JOSÉ MARIA SIMÃO

SENIOR ASSOCIATE



PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial and Corporate Law | Intellectual Property | Data Protection

LANGUAGES

Portuguese, English

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José Maria joined PARES in 2017. In his professional journey, José Maria initially provided advice to public and private entities on matters related to dispute resolution, arbitration, and pre-litigation negotiation.

He then exclusively transitioned to the areas of corporate, commercial, and M&A law, advising on asset deals and share deals, the formation of joint ventures, and the establishment of new businesses, working with both national and international clients.

For the past six years, José Maria has also focused on venture capital and startups, supporting entrepreneurs and investors in structuring and formalizing the best investment frameworks, and providing daily legal advice on all matters related to the setup of new startup operations.

Finally, as a result of various secondment experiences, José Maria has gained knowledge and expertise in the fields of Communications, Advertising, Technology, and Personal Data.

CAREER PATH

- Lawyer at PARES since January 2017
- Trainee Lawyer and Lawyer at Costa Pinto & Associados (2016 - 2017)
- Trainee Lawyer at Eversheds Sutherland FCB (2013 – 2015)
- Summer Internship at PLEN, Sociedade de Advogados, rl (2013)
- August 2012: Summer Internship at Carlos Pinto de Abreu, Associados (2012)
- Legal Clinics at Carlos Pinto de Abreu, Associados (2012)
- Senior Associate at PARES since 2024

ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Postgraduate Degree in Forensic Sciences from Universidade Católica Portuguesa, with coursework in the Master's programs in Business Law and Law and Management (2014)
- Law Degree from the Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (2013), including a semester abroad in Italy at the Università di Trento - Facoltà di Giurisprudenza