



# **About Duarte**

Duarte is the co-head of the Corporate M&A practice. He has over 18 years' experience in private equity, mergers and acquisitions, corporate law, investment funds and privatisation.

Duarte is known for handling major private equity, corporate governance, M&A and privatisation transactions, working both in Portugal and internationally, with a focus on the markets of Angola, Brazil and Mozambique.

Duarte has a law degree from Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon and completed a postgraduate course in banking law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon.

**Specializations:** Business reorganizations, Commercial contracts, Family businesses, Mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, Private equity

Sectors: Agro-industry, Distribution and retail, Manufacturing, Social economy

Languages: English, French, Spanish

# **Academic Background**



- Law degree from Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, 2000
- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association, 2002
- Postgraduate in Banking Law, the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, 2001

# **Professional Background**

Partner at PLMJ since 2014

# **Awards & Rankings**

### **Best Lawyers**

- 2020 Duarte Schmidt Lino |
- 2019 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Recognised lawyer
- 2018 Duarte Schmidt Lino |
- 2017 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Other Recommended Lawyer
- 2016 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Other Recommended Lawyer

#### **Chambers Europe**

#### 2020 - Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate Law / M&A

"Clients value his experience and availability."

### 2020 - Duarte Schmidt Lino, Band 2 | Private Equity

"He has considerable expertise in acquisitions, including management buyout transactions and the drafting of shareholders' agreements."

### 2019 - Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate Law / M&A

"He offers support to both buyers and sellers in deals in the agriculture, leisure and manufacturing sectors, and his expertise extends to private equity and venture capital operations."

### 2019 - Duarte Schmidt Lino, Band 2 | Private Equity

"He is commercially savvy and leads the team and is well versed in both private equity and venture capital operations."

#### 2018 - Duarte Schmidt Lino, Band 2 | Private Equity

"He has a solid profile in the Portuguese market and regularly advises on cross-border transactions, including in matters involving Brazil, Angola and Mozambique."

# 2017 - Duarte Schmidt Lino, Band 2 | Private Equity



"He has the capacity to negotiate based on his great creativity with solutions. In addition, he is always available and meets deadlines."

#### **Chambers Global**

#### 2020 - Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate Law / M&A

"He regularly acts on transactions in the real estate, manufacturing and energy sectors. Clients value his experience and availability."

#### 2019 - Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate Law / M&A

"He is a fantastic lawyer and his expertise extends to private equity and venture capital operations."

#### **IFLR 1000**

- 2020 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate / M&A (Private Equity)
- 2020 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Investment Funds
- 2019 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate / M&A (Investment Funds)
- 2019 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate / M&A (Private Equity)
- 2018 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate / M&A (Private Equity)
- 2018 Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate / M&A (Investment Funds)

## The Legal 500

2020 - Duarte Schmidt Lino | Corporate / M&A