

Iberian Lawyer presents, in alphabetical order, a selection of the top 60 lawyers from some of the most relevant practice areas in Spain and Portugal. In order to make this selection, we conducted an analysis of the leading lawyers working in private practice in Spain and Portugal, taking into account their positioning in their practice, both at the national and international level, as well as their active participation and lead in relevant deals and matters. Likewise, in some cases, the special reputation of the lawyers as extraordinary dealmakers reported by market intelligence sources has been highlighted, as well as being recognised by renowned international legal directories, together with the recent progress made in their careers and their performance reputation from an editorial perspective. This is an acknowledgement to the lawyers from our editorial team, regardless of the relationship they have with their law firms, although most of them are chosen at partner level. As is often the case with these selections, not all the best lawyers are here, but we can attest that the ones here are top lawyers.









## **DIOGO PERESTRELO**

PLMJ

Diogo Perestrelo is a partner and co-head of the Corporate M&A practice at PLMJ. He joined the firm in 2016. He has more than 27 years of experience practicing Law and is arguably one of the most distinguished Corporate and M&A lawyers in Portugal. Diogo has experience in Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Equity and Projects, in sectors including Transport, Infrastructure, Aviation, Energy, Distribution and Tourism. He has also advised on privatisations and represented clients in the areas of Road Concessions, Renewable Energy and Telecoms. He holds a degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica. He was previously the managing partner of Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira for a number of years and joined PLMJ after 24 years with the firm. Diogo is admitted to practice as a lawyer in Portugal and in Brazil. He holds a degree in Law from Universidade Católica Portuguesa, graduating in 1992.

## **DOMINGOS CRUZ**

**CCA Law Firm** 

Domingos Cruz is the managing partner at CCA and has been a partner since 2007. Under his leadership the firm has grown into one of the most reputed firms for IP & TMT Law in Portugal. He is a lawyer, entrepreneur, and business angel. As a lawyer, he leads Corporate/M&A operations, including Private Equity and Venture Capital transactions, providing Legal support to domestic and foreign companies, multinationals, and startups. Domingos is recognised by clients as a business-oriented lawyer who adopts an international approach and offers a high standard of quality and professionalism. He is a member of the EO - Entrepreneurs' Organisation, in Portugal. He holds a Law degree from the Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, a Master's degree in International Legal Practice from Instituto de Empresa with distinction and is an associate professor at the IE - Instituto de Empresa Law School, Madrid.