

# TAUIL & CHEQUER ADVOGADOS BOOSTS CAPABILITIES IN RIO DE JANEIRO

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

Lopes has an extensive career which includes senior executive positions at Raízen Group, Vale, Shell and Billiton Group, in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, London, The Hague and Houston. He also has considerable experience in corporate and oil and gas matters and in structuring local and international mergers, disposals and acquisitions projects. Paulo becomes partner at the firm.

Pinheiro has practiced in London at Shell's global antitrust team and served as its representative for Latin America. Claudia has also worked as a corporate legal director and board member for Shell and Raízen in Brazil. Her expertise includes diverse areas of business law, most notably corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, national and international contracts, antitrust law, regulatory law, arbitration and compliance. Claudia joins the firm as senior counsel.

“Paulo and Claudia will add to our strength even more and consolidate our firm as the preferred legal service provider in the market for corporate and oil and gas matters,” said Alexander Chequer, the managing partner of Tauil & Chequer Advogados. “The arrival of Paulo and Claudia brings us, above all, the perception and experience of lawyers who have already acted as clients and decision makers in this market. This vision and diverse experience will add great value to our firm.”

With the new arrivals Tauil & Chequer Advogados now has more than 160 lawyers.