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SRS Advogados is a full-service law firm that has expanded significantly in recent years, and is comprised of more than 100 lawyers. It offers clients a strong position in the national and international market, benefiting from a presence in Lisbon, Funchal and Oporto (the latter by way of association), as well as a first-rate international presence through a number of international partnerships, namely in Angola, Brazil and Mozambique. Focus, drive, commitment, innovation and ambition are the values of its team, which works cohesively and with constant dedication to the client.

The Litigation and Arbitration Department at SRS comprises a team of lawyers who are specialised in civil and commercial litigation, as well as international and domestic arbitration, insolvency and corporate restructuring. The lawyers have extensive experience in all areas of judicial dispute resolution (civil and commercial) and arbitration. They provide legal assistance to both national and international clients in a large variety of sectors, including auto, aviation, commerce and services, consumer, financial markets, patents, pharmaceutical and telecommunications, among others.

José Carlos Soares Machado, head of the Litigation and Arbitration Department at SRS, has more than 30 years of experience in civil and commercial advocacy. He is specialised in dispute resolution and corporate arbitration.

Currently, he is the president of the Portuguese Circle of Litigation Lawyers, a private association whose members are the heads of dispute resolution departments of all the major Portuguese law firms. He is also a visiting professor at the Faculty of Law of the New University of Lisbon (Universidade Nova de Lisboa), as well as an author of several published works on constitutional law, corporate law and real estate law.

Further, Mr Soares Machado is a member of the International Commercial Arbitration Committee of the International Law Association. He is also a member of the National Supervisory Board of Insolvency Administrators, as representative of the Minister of Justice.

He was general-secretary at Santa Casa da Misericórdia in Lisbon (Government Social Security Institute); Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister of Labour; and legal adviser on dispute resolution at the Ministry of Social Affairs. He was also vice-president of Sporting Club de Portugal, and head of its litigation department.

Regarding the Portuguese Bar Association, he was a presidential candidate in 1998, having taken on the roles of president of the Lisbon District Council, member of the National Governance Council and member of the National Supreme Council.