

# João Afonso Fialho

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João Afonso Fialho joined VdA in 2015. Partner and Head of Practice Oil&Gas, João has been involved in the last 20 years in all sort of oil&gas projects and transactions in various jurisdictions, such as Timor-Leste, Angola, Portugal, Mozambique, Republic of Congo, DRC, Guinea Bissau and São Tomé and Príncipe. He is mainly focused on the energy (oil&gas upstream/downstream and power projects) and mining industries.

Frequent speaker in international oil&gas upstream and downstream events, he has a detailed and comprehensive understanding of all typical projects and transactions of the industry, from production sharing agreements, participating agreements, JOAs, operating agreements, field unitisation agreements, the full range of service contracts, FPSO contracts, pipeline transportation agreements, storage, gathering and interconnection agreements, engineering, construction and procurement agreements, to distribution and sale and purchase agreements. In particular as concerns the oil&gas sector, he has been involved in the abovementioned jurisdictions on behalf of both operators and a wide-range of drilling and oilfield service companies.



## Academic background

Law Degree, Lisbon University Law School.

Attended the curricular program of the Master degree in International Commercial Law by the Lisbon University Law School.

## Other professional background

Prior to joining VdA, he spent his legal career at "Tomáz Rocha Law Office" (1993-1997) and "Miranda Correia Amendoeira & Associados" (1997-2015) where he assisted many oil companies in the downstream business and was one of the members of the oil & gas upstream and downstream practice, respectively.

He served as board member in various terms between 2007 and 2015.

## Published works

Author or co-author of several articles on legal issues and trends impacting in the area of Energy, Mining and Private Investment, namely, amongst others, Petroleum Africa, Minerals & Mining, The Mining Law Review (three editions), AIPN publications, Getting the Deal Through Mining (2011 to 2014).

## Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators.

Admitted to the Timor-Leste Bar Association (*Conselho de Gestão e Disciplina*).

Board Member of World Initiative of Mining Lawyers (2014-2018).

Chairman of Portuguese Law Firms Association (2014-2019).

## Languages

English, French, Spanish.