

Pedro Pinto expands in Lisbon

Portugal's Pedro Pinto Reis & Associados has announced that it is to expand significantly and change its name after the integration of a group of four new partners and six other lawyers.

The firm will now be called Pedro Pinto, Bessa Monteiro, Reis, Branco e Associados (pbbr) after the arrival of the team from ABBC, which includes partners



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César Bessa Monteiro Jr and Gonçalo Malheiro will also join the new firm as partners, while associates Ricardo Henriques, Sofia Costa Lobo and Maria João Catarino are also moving across from ABBC.

PBBR has likewise announced that three other lawyers are to join the firm, João Marques Pinto, Filipe Freitas da Costa and Inês Oom de Sacadura.

Bessa Monteiro is regarded as one of Portugal's leading intellectual property lawyers. His departure marks three years with ABBC, which he joined from Abreu Cardigos & Associados in 2007 along with a number of other lawyers including most of those now moving with him.

Carla Martins Branco, now a highly regarded corporate and finance partner, was formerly a Senior Associate at Abreu Cardigos.

The departures nonetheless leaves ABBC with six partners and around 35 other lawyers.