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Sara Santos Dias joined VdA in 2021. She is a Senior Associate in the Banking & Finance practice, where she has been actively involved in several transactions relating to the issue and placement of debt and equity instruments, traditional lending, and securitisations.

She also has vast experience in advising clients on banking and capital markets regulatory matters, particularly those related to the derivatives market, including as a trader of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA).



Academic background

Law degree, Católica Lisbon School of Law.

LL.M in International Financial Law, King's College London (“Banco Espírito Santo: A case study on the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive or How to get away with bank abduction”).

Advanced Postgraduate Course in Banking Law, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law (“Sci-Fi(nance): a brief study on the challenges of robo-advice in Portugal”).

Teaching chairs

Guest lecturer at the University of Lisbon, Faculty of Law.

Other professional background

Before joining VdA, Sara worked at Cardigos law firm, as an associate in its Banking & Finance department. She also worked as foreign attorney on secondment in the Capital Markets department of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler law firm, based in New York.

Member of

Admitted to the Portuguese Bar Association.

Languages

English.