

FAMILY FIRST

May begins with the end of the state of emergency in Portugal and the beginning of the de-escalation in Spain. In this scenario, we focus on Family Law with children as main actors with Vestalia Asociados

LAW FIRMS' VITALS

We check the firms' vitals through the expert vision of different legal communication agencies and some prestigious law firms in-house communication managers

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PRIVATE EQUITY: PORTUGAL IS STILL SHINING

Mafalda Almeida Carvalho, partner at CCSL Advogados, tell us that, although the next few months will be challenging, Portugal is now better prepared to face the crisis



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IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

M&A

Tomás Vaz Pinto, partner at Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados

While we are concerned with this pandemic and its consequences, we have not yet faced a radical halt in the M&A practice. A reasonable number of deals are still ongoing although some at a slower pace. Other deals have been delayed or cancelled.

2020

This year will be challenging but it is still difficult to anticipate when will this crisis end. At this stage, the government is mainly concerned with health and sanitary measures and with protecting as much as possible the people and companies in more need. There are yet no specific measures addressed to ongoing deals nor protective legislation to specifically prevent or benefit foreign investment. We are confident that this will be a temporary yet very hard crisis. Portugal was indeed doing well until this crisis but the country is very dependent on foreign investment and tourism so it is clear that the impact will be strong. Most sectors are being affected but I would highlight especially tourism, automobile, airlines, restaurants and infrastructures. At this stage, the fall is still not significant, but we expect a further decrease in the coming weeks and months. Working from home turned out to be not as difficult as anticipated and our lawyers remain reasonably busy. We are trying to become more efficient and remain particularly focused on supporting our core clients in these difficult times. We are always looking into innovative solutions to offer to our clients. We are also paying special attention to costs.



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