clients' businesses*'. The Rio de Janeiro-based **Augusto Carneiro de Oliveira Filho** led on advice to Italian group Navalmare on setting up a shipyard in the state of

Pernambuco. In Sao Paulo, '*corporate and M&A expert*' [Marcelo Freitas Pereira](#) is recommended, and Maria Cibele Santos counts Egis Group and Duratex as clients. The '*excellent*' [Carlos Fernando Siqueira Castro](#) is '*very attentive*' and singled out for his capabilities and knowledge.

José Barreto da Silva Netto leads the team at **Vaz, Barreto, Shingaki & Oioli Advogados**. A recent highlight involved advising Banco BMG on forming a joint venture with Itaú Unibanco.

Renowned for its dispute resolution practice (particularly arbitral matters), **Wald e Associados, Advogados** also has growing corporate and M&A capabilities. Recent mandates included advising Odebrecht Group on forming joint ventures with both the French naval defence company DCNS, and the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS). The team also acted for EDP–Energias de Portugal on its acquisition of MABE Brasil.

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Hengeler Mueller advises freenet AG on refinancing by syndicated loan

freenet AG, the largest network-independent telecommunications provider in Germany, has entered into a €300m syndicated loan with a banking syndicate led by Commerzbank AG, including Bayerische Landesbank, HSH Nordbank, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Nord LB and UniCredit. The new revolving credit facility has a maturity of five years. Funds drawn may be applied towards the financing of general corporate purposes,



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Andrade & Fichtner Advogados enjoys an excellent reputation for its *'tenacious and committed partners'* and sources highlight it as *'the team you want on your side for technical and complex cases'*. Led from Rio de Janeiro, the 36-strong group includes ten partners and can also call on lawyers in the firm's Sao Paulo and Brasilia offices. Environment and insurance-related litigation are strong growth areas and its alternative dispute resolution practice is also coming on in leaps and bounds; significantly, the firm is currently involved in several ICC arbitrations. Name partner José Antonio Fichtner is highly regarded as *'one of Brazil's most recognised specialists for litigation'* and is renowned for his experience in advising on regulated industry-related cases. In a strong example of his work in this area, Fichtner

including acquisitions.

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Life, death and reincarnation: The Hastings-Bass principle in Jersey

This briefing examines the evolution of the Hastings-Bass principle in Jersey up to and including the adoption by Jersey of statutory provisions to give statutory force to the rule in Re Hastings Bass in response to the Supreme Court's decision in Pitt v Holt and Futter v Futter. [Read more...](#)

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Action Plan to fight against social dumping

The government is taking an increasingly harder line in dealing with the problem of abuses by foreign subcontractors, with increased inspections, a stricter prosecution policy and more severe penalties.

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Highlights of the new Luxembourg government programme

The new coalition government formed after the elections held last October recently released its government programme. It is the expression of a

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represented Sao Paulo-headquartered transmission operator CTEEP, the largest private sector concessionaire in Brazil's electricity transmission sector, in a high-profile R\$2bn case relating to debt liability. Sergio Nelson Mannheimer is also widely considered to '*stand among the country's finest litigators*' and led advice to electric power supplier, Light Serviços de Eletricidade (Light), in a R\$790m case arising from the cancellation of an electricity supply contract. Other representative clients include the Gas Distribution Company of Rio de Janeiro, White Martins Gases Industriais, and major Brazilian insurance company, Sul America Seguros.

Since its establishment in 2005, **Ferro, Castro Neves, Daltro & Gomide Advogados** has established a strong reputation in the market. No longer seen as simply the spin-off from **Sergio Bermudes Advogados**, the firm is now considered as a force in its own right and is '*one of the market's preferred litigation practices*'. In particular, lawyers are held in high esteem for their '*obvious dedication to the area*' and '*superb service delivery*'. The 32-strong team calls on the services of 19 partners including leading names Marcelo Roberto Ferro, who is highlighted for his '*fierce defence of clients and strategic and smart tactics*' and José Roberto de Castro Neves. As a dispute resolution boutique, the firm practices exclusively in the areas of civil and commercial litigation and arbitration, acting for both domestic and multinational clients. On the arbitration side, it continues to win roles in major cases and is currently acting in several ICC arbitrations including advising Brazil's high profile Diniz family in three cases against French multinational Casino Guichard-Perrachon relating to a shareholder dispute. Other representative clients include Telefónica, the fifth-largest mobile network provider in the world.

The '*fantastically commercial and strategic*' 30-partner team at **Pinheiro Neto Advogados** is considered by many to be '*the best dispute resolution group at a full-service firm*' and is applauded for being '*able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the leading litigation boutiques*'. Lawyers are '*proactive, sensible and very capable*' and regularly act for Brazilian and foreign individuals through to major multinational companies and government departments. The '*phenomenally experienced*' Gilberto Giusti is highlighted as '*one of the most talented litigators in the market*' and led the firm's representation of Siemens in a \$28m ICC arbitration arising from the termination of a number of Brazilian distribution contracts. Giusti leads the department alongside co-heads Marcelo Avancini Neto and Diogenes Gonçalves Neto, and the team also includes administrative law expert Celso Cintra Mori and construction specialist Júlio César Bueno. Among the firm's other headline cases, it advised Brazilian power generation and transmission company CEEE in litigation brought by Cauipe Geradora (part of the Bertin Group), disputing penalties imposed by CCEE (the Chamber for the Commercialization of Electric Energy) and ANEEL (the Brazilian electricity regulatory agency) for failure to construct a thermoelectric plant. The firm has also recently acted for Alstom, Leoni Automotivo do Brasil and Verbatim Corporation.

Sergio Bermudes Advogados is the '*best litigation practice in Brazil*', according to its clients who testify to its '*excellent customer care*', '*fantastic ability to get the right result*' and its '*high standard of attention to processes*'. Headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, the boutique firm also benefits from platforms in Sao Paulo and Brasilia and fields a large 90-lawyer team that focuses on litigation, alternative dispute resolution and insolvency. Its sector experience is deep and varied and it regularly handles major strategic cases relating to financial services, natural resources, real estate and competition, among other matters. Founding partner Sergio

strong commitment to further strengthen the competitiveness of the Luxembourg economy and to sustain the long-term development of its financial centre.

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Extension of the Penalties Range Applicable in the Regulation of Healthcare

On November 25, 2013, the President of the Russian Federation has signed the Federal Law № 317 -FZ "On amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation and on the annulment of certain provisions of legislative acts of the Russian Federation on the health of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 317 - FZ "). The purpose of this statutory act is to harmonize various effective statutes in the area of healthcare, following the recently occurred amendments in connection with the adoption of the Federal Law of November 21, 2011 № 323- FZ "On the basis of health protection of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 323 -FZ "), and amendments to the Federal Law of April 12, 2010 № 61 -FZ "On circulation of Medicines " ("Law 61-FZ ").

- **Lidings Law Firm**

Albania's new courts

This article looks at the new administrative courts in Albania which are part of a strategy to increase foreign investment by offering more security to investors. This was first published in 'The Lawyer' May 2012.

- **Hoxha Memi Hoxha**

Collective result-based advantages (CBA 90) - Maximum 3,131 EUR in 2014

For bonus plans which lead to payments in 2014, the exempted amount has been raised to 3,131 EUR (social security limit) and 2,722 EUR (tax limit).

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Bermudes 'is high up, if not top, of the list of the market's leading litigators' and his name is 'synonymous with quality and experience'; he recently advised an individual business client on a \$493m shareholder dispute. Gustavo Fernandes de Andrade is highly recommended for arbitration and successfully represented a foreign company in a \$259m ICC arbitration held in New York. Other headline cases included successfully advising Bank of America Merrill Lynch in two proceedings (in New York and Sao Paulo) involving issues of debt recovery and breach of a derivatives agreement. Marcio Vieira Souto Costa provides 'creative solutions' and Andre Chateaubriand Martins is also recommended.

'Specialist litigation firm' **Wald e Associados, Advogados** counts several of the markets leading lights among its ranks: Arnaldo Wald is 'one of the top three names you think of when you discuss litigation lawyers in Brazil'; Alexandre de Mendonça Wald is 'tenacious and technically astute'; and Leticia Barbosa e Silva Abdalla and Ana Gerda de Borja are highly recommended for arbitration. Although over half of its lawyers are involved in contentious work, the firm is full-service and it leverages off its strength in complementary areas to advise on the full array of disputes. Regulated industries work is a definite forte and it is known for its experience in the transport, telecoms, energy and infrastructure – although the departure of aviation and energy specialist Rodrigo Garcia da Fonseca in early 2013 to **Osorio e Maya Ferreira**, may prove to be a significant blow in this area. On the arbitration side, the firm represented EDP–Energias do Brasil in its decision to buy back, alongside MPX, a contract to build three thermal power plants, which the two companies had formerly awarded to a consortium. In a major litigation highlight, it represented AES Eletropaulo in two class actions relating to the quality of its service in re-establishing power following blackouts.

Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão's 'collaborative but assertive' team leverages off its formidable reputation for corporate work to specialise in advising major domestic and multinational companies in contentious proceedings. The firm is active in both litigation and arbitration across a wide spread of sectors, and is currently advising on major cases in the telecoms, tourism, energy, and transport sectors, among other industries. The 'very experienced' Luiz Fernando Fraga is one of the department's key partners and successfully represented the largest reinsurance company in Latin America, IRB Brasil Resseguros, in a high-profile case before the Brazilian Superior Court of Justice requesting the recognition of a judgment made in New York. Pedro Oliveira da Costa is another respected name and is acting for the claimant in an arbitration arising from the termination of the lease agreement of a high-end Rio hotel. Sergio Fagundes is also recommended.

Lawyers at **Demarest Advogados** are praised for their 'excellent competence, organisation skills and speed'. The firm has a fine record for representing clients in the regulated industries on major administrative cases; particularly companies from the energy, pharmaceutical and telecoms sectors. That said, the firm has a diverse practice that handles the full range of commercial issues. Luiz Fernando Henry Sant Anna heads the dispute resolution group and is a 'known specialist for both arbitration and litigation'. Sant Anna recently acted alongside Rafael Villar Gagliardi to represent Companhia Hidrelétrica Teles Pires in five public civil actions (worth \$2bn), brought by federal public prosecutors and relating to the construction of the Teles Pires power plant. Celso Caldas Martins Xavier provides 'excellent results' and is advising Peugeot-Citroen do Brasil Automóveis on a \$25m case challenging an administrative decision by the Ministry of Health that excluded the company from a public tender to supply

ARENDR & MEDERNACH - newsflash - EMIR - Start of the reporting obligation in February 2014

On 7 November 2013, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) approved the registration of the first four trade repositories under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("European Market Infrastructure Regulation" or "EMIR").
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Writ petition filed pertaining to delays at the Indian Patent Office

In the matter concerning: Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3742/2013 and Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3756/2013
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Baker & McKenzie berät Société Générale bei ABS-Transaktion im Wert von 1 Milliarde Euro

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Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados' disputes team scores highly with clients for being *'very qualified and committed'* and for *'going deep to try to understand every relevant issue that may interfere with the big picture'*. Indeed, the consensus with this team is that *'you get what you pay for'* and it is *'definitely a preferred group to handle complex and high-stake litigation'*. Among the 42-lawyer team's five partners, **Eduardo Damião Gonçalves** *'shows deep knowledge on both arbitration and corporate legal matters'*, **Flavio Pereira Lima** is a *'great strategist, very technical and extremely attentive'* and **Fabio Teixeira Ozi** is *'very committed and has a positive attitude that makes the process easier'*. Highlights included representing Silvio Santos Participações, its shareholder Senor Abravanel, and former key officers of Banco Panamericano in judicial, arbitral and administrative proceedings arising from the alleged accounting fraud that occurred at Banco Panamericano. Other representative clients include Fiat Automóveis, and Bombril SA and Bombril Mercosul.

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Credited for balancing *'good judgment with commercial insight'*, **Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie's** disputes practice delivers *'professional service of the highest quality'*. Andrea Zoghbi Brick is *'extremely punctual and provides excellent performance and capacity'* and, together with Marcio de Souza Polto, co-heads a *'very collaborative and highly competent'* 30-lawyer team. Cross-border cases are a sweet spot and the firm leverages off its extensive international network to advise on complex, multi-jurisdictional cases, but it is also recognised for its strength in domestic matters. In one highlight, the firm successfully filed a writ of mandamus against an administrative decision. It has also recently represented clients in major disputes relating to distribution agreements, patent infringement and product liability.

Veirano Advogados is active across a wide range of commercial disputes and is currently advising on cases in the financial services, transport and construction areas. The firm packs a punch in major strategic cases and product liability group chair Luiz Guilherme Moraes Rego Migliora is currently acting alongside Rosângela Delgado on the firm's representation of Philip Morris Brasil in several claims for damages concerning smoking-related diseases. In another headline case, Pedro Soares Maciel is advising Centronave (a non-profit organisation that

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München, 28. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die börsennotierte Schweizer Beteiligungsholding Airesis S.A. bei dem Verkauf der Boards & More-Gruppe an EMERAM Capital Partners beraten. Die Boards & More-Gruppe ist mit den Marken Fanatic, ION und North ein führender Sportartikelhersteller im Bereich Kite- und Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddling und Fahrradbekleidung. Der Jahresumsatz der Boards & More-Gruppe beträgt ca. 45 Millionen Euro.

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Baker & McKenzie erstreitet Urteil in urheberrechtlichem Musterverfahren vor BGH

München, 4. Dezember 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat gemeinsam mit dem BGH-Anwalt Axel Rinkler für den Alfred Kröner Verlag ein Grundsatzurteil vor dem Bundesgerichtshof (BGH) wegen der Zurverfügungstellung von Werkteilen im universitären Intranet erwirkt (Urteil vom 28. November 2013, Az. I ZR 76/12). Der BGH hat festgestellt, dass Universitäten ihren Studenten nur bis zu 12 Prozent eines Buches, höchstens jedoch 100 Seiten, digital zur Verfügung stellen dürfen. Eine Zugänglichmachung ist allerdings nicht zulässig, wenn der Rechteinhaber der Hochschule eine angemessene Lizenz für die fragliche Nutzung angeboten hat. Im vorliegenden Fall hatte der klagende Verlag ein Lizenzangebot ausgesprochen. Der BGH hat die Sache an das Berufungsgericht zurückverwiesen, das nun die Angemessenheit des Lizenzangebots zu prüfen hat.

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represents foreign shipping companies in Brazil), on numerous administrative and judicial proceedings relating to the provision of Brazilian pilot services. Although litigators Carlos Fernando Couto de Oliveira Souto and Guilherme Rizzo Amaral left in 2013 to form new firm **Souto Correa Cesa Lummertz e Amaral**, the team remains strong, with ten partners dedicated to the area.

Arruda Alvim & Thereza Alvim Advocacia e Consultoria JurÃdica has an excellent track record for administrative and environmental law but is also developing its expertise across contentious corporate, real estate, employment and consumer law matters. Headquartered in Sao Paulo, the practice also has offices in Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre and Brasilia, ensuring a strong national presence. JosÃ© Manoel de Arruda Alvim Netto is a widely respected figure in the market and has '*excellent connections within the judicial system, which always helps to smooth the litigation process*'. Thereza Celina Diniz de Arruda Alvim is the other key partner and is also recommended.

Experienced across a wide range of arbitral, judicial and administrative matters, **BKBG** is '*well equipped to provide responsive and knowledgeable advice*'. The firm's strategic focus on the TMT industry ensures that it is a top choice for multinational telecoms, media and technology brands, but it also handles a steady flow of corporate and consumer litigation for companies in the energy, chemical and construction fields. **MÃrcio Bellocchi** heads the team and is credited with widening the scope of the practice spread since his arrival in 2011. Recent group highlights include securing a victory before the Superior Court of Justice in a case concerning internet hosting provider liability for content posted by third parties. The firm is also representing a client in an ICC arbitration arising from the breach of a distribution agreement.

Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA)' three-partner team has seen an increase in litigation relating to patients' rights after participating in clinical trials, and is advising two major multinational pharmaceutical companies on issues of this type. Consumer law is still one of the firm's most active areas and it recently advised a real estate company in two cases brought by consumers alleging that recently purchased apartments were smaller than originally stated. The firm also advises Electrolux do Brasil and Grupo Bandeirantes on consumer issues. Maria Cristina Junqueira and Tiago Cortez are the main contacts, and both are also experienced in arbitration.

Widely considered as '*among the first rank for arbitration*', **L.O. Baptista, Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira Agel** possesses a strong dispute resolution practice that also houses strong commercial litigation expertise. Under the leadership of **AndrÃ© Camerlingo Alves** the team provides '*to-the-point, commercial advice*', with competition, administrative law and environmental litigation all highlighted as areas of particular specialism. Among its recent representations, the firm is advising Canon Kabushiki Kaisha on more than 40 lawsuits relating to the parallel import of multi-functional printers and the violation of property rights. The firm is also acting for Cetelem BNP Paribas in a termination of contract case against one of Brazil's largest retail chains. Other representative clients include SÃ£o Martinho, Jani King Franchising and Katoen Natie do Brasil.

Lilla, Huck, Otranto, Camargo Advogados' 18-partner practice is headed by **RogÃ©rio Carmona Bianco**, who is highlighted for his '*indisputable expertise*', '*courteous attitude*' and '*optimal performance in procedural law*', and senior founding partner **Hermes Marcelo Huck** is

Jacob Ørskov Rasmussen, partner in Plesner, Gitte Holtsø, partner in Plesner, and Anna Gentschein, Attorney with SOS International, have written an article about franchising for the international database "Getting the Deal Through".

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Plesner gets top ranking by IFLR1000

The International Financial Law Review1000 ranks Plesner at the top in central practice areas.

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Hengeler Mueller advises Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG on reorganisation

The new management and general work council of Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG reached an agreement in Hamburg in the past weeks on a general reconciliation of interests, several individual reconciliations of interests and social plans as well as a company agreement on compensatory payments.

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Hengeler Mueller successfully represents Afiliias in dispute on top-level domain .lotto

The International Centre for Expertise of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Expertise Centre) has decided that Afiliias Ltd, an ICANN accredited registry operator for Internet domains, may register the new generic top-level domain (gTLD) .lotto.

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Partners Group and Capvis acquire VAT Holding AG

Partners Group, a global private markets investment manager, and Capvis, a leading Swiss mid-size market PE fund, have agreed to jointly acquire VAT Holding, the global market leader in high-end vacuum valves. The transaction is

commended as an *'arbitration specialist'*. The team also includes the *'technical and quick-thinking'* **Fábio Peixinho Gomes Corrêa** and **Eduardo de Oliveira Lima**, who is recommended for corporate disputes. On the litigation side, it represented Porto Seguro, one of the biggest insurance players in Brazil, in the defence of several class actions. The firm also has a solid record in arbitration cases, particularly for clients in the engineering, construction, and energy and natural resources sectors.

Lobo & de Rizzo Advogados' dispute resolution practice is led by Ana Paula Hubinger Araujo in Sao Paulo but was recently hit by the departure of Rio de Janeiro head Adriana Astuto Pereira to **Bichara, Barata, Costa & Rocha Advogados**. The team has a good reputation for dealership litigation for its strong roster of automotive clients and also acts on a steady stream of corporate and construction disputes. On the litigation side, the firm advised Dow Chemical on an action filed by Indústrias Arteb and Tocantins Participações, alleging that they had been excluded without cause from a joint venture for the production and supply of certain parts to Ford Motor do Brasil. The firm is also acting in a series of ICC arbitrations relating to share agreements and high-profile construction projects.

In 2012, **Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados** was rocked by the departure of litigation head Domingos Fernando Refinetti and senior partner Rafael De Carvalho Passaro to form new firm **Stocche Forbes**. Eliane Cristina Carvalho now heads the practice. Loyal clients still hold the litigation team in high esteem and highlight the group's *'high technical quality'*, *'deep knowledge of the business climate'* and *'ability to exceed expectations'*. Certainly, the firm's strong full-service offering ensures that it continues to pack a punch across civil, commercial, consumer and environmental litigation and it also occupies a strong niche in advising airlines on liability and contentious matters. Among its recent highlights, the firm represented Hines do Brasil Empreendimentos Imobiliários in a class action against the municipality of Valinhos arising from the suspension of a permit for a construction project.

The 39-lawyer team at **Siqueira Castro Advogados** is praised for its *'credibility and extensive coverage in judicial instances'* as well as for *'demonstrating skill, knowledge and capacity of action'*. Name partner Carlos Roberto Siqueira Castro stands out for his *'long experience in the area'*, and **Fábio Coutinho Kurtz** heads the group at the firm's flagship Rio de Janeiro office and is highlighted for his *'knowledge and experience as well as his good relationships with members of the judiciary'*. Torquato Jardim and **Hugo Filardi Pereira** are the key partners in the firm's Brasilia and Recife offices, respectively, and are also recommended. The firm's national presence is a major selling point with clients and it continues to act for some of Brazil's most recognisable companies, including Vale, but it also acts for a host of foreign multinationals. Notable engagements include advising the Brazilian Association of Pension Funds (ABRAPP) in a long-running \$4.6bn debt collection case filed against the FND (the National Development Fund Orientation Council) and the Brazilian Federal Government.

Castro, Barros, Sobral, Gomes Advogados' practice is highly active in credit recovery and financial litigation but also receives a steady flow of instructions relating to breach of contract and shareholder disputes. **José Augusto de Araujo Leal** is recommended and is involved in advising Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico (a not-for-profit organisation created by the companies of the Brazilian electricity sector to organise the business relationship among them) on a R\$30m compensation claim brought against an IT consulting multinational. Other

representative clients include Telespazio Brazil and Renault do Brasil.

Levy & Salomão fields a *'first class'* dispute resolution practice and lawyers provide *'deep knowledge, relevant insights and prompt response times'*. Led by the *'sharp, focused and insightful'* Angela Di Franco, the four-partner team acts for both domestic and multinational clients in matters including shareholder actions, tax litigation, environmental protection and construction disputes. In addition, Angelo Caldeira Ribeiro is recognised for his niche expertise in aviation product liability cases. Among recent cases, the team is advising Airbus on a lawsuit filed by relatives of the victims of the TAM 3054 air crash in 2007. Other recent clients include Telcomp (a national trade association of telecoms companies), Eurocopter Group and Banco ABC Brasil.

Souza, Cescon, Barriau & Flesch Advogados' three-partner team has a strong record in alternative dispute resolution and is currently representing Brazilian and multinational parties in several high-value ICC arbitrations. Clients include major energy and construction companies, manufacturers, retailers and real estate developers and the team has experience advising on shareholder disputes, breach of contract claims and contentious construction issues, among other matters. Carlos David Albuquerque Braga, Gabriel Seijo Leal de Figueiredo and Tiago Schreiner Garcez Lopes are the main contacts.

The 15-lawyer team at **Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni Advogados** is distinguished by its *'personalised service'* and *'ability to deal with any complex litigation or arbitration issue'*. Group head Antonio Celso Fonseca Pugliese stands out for his *'technical quality, speed and availability'* and for his *'deep knowledge in the area'*. The firm regularly handles major strategic disputes and recent cases have included disputes against the government, corporate litigation, and complex cases in the bankruptcy, energy, environmental and real estate areas. In a recent highlight, the team advised on a class action discussing the legality of certain banking fees charged by financial institutions in Brazil.

Azevedo Sette Advogados' team has a strong presence in administrative disputes, particularly for clients in the regulated industry sectors, and it is also very active in consumer litigation. Among the names to note in Rio de Janeiro, José Henrique Barbosa Moreira Lima Neto is experienced in contentious TMT issues; insurance and real estate specialist Mauricio Marques Domingues is recommended in Sao Paulo; and Ordélio Azevedo Sette is the main contact for the team in Belo Horizonte. The firm advised Latin American mobile phone giant, Claro, on a series of matters including class actions and indemnity lawsuits. Brazilian retail brand Grupo Pão de Açúcar, Mercedes-Benz and Samarco Mineração are also recent clients.

Dispute resolution remains the largest practice area for **Leite, Tosto e Barros Advogados Associados**. The 151-lawyer team handles a mix of mass litigation claims and larger strategic matters and areas of expertise include tax, financial services, energy, white-collar crime and consumer litigation. Paulo Guilherme de Mendonça Lopes heads the group and successfully represented a major multinational energy conglomerate in a R\$15m lawsuit against the municipal government of Sao Paulo, seeking payment owed for maintenance services provided to the public power network. Other leading names include Ricardo Tosto de Oliveira Carvalho and international litigation specialist Jorge Nemr.

Mattos Muriel Kestener Advogados' practice is weighted towards product liability and it also

has a strong reputation for competition law. Senior partner Ubiratan Mattos is well known for his experience in product liability and consumer law and Beatriz Kestener is also highly regarded for these areas, as well as life sciences and agriculture. The firm continues to represent Philip Morris in several tobacco-related class actions. Other recent clients include Chevron, Motorola and Odebrecht.

Although **Stocche Forbes** was only established in 2012 it has hit the ground running. Domingos Fernando Refinetti and Rafael De Carvalho Passaro, formerly of **Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados** are both highly recommended. Litigation clients include BRF– Brasil Foods, Ericsson and Cargill Agrícola.

Tauil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown LLP leverages off its signature strength in infrastructure and energy matters to specialise in advising on disputes in these sectors. The firm regularly advises domestic and multinational construction companies, power companies, and oil and gas companies in both court litigation and arbitration arising from breach of obligations, contract termination, tax assessments and labour issues. Clients include Dow Chemical, Noble Drilling and GE Oil & Gas.

Although **Ayres, Ribeiro, Oliveira, Jayme e Associados** was only established towards the end of 2012, the dispute resolution team has developed quickly. It is acting on a diverse range of cases, handling consumer litigation, breach-of-contract disputes and contentious construction issues. Elisa Silva de Assis Ribeiro, formerly at **Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados**, is singled out for her '*excellent knowledge of regulatory law, especially economic*'. The three-partner team also includes Amanda Flávio de Oliveira and former prosecutor for the State of Goiás, Fernando Gonzaga Jayme.

Bichara, Barata, Costa & Rocha Advogados is well known for its focus on tax issues but the team has a diversified practice that handles much more than tax litigation. In 2013 Adriana Astuto Pereira joined the practice from **Lobo & de Rizzo Advogados** and provides '*excellent service and commercial understanding*'. Astuto Pereira is leading the firm's representation of Intercan Terminais de Containeres Logística in a high-value dispute relating to the bankruptcy of Caneco Shipyard, the owner of a portion of the Rio Port that Intercan leased.

In 2012, **Bragança Advogados** advised Brasil Telecom in a R\$5.8bn class action challenging the validity of the share purchase agreement it entered into with Oi, the largest telecoms company in Brazil. The firm also advised on a string of high-profile arbitrations and mediations. However, the departure of a significant proportion of its team to splinter firm **Xavier, Duque-Estrada, Emery, Denardi Advogados** will shrink its litigation capability considerably. Since publication, the firm has announced its merger into **Veirano Advogados**.

Providing '*specialist service*' and '*quick return times*', Porto Alegre-based **Carvalho, Machado, Timm & Deffenti Advogados** is a major force in southern Brazil and also benefits from an office in Sao Paulo. Rafael Bicca Machado has '*vast knowledge*' and is advising Control Union Warrants on the recovery of assets from Brasfumo's bankruptcy process. Fabiano Deffenti is advising the City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Miami Beach on the Brazilian aspects of a R\$37.5m class action relating to breaches of the Exchange Act.

De Vivo, Whitaker e Castro Advogados is applauded for its '*fast service, creativity and*

affordable price, with lawyers highlighted for their *'care and efficiency'*. Gustavo Lorenzi de Castro is the main contact and represented Volkswagen in proceedings filed by the Rio Grande do Sul Public Prosecutor to obligate the automobile company to recall 400,000 vehicles; the Superior Court reversed the injunction to recall.

In 2013, **Dias Carneiro Advogados** was hit by the departure of group head Valeria Galíndez to **Uría Menéndez**. The firm is currently representing parties in complex arbitrations relating to shareholder disputes, construction contracts and joint venture agreements. *Since publication, the firm has been re-named **Dias Carneiro, Flores, Sanches and Thomaz Bastos Advogados**.*

Advocacia Fernando Rudge Leite provides an *'excellent level of customer service'* and *'professionals are always interested and ready to meet customer expectations'*. The *'technically very skilled'* Luiz Antonio Gomiero heads the team and recently represented a mining company in environmental litigation. The firm has also won instructions in relation to complex financial litigation and a series of high-profile breach-of-contract claims. Construction, manufacturing and distribution are also active areas.

Fontes & Tarso Ribeiro Advogados retains a strong record in public law matters, especially on the transport side, and its litigation team continues to be active in this area. Recent representative clients include Rio Ônibus (the Association of Bus Companies of the City of Rio de Janeiro) and Fetranspor (the Federation of Passenger Transport Companies in the State of Rio de Janeiro). The firm also garners a steady stream of litigation instructions from clients in the construction, sport and telecoms sectors.

Gasparini, De Cresci e Nogueira de Lima Advogados' two-partner team is led by **Pedro Paulo Wendel Gasparini** and recently advised Independência, a company that produces and sells beef products, on its reorganisation including contentious work. Insurance and tax litigation are also active areas.

Belo Horizonte-headquartered **Grebler Advogados** is *'excellent in all respects'*. The infrastructure, technology, real estate and energy and natural resources sectors supply the bulk of instructions and it has an excellent record in alternative dispute resolution. Senior partner Eduardo Grebler recently acted alongside Flávia Bittar Neves to represent a Brazilian seller in a Paris-based, ICC arbitration, arising from a contractual dispute with an Austrian buyer.

Manesco Ramires Perez Azevedo Marques Advocacia is highly regarded for its cutting-edge expertise in the infrastructure and regulated industry sectors, particularly telecoms, and its dispute resolution practice reflects that focus. Floriano de Azevedo Marques Neto heads a seven-partner team that has seen a flood of instructions arising from Brazil's construction boom: it is advising a string of concessionaires in the road, subway and marine industries on contentious issues.

Nogueira, Elias, Laskowski & Matias Advogados has a strong consumer law practice that specialises in defending consumers and it regularly acts in administrative and judicial proceedings relating to this area. Criminal law, contentious construction matters and energy litigation are also active areas. Consultant, and former judge, Rubens Carmo Elias is recommended.

Pereira Neto | Macedo received a boost to its dispute resolution practice through its 2012 merger with corporate litigation boutique França e Nunes Pereira, providing the firm with both a new litigation head, Rafael Barreto de Aguiar Novaes França, and a top-flight corporate litigation partner, Erasmo Valladão Azevedo e Novaes França. These hires go some way to fill the gap left by Flavio Galdino. The firm recently represented Globalbank Consulting in a R\$93m civil action filed by Arthur Ludgren Tecidos against Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Consultoria Contábil e Tributária (Deloitte's Brazilian subsidiary), and Globalbank.

At **Roberto Ferraz Advogados S/C**, name partner Roberto Ferraz is recommended as 'a very skilled and experienced lawyer, with a great academic and professional record'. Among the firm's recent cases it successfully represented TIM, the Brazilian branch of Telecom Italia Mobile, in a consumer class action relating to billing procedures. Other representative clients include Robert Bosch, Ericsson and logistics and transport company, Pinho.

Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados' four-partner team 'provides quick and diligent answers' and lawyers are 'speedy, focused and have a great work capacity'. Luciana Goulart Saliba is a key name and is part of the team advising Fiat Automóveis in several lawsuits related to dealership contracts. Among its arbitration work, the firm is advising Samarco Mineração on several complex cases. Team head João Dácio Rolim is 'analytical and has excellent judgment'.

Soares Bumachar Chagas Barros Advogados receives a steady stream of litigation and arbitration instructions from clients in the energy, construction and TMT areas. Dispute resolution head **Laura Mendes Bumachar** recently represented Hewlett-Packard Brasil in an indemnification suit filed by SetPrint Centro Tecnológico Digital claiming early contract termination. The firm has also recently handled work for EDP Energias do Brasil, Arembepe Energia and Companhia Brasileira de Tecnologia Digital.

Ulhôa Canto, Rezende e Guerra Advogados' strong presence in the tax, energy and administrative spheres ensures a strong flow of instructions relating to disputes in those areas. Most notably, the firm successfully advised Brazilian distribution companies on a case concerning the ownership of surplus energy from the Itaipu Power Plant. Marcelo Beltrão da Fonseca heads the team and is recommended.

In 2012, **Vieira, Rezende, Barbosa e Guerreiro Advogados** welcomed the arrival of litigator Carlos da Costa e Silva Filho from **Mattos Muriel Kestener Advogados**. The firm's strength in shipping and energy work ensures a steady flow of instructions in those sectors, and regulatory specialist Mauro Vinicius Sbrissa Tortorelli is recommended.

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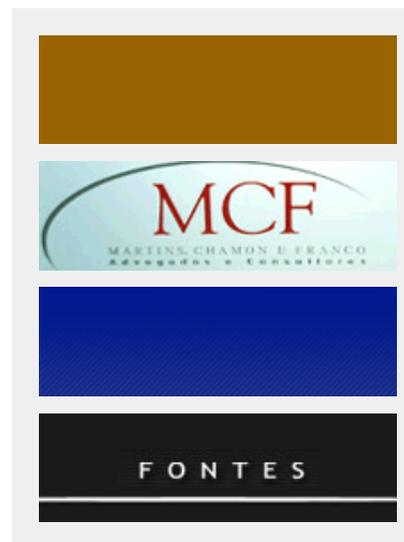
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Azevedo Marques Advocacia is 'a *top name in the area*' and has a superb track record. The firm fields a highly qualified team, with Floriano de Azevedo Marques Neto identified as a standout practitioner. The practice has recently been active in work related to public transport and public hospitals, particularly in PPPs and public procurement and bids. Eduardo Augusto de Oliveira Ramires leads on the regulatory side, and is noted for his experience in telecoms-related matters: together with Marques Neto, Ramires is currently advising a computer corporation on structuring a PPP to implement new technology in public schools. José Roberto Manesco and Marcos Augusto Perez are recommended for their expertise in contentious mandates. Additionally, Perez is currently acting for a client on a PPP contract for a sports arena, and advising a Brazilian state on its regulatory framework with regard to PPPs and concessions. Luís Justiniano de Arantes Fernandes, Ane Elisa Perez and Fábio Barbalho Leite are also singled out from the team.

Widely renowned for its extensive experience and '*top-quality service*', **Sundfeld Advogados** is a '*very good*' public law boutique. Public and regulatory law are key pillars of practice for the team, which is led by very highly rated founding partner Carlos Ari Sundfeld. The firm is particularly noted for its expertise in telecoms work, and also handles all manner of public law mandates from procurement to privatisation. Additionally, the team has experience in drafting legislation. Vera Monteiro is '*excellent*'.

Azevedo Sette Advogados has a strong market profile for its public law practice, and the team has notable experience in advising clients on PPPs and infrastructure projects. The firm is well recognised for advising on regulatory matters, concessions, and privatisations, and also assists clients in bid processes for public tenders. The practice group has sector-specific experience in telecoms, mining, construction and transport, among other areas. From Belo Horizonte, Frederico Bopp Dieterich, Gustavo Eugênio Maciel Rocha, Fernando Azevedo Sette and Ordélio Azevedo Sette are all active in public law mandates; Leonardo Moreira Costa de Souza and Rafael Adler are the key contacts in Sao Paulo.

'*One of the best in the area*' and '*a pleasure to work with*', **TozziniFreire Advogados**' public law practice has '*superb experience*' and provides '*accurate and in-depth advice*' across regulatory issues, public procurement, litigation, PPPs and infrastructure projects. The team offers a '*superior level of service*' and demonstrates '*integrity*' and '*full engagement with clients*'. At the helm of the practice is the '*very impressive*' **Claudia Elena Bonelli**, who is rated as '*the leading specialist on airport concessions in Brazil*'. Bonelli advised a consortium comprising Advent International and Aeropuertos del Sureste de Mexico on the airport concessions of the international airports of Brasília, Campinas and Guarulhos; and also represented Caterpillar in an administrative appeal against the result of a public procurement process held by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture. She continues to act for Dufry do Brasil on concession agreements, and other clients include General Dynamics UK, Helicidade and Terminal de Contêineres de Paranaguá (TCP).

Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão's infrastructure, regulatory and government affairs practice is led by Álvaro Jorge, and also features recommended associate Eduardo Hayden Carvalhaes Neto. The team's experience spans PPPs and public tenders, and it regularly advises on administrative issues in the construction industry. Highlights include representing Honeywell in an administrative appeal related to a public bid by Petrobras; and advising Cibe Investimentos

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China	e Participações on a joint venture with Autostrade per l'Italia to hold three (Brazilian) toll-road concessionaires. The team is also assisting Cemusa do Brasil on entering a public bid held by the City of Belo Horizonte for the provision of the city's digital clocks.
Colombia	
Congo	
Costa Rica	Demonstrating 'deep knowledge' and offering a 'partner-led service', Cascione, Pulino, Boulos & Santos Advogados 'experienced and capable team' acts on a 'wide spectrum of issues'. It has notable experience in infrastructure mandates, regulatory issues and PPPs. The 'extremely diligent' Bruno Aurélio is 'very dedicated' and has 'deep technical knowledge'.
Croatia	
Curacao	
Cyprus	Aurélio is advising Concessionária Porto Novo on a PPP with the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, and continues to represent INVEPAR in three class actions concerning the bidding process by ANAC for the airports of Brasília, Campinas and Guarulhos. The team is also representing Indra Sistemas, AMAFI Comercial e Construtora, and Canon do Brasil Indústria e Comércio in various administrative appeals.
Czech Republic	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Denmark	
Dominican Republic	
Ecuador	
Egypt	Demarest Advogados 'excellent' practice has experience acting for clients in public tenders and public contracts, particularly in relation to regulatory issues. 'An integral part of any matter', the 'very articulate' Renato Poltronieri is 'direct and precise' and 'understands clients' needs'. The team is advising IBM as a bidder for the integrated ticketing system of the Sao Paulo public transport network; and advising AEGEA Saneamento e Participações on an analysis of legal risks concerning a public contract for sewage disposal. Other clients include Goodyear do Brasil, Mattel do Brasil and Diebold Brazil.
El Salvador	
Estonia	
Ethiopia	
Faroe Islands	
Finland	
France	Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados is highly experienced in handling PPPs, infrastructure projects and public bids. At the helm of the practice is José Virgílio Lopes Enei , who is 'one of the smartest lawyers anywhere' and has 'encyclopaedic knowledge'. The firm advised BNDES on matters related to the Brazilian port sector including possible PPPs and concessions; the IFC, on the structuring of a regulatory agency for the City of Rio de Janeiro; and it continues to act for Construtora Queiroz Galvão and Construtora Andrade Gutierrez on the PPP for the Porto Alegre public transport system.
Georgia	
Germany	
Ghana	
Gibraltar	
Greece	Pereira Neto Macedo's public law practice is recommended for both advisory and contentious work, and the 'very competent' team provides 'highly appropriate solutions' on regulatory matters, public tenders and PPPs. It is noted too, for its experience advising on infrastructure matters in the telecoms, energy, transport, and water and sewage sectors. Department head Caio Mario da Silva Pereira Neto has considerable experience; he is currently leading on matters including advise to Fundação Carlos Alberto Vanzolini regarding a PPP in the education sector, and assistance to Bombardier Transportation Brasil on both regulatory and contentious issues. Pereira Neto also recently advised a consortium, comprising Galvão Engenharia and Samsung, on participating in an infrastructure-related public tender, and he continues to assist CPL and UNICA on matters related to new regulations for ethanol production.
Guatemala	
Guernsey	
Guinea	
Honduras	
Hong Kong	
Hungary	
Iceland	
India	Able to handle complex cases and 'best in class for service', Pinheiro Neto Advogados 'trustworthy and responsive' team acts for domestic and international clients on public law, public procurement and regulatory matters. It is praised for its 'integrity', 'overall excellence' and 'experience in the Brazilian courts'. The 'accessible and practical' Ricardo Pagliari Levy is 'exceptionally good' and clients 'rely heavily on his insight'. Levy is noted for his 'great knowledge of public law' and 'really understands the matter in hand'. The practice is part of the
Indonesia	
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development of its financial centre.

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Extension of the Penalties Range Applicable in the Regulation of Healthcare

On November 25, 2013, the President of the Russian Federation has signed the Federal Law № 317 -FZ "On amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation and on the annulment of certain provisions of legislative acts of the Russian Federation on the health of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 317 - FZ "). The purpose of this statutory act is to harmonize various effective statutes in the area of healthcare, following the recently occurred amendments in connection with the adoption of the Federal Law of November 21, 2011 № 323- FZ "On the basis of health protection of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 323 -FZ "), and amendments to the Federal Law of April 12, 2010 № 61 -FZ "On circulation of Medicines " ("Law 61-FZ ").

- **Lidings Law Firm**

Albania's new courts

This article looks at the new administrative courts in Albania which are part of a strategy to increase foreign investment by offering more security to investors. This was first published in 'The Lawyer' May 2012.

- **Hoxha Memi Hoxha**

Collective result-based advantages (CBA 90) - Maximum 3,131 EUR in 2014

For bonus plans which lead to payments in 2014, the exempted amount has been raised to 3,131 EUR (social security limit) and 2,722 EUR (tax limit).

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firm's dispute resolution group, and so is adept at handling contentious instructions. Highlights included advising a multinational beverages company on its successful bid for the installation of vending machines at metro stations in Sao Paulo; and the team continues to act for DTA Engenharia regarding a port terminal in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

Siqueira Castro Advogados specialises in regulatory and contentious matters, and the team has experience before several regulatory agencies and in the Brazilian courts. **Carlos Roberto Siqueira Castro** in the firm's Rio de Janeiro office is the key contact for the practice. The team is acting for APINE (the Brazilian Association of Independent Power Producers), in a \$300m lawsuit against regulator ANEEL; and advising Companhia Distribuidora de Gás do Rio de Janeiro (CEG), on the renegotiation of the renewal of public contracts at new tariffs.

Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie's public law practice provides *'very good legal support'* and a *'personalised client service'*. Heloisa Barroso Uelze has *'great technical capabilities'* and *'vast experience in public tenders and administrative proceedings'*; and the *'responsive and fast'* associate, Henrique Frizzo, is *'an expert in public law'*. The team has advised clients including Voith Hydro and Varian Medical on matters related to public tenders, and it is also experienced in handling public law litigation.

At **Arap, Nishi & Uyeda Advogados**, the *'very practical'* Sami Arap Sobrinho demonstrates *'excellent understanding'*. The firm is noted for its infrastructure-related experience and advises on bid procedures and PPPs.

BKBG has experience in public procurement, administrative contracts, PPPs and privatisation. Paulo Brancher is noted for his experience and constant availability, and advised FedEx on Brazilian regulations relating to the provision of logistics services. The team can also draw on the firm's strength in the TMT sector to advise clients in related public law issues. Other clients include Companhia de Concessões Rodoviárias (CCR), China Telecom and Embratel.

Castro, Barros, Sobral, Gomes Advogados assists clients in regulatory matters, public law litigation and public procurement. The team recently advised Precision Service on a public tender by Petrobras for oil services, and advised medical equipment distributor Oscar Iskin on a public tender in the state of Pernambuco. **Renato Parreira Stetner** is advising Rádio Eldorado in proceedings related to television broadcasting rights.

The *'highly professional'* team at Brasilia-based **Advocacia Fernanda Hernandez** calls on its disputes expertise to represent clients in administrative and judicial proceedings. The *'competent, efficient and knowledgeable'* team also advises on regulatory matters. **Fernanda Guimarães Hernandez** is praised for her *'deep involvement in cases'*.

Rated for *'quick responses'* and *'accurate opinions'*, **Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA)** *'robust'* public law team regularly advises on public tenders. *'Quite unique'*, Paulo Prado has *'great knowledge'* and is *'hands-on and focused on results'*. Prado successfully advised Smartmatic Group on two bidding procedures relating to equipment for the Brazilian elections, and also acted for HNS Américas Comunicações.

The *'very respected'* **Matts Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados** fields an *'excellent'* team, offering *'precise and correct advice'* and demonstrating *'good understanding of*

On 7 November 2013, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) approved the registration of the first four trade repositories under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("European Market Infrastructure Regulation" or "EMIR").
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Writ petition filed pertaining to delays at the Indian Patent Office

In the matter concerning: Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3742/2013 and Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3756/2013

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Baker & McKenzie berät Airesis bei Verkauf von Boards & More

München, 28. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die börsennotierte Schweizer Beteiligungsholding Airesis S.A. bei dem Verkauf der Boards & More-Gruppe an EMERAM Capital Partners beraten. Die Boards & More-Gruppe ist mit den Marken Fanatic, ION und North ein führender Sportartikelhersteller im Bereich Kite- und Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddling und Fahrradbekleidung. Der Jahresumsatz der Boards & More-Gruppe beträgt ca. 45 Millionen Euro.

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the political environment in Brazil, as well as knowledge of public policy trends'. From Rio de Janeiro, **Pablo Sorj** is 'business-orientated and knowledgeable', and Sao Paulo-based Bruno Werneck is 'very good on public procurement matters, PPPs and public bids'. The firm advises on bidding procedures, regulatory matters and administrative proceedings.

At **Veirano Advogados**, the team handles regulatory matters, public procurement, and administrative and judicial proceedings. Representative clients include Águas do Brasil Saneamento Ambiental and Foz do Brasil. Demian Guedes leads the practice.

Baker & McKenzie erstreitet Urteil in urheberrechtlichem Musterverfahren vor BGH

München, 4. Dezember 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat gemeinsam mit dem BGH-Anwalt Axel Rinkler für den Alfred Kröner Verlag ein Grundsatzurteil vor dem Bundesgerichtshof (BGH) wegen der Zurverfügungstellung von Werkteilen im universitären Intranet erwirkt (Urteil vom 28. November 2013, Az. I ZR 76/12). Der BGH hat festgestellt, dass Universitäten ihren Studenten nur bis zu 12 Prozent eines Buches, höchstens jedoch 100 Seiten, digital zur Verfügung stellen dürfen. Eine Zugänglichmachung ist allerdings nicht zulässig, wenn der Rechteinhaber der Hochschule eine angemessene Lizenz für die fragliche Nutzung angeboten hat. Im vorliegenden Fall hatte der klagende Verlag ein Lizenzangebot ausgesprochen. Der BGH hat die Sache an das Berufungsgericht zurückverwiesen, das nun die Angemessenheit des Lizenzangebots zu prüfen hat.

- Baker & McKenzie

Hengeler Mueller advises freenet AG on refinancing by syndicated loan

freenet AG, the largest network-independent telecommunications provider in Germany, has entered into a €300m syndicated loan with a banking syndicate led by Commerzbank AG, including Bayerische Landesbank, HSH Nordbank, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Nord LB and UniCredit. The new revolving credit facility has a maturity of five years. Funds drawn may be applied towards the financing of general corporate purposes, including acquisitions.

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Jacob Ørskov Rasmussen, partner in Plesner, Gitte Holtsø, partner in Plesner, and Anna Gentschein, Attorney with SOS International, have written an article about franchising for the international database "Getting the Deal Through".

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Plesner gets top ranking by IFLR1000

The International Financial Law Review1000 ranks Plesner at the top in central practice areas.

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Hengeler Mueller advises Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG on reorganisation

The new management and general work council of Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG reached an agreement in Hamburg in the past weeks on a general reconciliation of interests, several individual reconciliations of interests and social plans as well as a company agreement on compensatory payments.

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Partners Group and Capvis acquire VAT Holding AG

Partners Group, a global private markets investment manager, and Capvis, a leading Swiss mid-size market PE fund, have agreed to jointly acquire VAT Holding, the global market leader in high-end vacuum valves. The transaction is subject to merger control approval.

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Elinor Cristóforo Cotait - **Mundie e Advogados**

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Despite the departure of a former name partner in 2012, the consensus is that **BKBG** remains a 'leader in the market for TMT advice' due to its 'terrific knowledge of the industry', its 'superlative response times' and its 'unrivalled ability to predict and keep ahead of business trends'. Leading lawyers include name partners **Ricardo Barretto Ferreira da Silva**, who is 'well-known in the market', and **Paulo Marcos Rodrigues Brancher**, who is 'always available'. The firm assisted China Telecom and SAMM Comunicações em Multimídia with the application for telecoms licences from Anatel.

Few boutiques enjoy the market pre-eminence that **Mundie e Advogados** receives for its telecoms practice; according to sources the firm is 'the first name you think of when you want telecoms advice in Brazil' and is 'streets ahead of its competitors'. Lawyers are 'very effective and highly commercial'. In particular, Elinor Cristóforo Cotait is widely considered 'one of the best telecom attorneys in Brazil' and name partner Kevin Mundie maintains a high profile due to his 'extensive experience, industry knowledge and connections'. The team is 'the go-to firm for regulatory matters' and it has been advising clients on Anatel's new 4G framework, among other matters.

Pinheiro Neto Advogados' three partner team 'can effectively assist on any problem due to its ability to call on top-class supplementary support' and indeed, it is active across the full range of technology, media and telecoms matters. Esther Nunes is highly sought after for her reputation as 'the only lawyer you can depend on when it comes to complex or high-profile telecoms work', and **Raphael de Cunto** is applauded for his 'excellent judgment and industry knowledge'. The firm advised Chilean IT player Sonda on its acquisition of Brazilian company Pars Processamento de Dados. In addition to transactional work, the firm is strong in regulation, bidding procedures and litigation.

Media and entertainment boutique **Bitelli Advogados** is a 'top choice for pay-TV law' but the firm is also recognised for its strength in film, music, publishing and digital media. In 2013, the firm successfully advised pay-TV association, ABTA, on an abusive price-fixing case brought against the Central Bureau of Collection and Distribution of Copyrights and other associations involved in collecting music royalties. Marcos Alberto Sant'Anna Bitelli is highlighted as a 'visionary' and as 'a top lawyer in the media field'.

Cesnik, Quintino & Salinas Advogados scores points for its 'excellent service that exceeds competitor standards' and for the reputation of Fábio de Sá Cesnik, who is a 'calm and

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China	<i>thoughtful expert on the subject of media and entertainment law</i> . The firm specialises in advising on fiscal incentives for investment in the media industries and also acts on broadcasting and distribution deals, licensing matters, sponsorship deals and copyright clearance.
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Curacao	
Cyprus	
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Manesco Ramires Perez Azevedo Marques Advocacia's two partner team is led by Floriano de Azevedo Marques Neto and has a strong pedigree for telecoms work. The firm advises some of Brazil's largest telecoms operators on regulatory issues, corporate transactions and contentious matters (both judicial and administrative litigation). The firm also fields a strong technology practice and has been involved in some of Brazil's most cutting-edge public projects, including high-speed rail links.

At **Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Advogados, associated with Baker & McKenzie**, Esther Miriam Flesch is considered a *'safe and steady pair of hands for telecoms and technology work'*, and Francisco Ribeiro Todorov is *'responsive and business-oriented'*. The firm acted for a global software company in the negotiation of service agreements with a major Brazilian telecoms carrier. The firm also acts for multinational telecoms companies, social networking websites and internet security companies.

Felsberg, Pedretti e Mannrich Advogados e Consultores Legais has built up a solid media and entertainment practice in recent years and its reputation for regulated industries work also sees it acting on telecoms matters. Representative clients include the Brazilian Paralympic Committee and Paramount Pictures.

Koury Lopes Advogados (KLA) recently represented Transit Telecom in administrative procedures before Anatel. In addition to its strong record on regulatory and contentious matters, the firm also advises telecoms clients in corporate transactions. Karin Alvo and Guilherme Leno are the main contacts.

Machado, Meyer, Sendacz e Opice – Advogados advised Riverwood Capital Management on the acquisition of IT service company Mandic. The firm also has a well-established sports and entertainment practice that is led by recommended partner Ivandro Sanchez.

Pereira Neto | Macedo's *'dynamic and sharp team'* is recommended for *'providing useful insights to clients' strategies'*. In a recent highlight, the firm advised Telefónica (through fully-owned subsidiary, Vivo), on its successful R\$1bn bid for 40 MHz of the 2.5 GHz spectrum. Team head Caio Mário da Silva Pereira Neto has *'invaluable in-depth knowledge of content regulation and communications law'*.

Pinheiro Guimarães – Advogados' leading finance and capital markets practices are regularly involved in TMT-related transactions. The firm advised Banco Bradesco as arranger on the issuance and public offering of R\$2bn debentures by Embratel.

Media and entertainment boutique **Schivartche Advogados** is *'one of the most commercial firms in Brazil'* and André Schivartche *'knows the industry inside out'*. The firm advised Warner on its investments in and distribution of independent Brazilian feature films. Other representative clients include Sony Pictures and Paramount.

TozziniFreire Advogados acted for wireless communications company SBA Communications

- **Arendt & Medernach**

Extension of the Penalties Range Applicable in the Regulation of Healthcare

On November 25, 2013, the President of the Russian Federation has signed the Federal Law № 317 -FZ "On amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation and on the annulment of certain provisions of legislative acts of the Russian Federation on the health of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 317 - FZ "). The purpose of this statutory act is to harmonize various effective statutes in the area of healthcare, following the recently occurred amendments in connection with the adoption of the Federal Law of November 21, 2011 № 323- FZ "On the basis of health protection of citizens in the Russian Federation" ("Law 323 -FZ "), and amendments to the Federal Law of April 12, 2010 № 61 -FZ "On circulation of Medicines " ("Law 61-FZ ").

- **Lidings Law Firm**

Albania's new courts

This article looks at the new administrative courts in Albania which are part of a strategy to increase foreign investment by offering more security to investors. This was first published in 'The Lawyer' May 2012.

- **Hoxha Memi Hoxha**

Collective result-based advantages (CBA 90) - Maximum 3,131 EUR in 2014

For bonus plans which lead to payments in 2014, the exempted amount has been raised to 3,131 EUR (social security limit) and 2,722 EUR (tax limit).

- **Claeys & Engels law firm**

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On 7 November 2013, the European

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Veirano Advogados' telecoms practice is led by IP head Valdir de Oliveira Rocha Filho and shines on the IT and technology side. The Brazilian arm of Dell Computers is a client and the firm advises it on new products and services, IP issues and training.

Dannemann, Siemsen, Bigler & Ipanema Moreira's longstanding IP expertise provides the firm with the perfect platform to extend its services to support IP-rich TMT companies. Clients include multinational technology corporations and online sales brands.

Demarest Advogados' practice acts for publishing companies, TV networks and film studios. The firm advises University City Studios on wide spread of issues including intellectual property infringements in the entertainment field.

Levy & Salomão recently advised a global news agency on negotiating its licensing agreements. Other representative clients include HBO Latin America Production Services, Twentieth Century Fox and Sky Latin America.

Media and entertainment is a sweet spot at **Lilla, Huck, Otranto, Camargo Advogados** and team head **Maurício Vedovato** is recommended as a *'hands-on lawyer'*. Recent work included advising Ultimate Fighting Productions on the production and distribution of "The Ultimate Fighter Brasil" reality show.

In 2013, **Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados** boosted its practice with the hire of **Fabio Ferreira Kujawski**, formerly name partner at **BKBG**. Embraer instructed the firm to advise on its joint venture with Telebras to provide satellite communications to the Brazilian government.

Rolim, Viotti & Leite Campos Advogados is recommended for its *'excellent technical knowledge of the telecoms regulatory area'*. Team head Rodrigo Greco is recommended, and advised Vivo and Telefónica in administrative litigation against Anatel.

Siqueira Castro Advogados focuses on advising some of the Brazilian telecoms sector's biggest players in contentious work. Among its recent cases, it advised Vivo in several strategic lawsuits relating to areas such as signal quality and electromagnetic pollution.

Luiz Frederico Vila Buosi's group at **Vella Pugliese Buosi e Guidoni Advogados** recently advised a leading internet services provider on a major strategic acquisition. Representative clients include Next IT Corporation, Tivit and Banco Santander.

ZCBS – Zancaner Costa, Bastos e Spiewak Advogados represented a Brazilian media conglomerate in successfully securing the semi-exclusive broadcasting rights for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Benny Spiewak is the main contact.

Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) approved the registration of the first four trade repositories under Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("European Market Infrastructure Regulation" or "EMIR").
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- **Arendt & Medernach**

Violation of Inheritance Rights over Shares in Limited Liability Companies

- **Penkov, Markov & Partners**

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Writ petition filed pertaining to delays at the Indian Patent Office

In the matter concerning: Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3742/2013 and Nitto Denko Corp v. Union of India- WP 3756/2013

- **Anand and Anand**

Baker & McKenzie berät Société Générale bei ABS-Transaktion im Wert von 1 Milliarde Euro

Frankfurt, 12. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat die Société Générale Corporate, Investment Banking (Société Générale) als Arranger Counsel bei der zweiten öffentlichen ABS-Transaktion für die Bank Deutsches Kraftfahrzeuggewerbe GmbH ("BDK") in Deutschland beraten.

- **Baker & McKenzie**

Baker & McKenzie berät Airesis bei Verkauf von Boards & More

München, 28. November 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker &

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Spain
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St Barts
St Vincent
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Switzerland
Syria

McKenzie hat die börsennotierte Schweizer Beteiligungsholding Airesis S.A. bei dem Verkauf der Boards & More-Gruppe an EMERAM Capital Partners beraten. Die Boards & More-Gruppe ist mit den Marken Fanatic, ION und North ein führender Sportartikelhersteller im Bereich Kite- und Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddling und Fahrradbekleidung. Der Jahresumsatz der Boards & More-Gruppe beträgt ca. 45 Millionen Euro.

- Baker & McKenzie

Baker & McKenzie erstreitet Urteil in urheberrechtlichem Musterverfahren vor BGH

München, 4. Dezember 2013 – Die internationale Anwaltskanzlei Baker & McKenzie hat gemeinsam mit dem BGH-Anwalt Axel Rinkler für den Alfred Kröner Verlag ein Grundsatzurteil vor dem Bundesgerichtshof (BGH) wegen der Zurverfügungstellung von Werkteilen im universitären Intranet erwirkt (Urteil vom 28. November 2013, Az. I ZR 76/12). Der BGH hat festgestellt, dass Universitäten ihren Studenten nur bis zu 12 Prozent eines Buches, höchstens jedoch 100 Seiten, digital zur Verfügung stellen dürfen. Eine Zugänglichmachung ist allerdings nicht zulässig, wenn der Rechteinhaber der Hochschule eine angemessene Lizenz für die fragliche Nutzung angeboten hat. Im vorliegenden Fall hatte der klagende Verlag ein Lizenzangebot ausgesprochen. Der BGH hat die Sache an das Berufungsgericht zurückverwiesen, das nun die Angemessenheit des Lizenzangebots zu prüfen hat.

- Baker & McKenzie

Hengeler Mueller advises freenet AG on refinancing by syndicated loan

freenet AG, the largest network-independent telecommunications provider in Germany, has entered into a €300m

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syndicated loan with a banking syndicate led by Commerzbank AG, including Bayerische Landesbank, HSH Nordbank, Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Nord LB and UniCredit. The new revolving credit facility has a maturity of five years. Funds drawn may be applied towards the financing of general corporate purposes, including acquisitions.

- [Hengeler Mueller](#)

Getting the Deal Through - Franchise

Jacob Ørskov Rasmussen, partner in Plesner, Gitte Holtsø, partner in Plesner, and Anna Gentzschein, Attorney with SOS International, have written an article about franchising for the international database "Getting the Deal Through".

- [Plesner](#)

Plesner gets top ranking by IFLR1000

The International Financial Law Review1000 ranks Plesner at the top in central practice areas.

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Hengeler Mueller advises Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG on reorganisation

The new management and general work council of Imtech Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG reached an agreement in Hamburg in the past weeks on a general reconciliation of interests, several individual reconciliations of interests and social plans as well as a company agreement on compensatory payments.

- [Hengeler Mueller](#)

Partners Group and Capvis acquire VAT Holding AG

Partners Group, a global private markets investment manager, and Capvis, a leading Swiss mid-size market PE fund, have agreed to jointly acquire VAT Holding, the global market leader in high-end vacuum valves. The transaction is subject to merger control approval.

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