



PRIVATE EQUITY & VENTURE CAPITAL

SRS Advogados is a full-service, multi-practice law firm advising clients on all aspects of domestic, as well as international law.

Our lawyers are focused on their clients' business and have gained knowledge and experience advising large national and international corporate groups, financial institutions, as well as local and national authorities.

We are organised by specialist practice areas and sector groups. This dynamic structure allows the firm to combine a diverse range of legal experts within a group, all of whom have relevant sector knowledge and experience. Sector groups have an extensive understanding of areas in which our clients operate and assist clients in fulfilling their objectives. We know our clients' business and regard ourselves as an active and dynamic part of it.

Our Private Equity & Venture Capital team has extensive experience in domestic and cross-border private equity and venture capital transactions, advising a wide range of national and international clients including private equity and venture capital funds and fund managers, sponsors, management teams, financial institutions and shareholders.

The team consists of experienced lawyers with expertise in all areas of M&A, private equity and venture capital, who are able to advise clients on the various legal aspects in the context of the complete cycle of private equity and venture capital transactions.

Our team comprises a highly integrated and multidisciplinary group with lawyers from across the various practice areas to provide clients with seamless service in all relevant areas, namely Banking & Finance, Corporate & Commercial, Employment, Energy & Infrastructure, EU & Competition, IP, Life Sciences, Real Estate & Tourism, TMT and Tax.

We regularly advise clients such as private equity and venture capital funds and fund managers, sponsors, management teams, financial institutions and shareholders in relation to the structuring and execution of domestic and cross border private equity and venture capital transactions, including seed capital, early stage, growth equity, venture capital, buy-out, mezzanine, carve-outs and private equity deals.

The team also has extensive experience in advising turnaround funds as well as sector specific funds (including IT, TMT, life sciences, real estate, tourism and construction) in their investments and divestments in Portuguese portfolio companies.

Our strong sector focus gives us a deep understanding of the issues and challenges facing our clients and a real competitive edge. We apply a sector focused approach on transactions, combining profound industry expertise with our private equity and venture capital transactional capabilities. This allows us to undertake timely and efficient due diligence to identify industry specific risks from the outset and to provide practical solutions.

Through the creation of SRS Global (Angola, Brazil, Macau, Malta, Mozambique, Portugal and Singapore), as well the creation of a strong network of international relationships with third parties, we aim to extend our experience, expertise and services globally so as to ensure that we can respond efficiently to complex issues with global implications.

AREAS OF FOCUS

FORMATION

Advising on the key steps in connection with the formation of private equity and venture capital firms (*sociedades de capital de risco*, *sociedades gestoras de fundos de capital de risco* and *sociedades de investimento em capital de risco*) and private equity and venture capital funds (*fundos de capital de risco*) in Portugal, including:

- > Fundraising process
- > Incorporation of private equity and venture capital firms and funds
- > Registration of private equity and venture capital firms and funds with the CMVM
- > Regulatory compliance

INVESTMENT

Advising on the structuring and execution of investments, including:

- > Drafting and negotiation of investment agreements (share purchase agreements, subscription agreements, shareholders agreements and related contractual arrangements), financing agreements and security agreements
- > Due diligence and full/red flag due diligence reports
- > Structuring of bids and offers
- > Structuring of investment and co-investment transactions

MANAGEMENT

Advising private equity and venture capital funds on the management of portfolio companies, including:

- > Add-on / follow-on investments, joint ventures, spin-offs and carve-outs
- > Day to day management
- > Management and employee incentive schemes
- > Refinancing of existing debt
- > Restructuring

EXIT

Advising private equity and venture capital funds and other investors on the structuring and execution of divestments, including:

- > Drafting and negotiation of divestment agreements
- > IPO of portfolio companies
- > Recapitalisation of portfolio companies
- > Sale of portfolio companies to industrial / financial investors
- > Structuring of sale / auction process
- > Vendor due diligence and full/red flag due diligence reports

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