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**Areas & Industries**

Corporate and M&A, Data Protection, Agribusiness, Gaming, Health and Pharmaceuticals, Insurance and Pension Funds

**Professional Experience**

João Alfredo Afonso joined the firm in 1998 and became a partner in 2011. He is head of a corporate team.

João has handled mergers, acquisitions and sales of companies of varying sorts on behalf of domestic and foreign clients. His practice has also focused on gaming, IT and data protection matters and in the assistance to clients in the setting up of their business activities through the internet.

In the last few years, with the liberalization of the gaming market in Portugal, he has developed significant work in this area, including the review and discussion of the recent legal and regulatory framework and assistance to online and land-based gaming operators in establishing their activities in Portugal.

He was also involved in the corporate restructuring of a major consulting company on TMT matters, in the context of its worldwide restructuring, and in the structuring and execution of a major write-off operation of a wireless communications company in Portugal. João Alfredo Afonso also participated in one of the first IPOs of a Portuguese company (in the media area). He advises several internet companies, namely on gaming activities, media and financial services areas.

Concerning data protection issues, João assists clients in getting the required registrations and/authorizations from the Portuguese Data Protection Commission for the processing and transferring of personal data. He focuses in particular in the transfer of data from Portugal to other countries and, more recently, in General Data Protection Regulation compliance work.

**Education**

Law Degree (Católica Lisbon School of Law, 1998).

**Memberships**

Portuguese Bar Association (admitted in 2000).

**Languages**

Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

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He also assists companies whose core business involves the provision of IT related services, notably in the preparation and negotiation of software license agreements.