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GFDL Advogados
Personal Tax &
Immigration Services

Navigating Tax, Legal, and
Immigration issues in
Portugal

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Your goals, our expertise



What we do

The prospect of international relocation or investment is often a formidable undertaking.

This challenge becomes more complex when one contemplates establishing residence or investing in a sophisticated tax jurisdiction like Portugal.

Our Private Client teams are composed of seasoned experts in Taxation, Immigration, Real Estate and Estate Law.

Every day, we support the aspirations of entrepreneurs, families, and private enterprises and their proprietors. Through our comprehensive suite of tax and immigration services, we provide strategic guidance for residency and citizenship.

Our extensive range of services has been crafted to foster the development of forward-looking strategies that encompass business needs, ownership, and succession planning, often integrated with legacy, philanthropic and transition strategies.

Our sophisticated Private Client practice assists individuals and families with all matters related to the management, transfer and protection of personal wealth and their day-to-day affairs. We have a unique global footprint that enables us to advise multi-national families and their closely held businesses.

Private client teams have a holistic approach to managing and protecting private wealth and manage complex, multi-jurisdictional work.

Our firm provides advice to individuals and families, corporate clients and business owners, banks and trustees. We are happy to communicate in Portuguese, English, or French, depending on your preference.



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Immigration

Our team provides clients with a full range of carefully crafted Immigration and Citizenship legal services. Our practice includes the representation of expats, employees, investors, entrepreneurs, employers, and institutions worldwide in a broad spectrum of global immigration matters.

Our clients are assisted by lawyers and paralegals with extensive and diverse experience with global visa work in several jurisdictions. Our focus is making our client's relocation process as stress-free as possible and respecting cultural nuances.

Relocation requires knowledge of a broad spectrum of disciplines. Due to the diverse nature of our clients, immigration-related work usually requires input from other teams advising on investment and corporate structuring, commercial contracts, business model optimization, family law and tax.

Our global immigration network and frequent interaction with decision-makers are key to obtaining swift results.

How we can help

- Pre-immigration planning (do's and don'ts)
- Coordinating all aspects of relocating to Portugal
- Applying for Portuguese citizenship
- Assisting with Corporate Immigration
- D7 and D8 Residence Permits
- Portuguese Golden Visa
- Global Talent Advisory for Global Companies



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Personal Taxation

Tax considerations increasingly intersect most strategic business and personal decisions.

GFDL Advogados provide full-scale tax services, including Portuguese and cross-border in connection with domestic and international transactions. We also coordinate tax decisions from country to country.

Our tax practice works with clients and other practice teams to develop innovative and tax-efficient solutions to a wide range of commercial and private wealth issues, ensuring implementation that meets their personal and commercial objectives regarding the matter at hand.

Where tax is concerned, our focus is value creation for the client. GFDL advises domestic and international private clients, including entrepreneurs, investors, senior executives and their families.

Our Private Client team counsels on tax issues regarding personal income, estate, gift, and wealth transfer matters. Our team regularly advises on sustainable tax strategies that will help you avoid excessive transaction and management costs.

We often advise structuring estates and wills, family gifts, asset holding and disposal strategies, and the interaction of trusts with continental law systems. We also offer tax advice to high-net-worth individuals with an impact on their legacy management planning.



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Tax Compliance

GFDL Advogados can assist with personal and corporate tax filings and compliance requirements and help navigate the administration burden.

We prepare and file Portuguese tax returns for resident clients. Our firm also assists with filing tax returns associated with non-resident real estate owners and investors with income-generating Portuguese assets.

How we can help

- Pre-immigration tax planning (do's and don'ts)
- Review of portfolios and assets
- Applying for residence and obtaining certificates
- Tax compliance & Filing Tax Returns (Personal Income Tax, Corporate Income Tax and VAT)
- International taxation analysis
- Tax optimization
- Tax advisory for cryptocurrency income
- Tax disputes and audits



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Real Estate

Portuguese real estate is of significant interest to individuals relocating to Portugal or seeking investment opportunities.

When navigating investments in this sector, factors including the purpose behind property acquisition, the purchaser's legal standing, and prospective plans for divestment or generational transition hold pivotal significance in determining the most suitable ownership arrangement. The specific tax implications can vary based on the interplay of these elements.

For individuals and companies who have already procured Portuguese real estate, it is imperative to engage in regular evaluations of the pertinent ownership structures. This practice ensures the perpetuation of desired outcomes and aligns with prevailing compliance standards within the framework of Portuguese tax regulations.

GFDL Advogados provides full legal advice in real estate transactions. We are experienced in creating bespoke structuring solutions for domestic and international investors. Our team has a high level of expertise regarding all necessary due diligence and conveyancing work during the acquisition or sale process of both commercial and residential real estate in Portugal.

How can we help

- Advice on the appropriate holding structure
- Negotiating terms and conditions of acquisition
- Contract drafting
- Full Due diligence & Conveyancing assistance
- Advice on the tax impacts of acquiring, renting and disposing of real estate



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Estate law, Wills & Trusts

For individuals and families with an international footprint, estate planning is complicated when family members or assets are spread across the globe. This extra layer of complexity always requires professional assistance.

Every country has unique rules regarding estate planning, and probate laws can vary significantly across borders.

Upon moving to Portugal, our clients are often supported by our team conducting a thorough analysis of the estate mechanisms put in place and assessing their interaction with Portuguese and E.U. law.

Our lawyers are experienced in international succession, cross-border planning, and overseas probate work, including the particulars of trusts.

How can we help

- Drafting of Wills and Legacies
- Estate law advisory from a cross-border perspective
- Advice on forced inheritance rules
- Advice on the Portuguese tax implications of establishing trusts
- Review of trust and life insurance structures
- Advice on the complexities regarding offshore entities with a Portuguese nexus

Ancillary Services

In addition to legal advisory, we understand that moving to a new country involves a multitude of administrative intricacies.

Our team provides guidance and support at every step as our clients embark on their journey to Portugal.

We offer specialized services designed to make your relocation experience smooth and hassle-free.

We assist in the Social Security registration process, helping our clients access Social Security benefits and services, thus providing peace of mind for the entire family. We also facilitate Portuguese Health Service card applications, granting access to the country's exceptional healthcare system, and assist with contracting Private Health Insurance.

Our legal experts thoroughly review rental and lease agreements to safeguard your rights and interests, ensuring a transparent and secure housing arrangement. We can also assist in liaising with schools to allow a seamless enrollment process for our client's children.

Our team also assists in obtaining a Portuguese driver's license, ensuring that our clients are legally able to drive in their new home country. Furthermore, we will guide you through the process of importing vehicles (and other assets, such as art), ensuring compliance with Portuguese regulations and minimizing potential roadblocks.



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GFDL Advogados is an independent full-service law firm based in Lisbon. Our team comprises highly skilled advisors and lawyers with international experience in law and business affairs.

Our dedicated teams handle all aspects of doing business and investing in Portugal. We consolidate intellectually rigorous work with unique insights into business and cultural practices. A hands-on approach to projects accompanies our strong industry knowledge.

We are known for independent client-oriented advice, international footprint, and knowledge in niche sectors. We are engaged by a broad array of clients seeking innovative and reliable solutions in traditional and disruptive business areas.

In tandem with providing technical solutions, we strive to know and understand our clients' businesses and the vectors that influence their industries. Our clients usually present complex needs, attractive projects, and challenging requirements.

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