

## Souto Correa hires Brookfield renewables VP as partner

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*Tiago Figueiró*

Souto Correa Advogados has recruited the legal vice president of Brookfield Asset Management's renewables investment branch in Brazil to lead its energy offering.

Tiago Figueiró joined Souto Correa on 20 September. The appointment takes the firm's partner total to 27.

Figueiró brings a wealth of experience in energy matters to Souto Correa, including power purchase agreements, M&As, equity and finance transactions, as well as providing regulatory advice to clients. He spent the last 18 months as vice president of the renewable energy division of Canadian investor Brookfield in São Paulo. There, he provided legal assistance on the asset manager's investments in the renewable sector. This followed more than two decades at [Elite](#) firm Veirano Advogados, including seven years in the partnership. While at the firm, he also completed a spell as an international associate in the New York office of White & Case LLP.

Guilherme Rizzo Amaral, Souto Correa's managing partner, comments that "not only is [Figueiró] a superb lawyer with a multidisciplinary approach, but most importantly he embodies our culture and values, which is a key factor for our firm's sustainable growth."

After what Figueiró describes as "an intense and fruitful one-and-a-half-year tenure at Brookfield," he has returned to private practice. "I am delighted to have found in Souto Correa a firm that has the resources and challenges I was seeking," says the firm's latest addition.

The hire comes a little over a month after President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva announced a 1.7 trillion reais (US\$348 billion) 'growth acceleration' programme – known as PAC – for public and private investments in the infrastructure sector. Of that total, 540 billion reais (US\$111 billion) is allocated for investments in energy transition projects.

Souto Correa comes [Highly Recommended](#) for its disputes, corporate and labour practices. In a recent transaction, the firm [helped](#) Brazilian healthcare broker Pipo Saúde enter into a joint venture with local counterpart Piwi to deliver corporate health benefits. Before that, BTG Pactual [enlisted](#) Souto Correa to set up a real estate investment fund to acquire assets worth US\$150 million from LOG, a Brazilian commercial property developer.

The recent hire marks Souto Correa's first partner appointment since it [promoted](#) four lawyers to its senior rank at the start of the year. Before that, it made a string of hires, including [recruiting](#) an in-house lawyer from US-based Alexion Pharmaceuticals as a partner in its life sciences and healthcare practice. It [launched](#) that group earlier in 2022 by hiring a partner from local intellectual property boutique Kasznar Leonardos.

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