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Rio de Janeiro was the place to be for the legal market in Latin America in March 2016. The Cidade Maravilhosa not only hosted the **Biennial IBA Latin American Regional Forum Conference** but was also the place for the fifth edition of **The Latin American Cafe** (See photos [here](#)) Elsewhere, Cuatrecasas joined the fray for office space in Latin America announcing its new shop in Mexico City. It follows Garrigues's launch in Chile by way of a merger with a local firm earlier in March. Earlier in the year [Philippi, Prietocarrizosa & Uria](#), the Iberian American law firm backed by Uria Menendez snapped up not one but two law firms in Lima to enter the Peruvian market. So far, so olé for Spanish law firms in Latin America.

In other news, Milbank was instructed on a 4G highway project finance in Colombia and Greenberg Traurig recruited two partners from DLA Piper while Tauil & Chequer Advogados boosted its capabilities in Rio de Janeiro with two new lawyers.

The Latin American Lawyer will be in New York in June, watch this [space](#)!

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News

Cuatrecasas opens in Mexico and sets sights on the Pacific Alliance

Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira is to open in Mexico City, following a rise in demand from longstanding clients in the energy sector.

Garrigues opens in Chile

Garrigues announced the integration of Avendaño Merino, a Chilean law firm, as its fifth office in Latin America.

Milbank instructed on 4G highway project finance in Colombia

Milbank represented Concesión Pacífico Tres on the first debt financing tied to 4G toll road concession plan by Colombian National Infrastructure Agency.

Greenberg Traurig recruits two partners from DLA Piper

Greenberg Traurig announced the addition of Manuel Rajunov and Dania Duncan as partners in the Latin American and Iberian Practice. Both lawyers were previously partners at DLA Piper.

Tauil & Chequer Advogados boosts capabilities in Rio de Janeiro

Tauil & Chequer Advogados announced the arrival of Paulo Almeida Lopes and Claudia Pitta Pinheiro. Both lawyers were the founding partners of Almeida Lopes Pitta Pinheiro Advogados.

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9 June, New York

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21 April 2016, 09.00 - 12.00, London

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