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## Portugal's PLMJ launches international projects team

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Portuguese independent PLMJ is continuing its international focus with the launch of a team focusing on cross-border projects work.

Founding partner Luís Sáragga Leal and partner Sofia Gomes da Costa will lead the new initiative, supported by five lawyers. The team includes new associate hires Lin Man and António Cid.

Man, who is bilingual in Portuguese and Mandarin, joins the firm from JKLM Advogados and will focus on the Chinese market. PLMJ also has an association with China's largest law firm Dacheng Law Offices and an existing Chinese desk.

The international projects team will specialise in deals such as forward funding contracts, acquisitions with income guarantee, sale and lease back operations and investment funds in sectors including energy, oil and gas, and finance.

Meanwhile, PLMJ has also recently hired consultant Vicente Voigt de Oliveira for its German desk. Voigt de Oliveira was previously a partner at German firm Görg and will sit within PLMJ's corporate and M&A team. He is German qualified and holds dual German and Portuguese nationality.

The firm's German desk now consists of five lawyers, advising local clients working in Germany and other German-speaking markets as well as German clients with a presence in Portugal.

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## PLMJ unveils international projects team

Portuguese firm PLMJ has announced the launch of a new team to handle cross-border projects.

The new group is headed by the firm's founding partner **Luis Sáragga Leal** and partner **Sofia Gomes da Costa**. Working alongside them is consultant lawyer **Emilio Rui Vilar** specialising in energy, oil and gas, finance and banking and international investments, senior associate **Francisco Lino Dias** and associate **Maria José Sousa Leite**.

The seven-lawyer team also includes new associate hires **Lin Man** and **António Cid**.

Senior associate Man joins from JKLM Advogados. She is bilingual in Portuguese and Mandarin and will focus on the Chinese market. PLMJ entered into an association with Dacheng Law Offices, China's largest law firm, in October 2010 ([see story](#)).

According to Luis Sáragga Leal, the firm's investment in the new team will seek to tap growth through the internationalisation of Portuguese business and the development of partnerships in Portuguese-speaking countries where PLMJ operates. The international projects team plans to leverage on the firm's presence in Angola, Mozambique, Brazil, China, Macao, South Africa and other emerging markets through the member firms of PLMJ's international legal network. The team aims to handle forward funding contracts, acquisitions with income guarantee, sale and lease back operations, investment funds and transactions with institutional investors.

In a separate development, PLMJ hired consultant **Vicente Voigt de Oliveira**, a partner at German firm Görg, for its German desk. Voigt de Oliveira will join the firm's corporate and M&A team.

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