

# António Frutuoso de Melo

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Partner - founder of AFMA in 1997, with more than 35 years of experience in M&A, he has advised clients on some of the most relevant transactions in Portugal and abroad, in particular in mainstream M&A, private equity, joint ventures and privatisations. Co-coordinator of the Banking, Finance and Capital Markets area.

***"The practice of law is the art of creating solutions within the limitations of what is possible."***



## Experience

Advising major international investment banks on financing to the Portuguese State and major Portuguese privatisations with international offerings and listing of ADRs on Wall Street.

Legal structure of the first merger of banks in Angola.

Definition and development of leasing contracts for large cross-border equipment.

Advising one of the world's largest food manufacturers on its integration with another group in the same area, involving advice on and implementation of various cross-border structures.

Advising various international groups on setting up businesses in Portugal and the respective legal structuring.

## Practice Areas

Banking and Finance

Capital Markets

Commercial

Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions

Administrative

Tax

## Setores

Investment banking

Development of tailor-made financial products

Corporate restructuring

## Languages

Portuguese

English

French

Spanish

Italian

## Professional Path

Founder of António Frutuoso de Melo e Associados, since 1997

Carlos de Sousa e Brito & Associados, Lisbon, 1984/97

Advisor and head of cabinet to several members of the Government 1980/84

Guest Lecturer in Administrative Law at the Universidade Livre of Lisbon 1983/1985

Monitor of Administrative Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon in 1978/1980

## Academic Background

Degree in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon

Portuguese Bar Association