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## PROFILE

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At **SÉRVULO** since 2008, João Saúde is a Partner in the Litigation and Arbitration department, and he is the contact person for China and for Cathay Associates. He holds a graduate qualification in Conflict Mediation from the Lusófona University (2002), and studied European and International Law at the Université Catholique de Louvain, between 1995 and 1996. He has been an Arbitrator at the Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce in Brazil since 2013. He was an associate at «Ferreira Pinto & Associados» from 2003 to 2007, at «J.A. Pinto Ribeiro & Associados», from 1999 to 2003, and also at «Carlos Cruz & Associados», from 1998 to 1999, having also completed his traineeship there. He joined the Bar Association in 1998.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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He has experience in acting before national and international courts as a litigation and arbitration lawyer, especially in commercial conflicts and in insolvency cases.

He has relevant experience in carrying out projects in the African market, namely in Cape Verde.

## EXPERTISE

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- Arbitration



- Automotive
- Banking
- Commerce, Manufacturing and Distribution
- Energy
- Foreign Investment
- Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals
- Industry
- Information Technology and Outsourcing
- Insurance
- Legal Finance
- Liability in Healthcare
- Litigation
- Media and Telecommunications
- Real Estate and Tourism
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Sports
- Sports Law
- Transport
- Water and Natural Resources

## RECOGNITION

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### **Chambers Europe 2023**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

João Saúde is very experienced and successful in the cases. He has very good attention to details.

### **Chambers Europe 2022**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

João Saúde represents clients from the banking sector in insolvency-related disputes. He also handles commercial and investment treaty arbitration, while market commentators highlight his specific understanding of sports law arbitration.

**Chambers Europe 2021**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

João Saúde mainly assists clients with banking and infrastructure conflicts, offering experience with contractual and investment disputes. He has additional expertise on breach of contract matters in the sports sector.

**Chambers Europe 2020**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

João Saúde handles both civil and commercial litigation, often in the fields of banking, sport and energy. He is also skilled in representing clients in arbitration proceedings.

**Chambers Europe 2019**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

João Saúde's practice includes representing clients in insolvency or construction disputes, from breaches of contract through to damages claims. He is active in numerous cross-border mandates.

**Chambers Europe 2018**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

[He is] a 'reliable lawyer' who is 'very committed to cases and well prepared'.

**Chambers Europe 2017**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

[He is] "a very well-prepared, dedicated and excellent lawyer." "He is a straightforward professional able to discuss problems and solutions with a quick and quality answer.

**Chambers Europe 2016**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Clients describe João Saúde as a "very articulate" lawyer.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

He's a fighter and very well prepared.

**Chambers Europe 2014**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended



### **Chambers Global 2024**

Dispute Resolution: The Elite - TIER 3

João Saúde is excellent and has great technical knowledge.

### **Chambers Global 2023**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3

João Saúde has experience representing clients from the banking sector in insolvency-related disputes. He also handles commercial litigations, with further prowess in handling commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.

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### **Chambers Global 2017**

Dispute Resolution - TIER 3



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### **Chambers Global 2016**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended  
very articulate

### **Chambers Global 2015**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended  
João Saúde is regarded as a solid litigator by peers: "He's a fighter and very well prepared."

### **Chambers Global 2014**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

### **Legal 500 2023**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Leading Individual  
António Teles manages the department alongside sports litigation and restructuring and insolvency specialist João Saúde.

Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Recommended  
António Teles and João Saúde are specialised in litigation and arbitration and are especially active in liquidation proceedings involving financial institutions.

### **Legal 500 2022**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended  
João Saúde has extraordinary experience and nothing phases him.  
Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Recommended

### **Legal 500 2021**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended  
Partner João Saúde is an exceptional lawyer with excellent technical skills and permanent availability.  
Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended  
João Saúde focuses his practice on dispute resolution both in and out of court, representing creditors and debtors.

### **Legal 500 2020**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended



João Saúde specialises in sports law and restructuring and insolvency, showcasing a proven track record in commercial litigation and arbitration.

#### **Legal 500 2019**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

#### **Legal 500 2018**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

#### **Legal 500 2017**

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

#### **Legal 500 2016**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

#### **Legal 500 2015**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

#### **Legal 500 2014**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

#### **Best Lawyers 2024**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Sports Law - TIER Recommended

#### **Best Lawyers 2023**

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended



Litigation - TIER Recommended

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2022**

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2021**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2020 Global Business Edition**

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2020**

Arbitration and Mediation - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Litigation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2019**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2018**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2017**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2016**

Litigation - TIER Recommended



### **Best Lawyers 2015**

Litigation - TIER Recommended

### **IFLR1000 2016**

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Recommended

### **Leaders League 2024**

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2023**

Dispute Resolution - International Arbitration - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2022**

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - International Arbitration - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2021**

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Highly Recommended

Dispute Resolution - International Arbitration - TIER Excellent

Dispute Resolution - Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2020**

Arbitration - TIER Excellent

Civil & Commercial Litigation - TIER Highly Recommended

### **Benchmark Litigation Europe 2022**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Litigation Star

### **Benchmark Litigation Europe 2021**

Dispute Resolution - TIER Litigation Star





## BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

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### 2023

The Sports Law Review: Portugal

27 Sep 2023 | in The Law Reviews

### 2022

The Sports Law Review: Portugal

12 Oct 2022 | in The Law Reviews