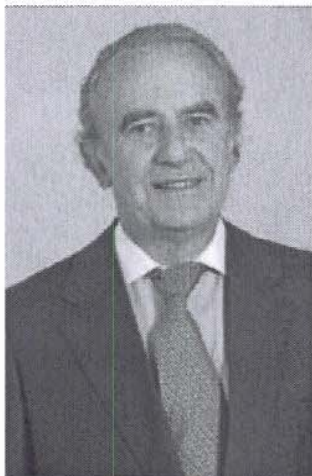


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PLMJ NABS BARROCAS' MOZAMBIQUE ALLY FOR NEW JV



Portuguese practice PLMJ has formed a joint venture with leading Mozambique firm MGA Advogados & Consultores, which was allied to Lisbon rival Barrocas Sarmiento Neves.

PLMJ has joined forces with MGA from today (19 February). The agreement aims to create synergies between the two firms, covering issues such as financial services, insurance, oil and gas and projects. MGA launched in 1996 and is regarded as one of the major corporate firms in Mozambique. Clients include Suez Energy, Standard Bank and Nokia.

The firm, based in the capital Maputo, also has strong international relationships, being a member of the African Legal Alliance that is led by South African practice Deneys Reitz. In addition, MGA has close links to Denton Wilde Sapte and was previously in an association with PLMJ's Portuguese rival Barrocas Sarmiento Neves. Barrocas stated that the split was amicably agreed. The firm will now be focusing on the future strategy in Angola.

The agreement with MGA enhances PLMJ's international footprint. The firm, which has Luís Sáragga Leal (pictured) as its managing partner, already has offices in the former Portuguese colonies of Macao and Angola. In Angola, PLMJ has an association with local firm AVM Advogados.

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