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## PROFILE

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At **SÉRVULO** since 2011, Manuel Magalhães is currently the firm's Managing Partner and partner in the Finance and Governance department, and also co-heads the Restructuring and Insolvency department and the Real Estate, Tourism and Urban Planning department. He is a member of the International Bar Association. He was a partner of «Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira», between 2000 and 2011, law firm at which he started and developed his professional career. He was also founding partner of the law firm «H. Gamito, Couto, Gonçalves Pereira e Castelo Branco», in Mozambique, between 1998 and 2003. He has been a member of the Bar Association since 1992.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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Legal assistance in the area of Banking Law, namely in M&A operations, establishment of credit institutions and financial companies, opening of company and bank branches, structured finance operations and advising credit institutions and financial companies on regulatory matters and on various other matters concerning their activity.

Advising on the restructuring and on the activity of investment funds, especially of investment and real estate funds, as well as advising pension funds.

Legal assistance in the area of insolvency and restructuring, especially in the restructuring of banking operations.

Legal assistance in the area of Insurance Law, both in what concerns regulatory matters and in the structuring



and distribution of insurance products.

Legal assistance in the areas of real estate and tourism, including advising on operations involving the acquisition and development of real estate or tourism projects, as well as advising on the activities of various real estate and tourism agents and companies.

## EXPERTISE

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- Aviation and Aeronautics
- Banking
- Capital Markets
- Commerce, Manufacturing and Distribution
- Family Businesses
- Finance and Governance
- Insurance
- Real Estate and Tourism
- Real Estate, Tourism and Urban Planning
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Transport
- Venture Capital

## RECOGNITION

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### **Chambers Europe 2024**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 3**

Manuel has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions. Manuel earns praise for his broader finance practice, which includes advice on the negotiation of new corporate loans.

#### **Banking & Finance: Regulatory - TIER 2**

He has an ability to analyse the different angles to solve the problems presented by the clients. He is careful when presenting the solutions and anticipates the issues.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3**



He is very knowledgeable about insolvency proceedings and provided us with good advice on how to move forward.

### **Chambers Europe 2023**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 3**

He can very easily relate to the client and deliver extremely high-quality work.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhães stands out for his experience, and historical knowledge of the client, as well as for his monitoring and supervision of the work carried out by the team.

### **Chambers Europe 2022**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhães has notable experience in financing matters arising within the context of insolvencies of Portuguese credit institutions. 'He is a reliable and savvy lawyer', says one source.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhães has a broad practice that takes in large liquidation proceedings, credit claims, clawback disputes and insolvency liability litigation. He often advises banks and real estate clients.

### **Chambers Europe 2021**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhães is valued for 'the empathy he is able to generate with clients and the quality of his work'. He regularly advises on complex liquidation proceedings as well as regulatory and restructuring matters.

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### **Chambers Europe 2020**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhães is active in insolvency, regulatory and everyday banking matters. He is also experienced in restructurings and digital banking matters.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhães garners recognition among peers who consider him to be 'a good lawyer' with an 'important role' in notable liquidation issues. His experience also includes insolvency disputes and restructuring operations.



### **Chambers Europe 2019**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 3**

Manuel Magalhaes is 'very commercially astute and aware of all the nuances of the law'. His clients include important banking institutions, whom he assists with a variety of mandates including restructuring operations and financial services regulation.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3**

Sources regard Manuel Magalhaes to be 'a great lawyer who is a specialist in insolvency and banking and finance'.

### **Chambers Europe 2018**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 2**

He is a great lawyer and a specialist in this practice area.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 3**

He is a 'technical and knowledgeable' practitioner and has a 'comprehensive vision about the sector and the matters'.

### **Chambers Europe 2017**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 2**

He is very focused and very quick in gathering critical risk factors when we have to make a decision.

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER Recommended**

[He is] "very competent, diligent, knowledgeable and experienced with the efficiency and capabilities of the firm.

### **Chambers Europe 2016**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 2**

Manuel Magalhães enjoys a solid reputation among market commentators who agree he is "a very experienced lawyer."

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER 4**

Head of the financial and governance practice Manuel Magalhães is praised by clients for his knowledge of restructuring and insolvency matters, as well as his "response time and appropriateness of advice."

### **Chambers Europe 2015**

#### **Banking & Finance - TIER 2**

#### **Restructuring/Insolvency - TIER Recommended**



### **Chambers Europe 2014**

Banking & Finance - TIER 2

[He is] technical, responsive, and up to date with new trends.

### **Chambers Global 2024**

Banking & Finance - TIER 3

He has an ability to analyse the different angles to solve the problems presented by the clients. He is careful when presenting the solutions and anticipates the issues.

### **Chambers Global 2023**

Banking & Finance - TIER 3

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Banking & Finance - TIER 3

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Banking & Finance - TIER 3

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### **Chambers Global 2018**

Banking & Finance - TIER 2

[He] is dedicated and hard-working and looks at the bigger picture on how to achieve his client's goals.

General Business Law: International Firms - Mozambique - TIER

[He] is acclaimed by market experts for his long-standing presence in the Mozambique market. Sources commend him as 'a really good lawyer who possesses valuable local knowledge' and others add that he is 'a really solid practitioner who inspires respect'.

### **Chambers Global 2017**

Banking & Finance - TIER 2

He is very focused and very quick in gathering critical risk factors when we have to make a decision.

Mozambique: General Business Law (Desks Based Abroad) - TIER 2

An excellent person and professional. He has a splendid reputation.

### **Chambers Global 2016**

Banking & Finance - TIER 2

[He is] "a very experienced lawyer."

Mozambique: General Business Law (Desks Based Abroad) - TIER Expert Based Abroad

### **Chambers Global 2015**

Banking & Finance - TIER 2

Projects - TIER Foreign Experts

Mozambique General Business Law (Desks Based Abroad) - TIER Expert Based Abroad

### **Chambers Global 2014**

Banking & Finance - TIER 2

[He is] technical, responsive, and up to date with new trends.

Projects - TIER Foreign Expert

Mozambique: General Business Law (Desks Based Abroad) - TIER 2

He is experienced and has worked a lot in Mozambique.

### **Legal 500 2024**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães is more than just a lawyer. He is an ally who, with great experience and technical knowledge, supports clients in the most complex projects, adjusting his contributions with great precision to defend the



client's interests.

**Capital Markets - TIER Recommended**

**Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual**

Manuel Magalhães, the managing partner, is a popular choice for insolvent banks.

**Real Estate & Construction - TIER Recommended**

Manuel Magalhães stands out for the quality and simplicity of his solutions.

### **Legal 500 2023**

**Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended**

Manuel Magalhães stands out for his experience, quality of advice and client support.

**Capital Markets - TIER Recommended**

**Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual**

Manuel Magalhães monitors and supervises the work being carried out and has many years of experience.

**Real Estate & Construction - TIER Recommended**

The practice is headed by Manuel Magalhães, who co-leads the finance and governance team and is seasoned in insolvency, banking, real estate and corporate matters.

### **Legal 500 2022**

**Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended**

Manuel Magalhães stands out for his quality of work and proximity to the client.

**Capital Markets - TIER Recommended**

**Insolvency & Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual**

Manuel Magalhães is particularly experienced in insolvencies in the financial sector.

**Real Estate & Construction - TIER Recommended**

Manuel Magalhães is trusted by several major investment funds and leads the practice.

### **Legal 500 2021**

**Banking and Finance - TIER Recommended**

Manuel Magalhães is seasoned in restructurings.

**Capital Markets - TIER Recommended**

Manuel Magalhães has great knowledge of the real estate market and practice in this field, which makes him a reference in the field of Real Estate Investment Agencies.

**Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual**

Manuel Magalhães has wide-ranging expertise.



Real Estate and Construction - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães leads the practice.

### **Legal 500 2020**

Banking and Finance - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães is a strong strategic thinker and is consistently available to clients.

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães' areas of expertise include banking, insurance, restructuring and insolvency.

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Leading Individual

Manuel Magalhães is a key figure.

Real Estate and Construction - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães counts real estate, tourism, banking and corporate law among his areas of expertise.

### **Legal 500 2019**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Practice co-head Manuel Magalhães is the name to note.

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

### **Legal 500 2018**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

[Manuel Magalhaes] displays 'excellent commercial awareness'.

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

Manuel Magalhães is 'as much a commercial as a legal adviser'.

### **Legal 500 2017**

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

[He is an] excellent negotiator

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

[He is] professional

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended





### **Legal 500 2016**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

### **Legal 500 2015**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

### **Legal 500 2014**

Banking & Finance - TIER Recommended

'A true leader', Manuel Magalhães (a former Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira partner) is valued for his 'in-depth knowledge, flexibility, timeliness and deep involvement with the client'.

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Restructuring - TIER Recommended

### **IFLR1000 2024**

Banking - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly Regarded

M&A - TIER Highly Regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly Regarded

### **IFLR1000 2023**

Banking - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

M&A - TIER Highly regarded

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Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly regarded

M&A - TIER Highly regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

#### **IFLR1000 2021**

Banking - TIER Highly regarded

Capital markets: Debt - TIER Highly regarded

Capital markets: Equity - TIER Highly regarded

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M&A - TIER Highly regarded

Restructuring and insolvency - TIER Highly regarded

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Banking & Finance - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets - TIER Highly regarded

#### **IFLR1000 2018**

Banking - TIER Highly Regarded

Capital Markets - TIER Highly Regarded

#### **IFLR1000 2017**

Banking - TIER Leading Lawyer

Manuel Magalhães has been widely praised by clients, one commented that he is 'highly competent and efficient, very hard worker and an excellent fellow' whilst another suggested that their experience of him was 'very positive'.

Capital Markets - TIER Leading Lawyer

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#### **IFLR1000 2016**

Banking & Finance - TIER Leading Lawyer

Capital Markets - TIER Leading Lawyer

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Recommended

#### **IFLR1000 2015**

Banking & Finance - TIER Leading Lawyer

Capital Markets - TIER Leading Lawyer

#### **IFLR1000 2014**

Banking - TIER Leading Lawyer

Capital Markets - TIER Recommended

Angola - TIER Recommended

#### **Best Lawyers 2024**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Construction Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Financial Institutions - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

#### **Best Lawyers 2023**

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

#### **Best Lawyers 2022**

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended



### **Best Lawyers 2021**

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance and Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

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

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance and Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2020**

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2019**

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

Banking and Finance Law - TIER Recommended

Insurance Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2018**

Banking Law - TIER Recommended

Insurance Law - TIER Recommended

Insolvency and Reorganization Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2017**

Banking Law - TIER Recommended

Insurance Law - TIER Recommended

### **Best Lawyers 2016**

Banking Law - TIER Recommended

Insurance Law - TIER Recommended



### **Best Lawyers 2015**

Banking Law - TIER Recommended

Insurance Law - TIER Recommended

### **Leaders League 2024**

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2023**

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent

Real Estate - TIER Highly Recommended

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2022**

Real Estate - TIER Highly Recommended

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent

Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Excellent

### **Leaders League 2021**

Real Estate Transactions - TIER Highly Recommended

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency - TIER Highly Recommended

### **Leaders League 2019**

Banking & Finance - TIER Excellent

Banking - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Debt - TIER Highly regarded

Capital Markets: Equity - TIER Highly regarded

M&A - TIER Highly regarded

Restructuring and Insolvency - TIER Highly regarded



## BOOKS AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES

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### 2024

Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides | Real Estate - Portugal

2024 | in Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides

### 2023

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2023

2023 | in Chambers Global Practice Guides

### 2021

Chambers Insolvency Guide 2021

2021

The Banking Litigation Law Review: Portugal

2021 | in The Law Reviews

### 2020

The Banking Litigation Law Review

2020 | in The Banking Litigation Law Review, The Law Reviews

### 2012

O Novo Direito Bancário

2012 | Almedina