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Practices and Sectors

- Corporate/M&A

Profile

Luís Roquette Gerales is a partner in the Corporate Law/M&A practice and heads the Emerging Companies and Venture Capital (ECVC) practice.

Before joining Pérez-Llorca, he was a partner in the Corporate and M&A practice at a prestigious Portuguese law firm, where he led the Private Equity and Emerging Companies/Venture Capital teams. He was also an International Associate in the London office of a renowned international law firm based in the US, working in the Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Finance departments.

Studies:

- 2026 — LL.M. in Corporate Governance, Stanford Law School, California, United States
- 2008 — LL.M. in Banking and Financial Regulation, University College London, England
- 2007 — Degree in Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa de Lisboa

He speaks Spanish and English.

Experience

Luís is one of the leading lawyers in the emerging companies and venture capital sector, with a particular focus on the technology, healthcare and life sciences sectors. Throughout his career, he has advised high-growth companies, founders and national and international investment funds on cross-border transactions and across the entire investment cycle, including funding rounds, venture debt, growth capital, international expansion, M&A transactions and exits.

He has extensive experience in cross-jurisdictional transactions and has led hundreds of funding rounds in more than 20 jurisdictions.

Academic and publishing collaborations

Luís lectures at a number of leading institutions: he was a Teaching Assistant at Stanford University

School of Medicine, on the course in Biotechnology Law; a visiting lecturer on the MBA programme at the Wharton School, teaching the module on Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies and Digital Assets; and a visiting lecturer at NOVA School of Law, where he coordinated the 'Start-up Life Cycle' module on the Master degree in Law and Technology.

Professional organisations

- The Portuguese Bar Association (Ordem dos Advogados)
- Chairman of the General Assembly, Endeavor Portugal
- Chairman of the General Assembly, Europe Startup Nations Alliance

Awards and Recognition

Luís Roquette Gerales is listed in various international legal directories, including:

- Iberian Corporate and M&A Next Generation Partner of the Year (Legal 500 Iberia Awards)
- Iberian Private Equity Lawyer of the Year (Iberian Lawyer Forty Under 40 Awards)
- Chambers and Partners: Private Equity (Band 2) and Fintech (Band 1)
- The Legal 500 EMEA: Corporate and M&A (Next Generation Partner)
- IFLR1000: Rising Star Partner (Corporate and M&A)
- Best Lawyers®: Private Equity Law
- Who's Who Legal: FinTech & Blockchain