

PARTNER

# Diogo Perestrelo

Joined PLMJ in 2016.  
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## About Diogo

Diogo co-heads the Corporate M&A practice. He has more than 27 years' experience and is one of the most distinguished corporate and M&A lawyers in Portugal.

Diogo has vast experience in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and projects, in sectors including transport, infrastructure, aviation, energy, distribution and tourism. He has also advised on privatisations and represented clients in the areas of road concessions, renewable energy and telecoms.

With a law degree from the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica, Diogo is admitted to practice as a lawyer in Portugal and in Brazil.

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

**Sectors:** Agro-industry, Infrastructure, Mobility, transport and logistics, Social economy

**Languages:** English, Spanish, French

## Academic Background

- Law degree from Universidade Católica, 1992
- Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association
- Admitted to the Brazilian Bar Association
- Harvard Leadership in Law Firms, Harvard Law School, 2013

## Professional Background

- Partner at the law firm Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira, 1992 - 2016

## Member of

- International Bar Association

## Awards & Rankings

### Chambers Europe

2020 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 1 | Corporate Law / M&A

"Clients praise his technical skill, with one interviewee enthusing: "He is one of the best corporate lawyers in Portugal."

2020 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 3 | Projects

"Adept at handling international projects, especially those involving the UK."

2020 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 3 | Private Equity

"Clients describe him as "proactive, commercial and responsive."

2019 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 3 | Private Equity

"Expertise was showcased in advice to Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners and Horizon Equity Partners on the acquisition of OMTEL's share capital."

2019 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 3 | Projects

"He offers specialist advice on regulatory, corporate and M&A issues related to infrastructure and transportation projects."

2019 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Corporate Law / M&A

"He is commended for his ability to handle complex deals, and interviewees additionally highlight his

availability."

2018 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Corporate Law / Merger&Acquisitions

"Sources highlight his great business acumen, describing him as an excellent M&A lawyer."

2018 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Private Equity

"He is specialises in private equity aspects of M&A transactions, advising clients in sectors such as transport, energy, distribution and aviation. He is also skilled at handling privatisation matters."

2018 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Projects

"With notable experience advising on concession agreements. One source describes him as client-oriented and a very good negotiator."

2017 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Corporate Law / Merger&Acquisitions

"Diogo Perestrelo is noted as "a reference in corporate work and a good, reliable lawyer."

2017 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Private Equity

"Diogo Perestrelo focuses his practice mainly on M&A and private equity transactions, especially MBOs."

2017 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Projects

"He is very well regarded within the market."

## Chambers Global

2020 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 1 | Corporate Law / M&A

"Clients praise his technical skill, with one interviewee enthusing: "He is one of the best corporate lawyers in Portugal."

2020 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 3 | Projects

"He offers expertise in corporate, M&A and financing matters regarding energy and infrastructure projects."

2019 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 3 | Projects

" His clients include concessions holders and major Portuguese corporates."

2019 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Corporate Law / M&A

"Frequently assists clients across a wide range of industry sectors such as transport, finance and oil and gas."

2018 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Corporate Law / M&A

"His practice covers public and private M&A."

2018 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Projects

"He is active in the transport and infrastructure arenas, with notable experience advising on concession agreements."

2017 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 and also Foreign Expert for Brazil | Corporate Law / Merger&Acquisitions

"Well-regarded practitioner, he is noted as "a reference in corporate work and a good, reliable lawyer." He handles M&A and private equity work, with particular activity in the transport, infrastructure and energy sectors."

2017 - Diogo Perestrelo, Band 2 | Projects

"his extensive background in M&A to advise on transactions in the transport, energy and infrastructure sectors. Peers acknowledge him as "very well regarded" within the market"

## The Legal 500

- 2019 - Diogo Perestrelo, Leading lawyer | Corporate / M&A
- 2019 - Diogo Perestrelo | Projects
- 2018 - Diogo Perestrelo, Leading Individual | Corporate / M&A
- 2018 - Diogo Perestrelo | Projects
- 2017 - Diogo Perestrelo, Leading Individual | Corporate / M&A

## IFLR 1000

- 2020 - Diogo Perestrelo | Banking & Finance (Project Finance)
- 2020 - Diogo Perestrelo | Corporate / M&A
- 2020 - Diogo Perestrelo | Corporate / M&A (Private Equity)
- 2019 - Diogo Perestrelo | Corporate / M&A
- 2019 - Diogo Perestrelo | Corporate / M&A (Private Equity)
- 2019 - Diogo Perestrelo | Banking & Finance (Project Finance)
- 2018 - Diogo Perestrelo | Corporate / M&A
- 2018 - Diogo Perestrelo | Corporate / M&A (Private Equity)
- 2018 - Diogo Perestrelo | Banking & Finance (Project Finance)

## Best Lawyers

- 2019 - Diogo Perestrelo | Recognised lawyer
- 2018 - Diogo Perestrelo | Private Equity Law
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- 2017 - Diogo Perestrelo | Private Equity Law
- 2017 - Diogo Perestrelo | Other Recommended Lawyer
- 2016 - Diogo Perestrelo | Other Recommended Lawyer