

GONÇALO MENDES LEAL

Founding Partner

PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate, Commercial and Corporate Law,
Golden Visa and Nationality Processes

LANGUAGES

Portuguese, English and Spanish

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Gonçalo is a founding partner of NSM Lawyers and heads the International Investments Department.

His career in law began in 2009, taking him through some of the most respected names in the Portuguese legal market before founding his own firm and, in 2018, joining forces with Nuno to create NSM Lawyers a project shaped by a clear vision and the right team to carry it forward.

A graduate of Lusíada University of Lisbon, with postgraduate degrees in Corporate Law and Legal Management, Gonçalo brings together legal rigour and strategic business thinking in a way that sets him apart.

His practice focuses on foreign investors, with a regular presence at leading industry events across the United States, Middle East, Turkey, India and China, advising on international investment operations with the depth of knowledge and personal commitment that this world demands.

What defines his approach is straightforward: he listens more than he speaks, learns from everyone and everything, and always looks at every situation through the client's eyes. He doesn't look for the obvious solution, he looks for the right one. And he has built a strong, structured team around him, with a DNA that complements his own and pushes him to grow every day.

Outside the office (when that eventually happens), he can be found with a big smile among family, friends, good wine and the sea.

Professional Experience

2018 - Founding Partner at NSM – Nuno Sousa Moniz & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, RL, now known as NSM LAWYERS – Sociedade de Advogados e Multidisciplinar, SP, RL

2014 – 2017 - Industry Partner at SMCA – Morais Cardoso, Sousa Moniz & Associados

2010 – 2013 - Founding Partner of Mendes Leal e Advogados, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, R.L

2007 - 2009 - Lawyer at the Chambers of the Bar President Dr António Pires de Lima

2005 - 2007 - Traineeship at SPS Advogados

Academic and Professional Background

2006 - 2009 - Traineeship/Training with the Lisbon District Council of the Portuguese Bar Association

1998 - 2005 - Degree in Law from the Faculdade Lusíada de Lisboa

2010 - Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Law – Universidade Lusíada de Lisboa

2022 - Postgraduate Diploma in Management for Lawyers – Nova School of Business

Academic Qualifications

Degree in Law from the Faculdade Lusíada de Lisboa (2005)

Enrolled with the Portuguese Bar Association since 2009