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### Corporate and M&A

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Inês Freire de Andrade is a Senior Associate in the Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions department of Garrigues, where she started her practice in September 2017.

Her experience focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital transactions, corporate and commercial matters, and insurance. Inês has experience in advising both national and foreign players in their business and investments in Portugal, as well as in cross-border transactions.

Inês has a degree in Law from Universidade Nova de Lisboa and a Master's in Law and Business from Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Inês was ranked #3 as the Rising Star Dealmaker Lawyer by number of transactions in 2021 according to TTR and #8 in 2022.

### Experience

Inês is a Senior Associate in the Corporate and M&A department of Garrigues since January 2024. She joined the firm in September 2017, as a Junior Lawyer.

Inês has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, domestic and cross-border transactions, restructuring operations, and corporate law, covering several stages and assistance to different parties of investment procedures and ongoing business. She advises Portuguese companies and foreign companies intending to pursue business in Portugal, shareholders, founders, investors, purchasers, sellers, and financing parties.

Work highlights in recent years include:

- Advising TagEnergy in raising EUR 450 million from Impala, Mirova, and Omnes aimed at funding renewable energy and battery projects in Europe and Australia, as well as in its subsequent investment

rounds;

- Advising Feedzai in its series D investment round, raising USD 200 million from KKR and other reference investors and becoming the only unicorn headquartered in Portugal;
- Advising Apax in its EUR 168 million acquisition of GamaLife (previously GNB Vida) from Novo Banco; and
- Advising Santander in setting up its Portuguese bancassurance alliances with Aegon and Mapfre.

She speaks native Portuguese and is fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian.

## **Academic background**

- Degree in Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Master's degree in Law and Business, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

## **Memberships**

Member of the Portuguese Bar Association since 2019.

## **Distinctions**

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