



Citizenship by Investment Summer 2016

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Please tell us about Miranda & Associados

Miranda & Associados is a full-service Portuguese law firm, head-quartered in Lisbon, which employs close to 100 legal professionals and 50 professional services staff. Over the years, the Firm has gained recognition as one of the most preeminent and internationally oriented Portuguese law firms. Miranda is the founding member of the Miranda Alliance, an international alliance of law firms and lawyers that are united by a common business strategy and shared values, which enable them to collectively offer high-quality legal services that address the international and local needs of our clients on a truly coordinated basis.

The Miranda Alliance covers 14 different jurisdictions: Angola, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Macau, Mozambique, Portugal, Republic of the Congo, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste, which are supported by liaison offices in Houston, London and Paris.

2.

What defining features best distinguish Miranda & Associados from other law firms?

Miranda is unique for many reasons. Aside from our truly international background and reach, and we were the first European law firm to have effective ties in Africa starting with Angola in 1992, where we have had a long and established relationship with our local associated office, Fatima Freitas.

In Mozambique, our operation started in the late 1990s and our local partner firm, Pimenta e Associados, has joined efforts with us more than 10 years ago.

The vast majority of our clients are international companies and organizations, representing industries such as oil and gas, mining, energy, construction and infrastructure, banking and

financial services and real estate. We represent several Fortune 500 and FTSE 100 companies and also act on behalf of UHNWIs, as well as a diverse range of government institutions and nonprofit organizations. Our philosophy and strategy is to combine international standards with strong local knowledge.

3.

What specialised services do you have to offer UHNWIs?

Miranda is a full service firm and available to offer specialized services in a number of areas of law such as real estate, investment, tax, labour, and corporate and M&A. Our firm is renowned and recommended in many of the legal directories, both in Portugal. We are used to team-work projects that require a number of specialized services in a coordinated and effective manner.

We also assist UHNWIs in interesting investment opportunities in Portugal and abroad that could give access to obtaining a golden visa for themselves and their family members, tax benefits and, if they wish, the opportunity to reside in Portugal and freely travel across EU member countries.

4.

How important is social responsibility to Miranda & Associados?

Social responsibility is extremely important to our firm and a part of our D.N.A. Miranda is committed to a policy of Social Responsibility and has participated in numerous activities in the areas of social development, environmental protection and education.

In parallel, Miranda encourages its lawyers and professional services staff to engage in volunteer activities and specifically to provide pro bono legal assistance to various organisations and projects.

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Why should UHNWIs from the Arab regions in particular choose you for their legal matters?

As a firm, we are extremely responsive and available 24/7. We are accustomed to delivering exceptional client service, something that the UHNWI world demands and expects. We are able to provide local knowledge and legal support but with an international client-driven approach. We take the time to understand each client's unique needs and purposes. We are known for combining international standards with strong local knowledge. ☺

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