

EDGE - INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS STATE OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

We are living in unprecedented times of a global pandemic during which the Portuguese Government is seeking to implement as effective measures as possible in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including the Declaration of the State of Emergency on 18th March 2020. The implementing legislation means that all public places are closed other than those which are essential, social distancing and quarantining where appropriate is mandatory and only essential public and other services will continue to operate. However, we at EDGE understand that existing and new clients need our continued support and assistance, now more than ever but it is also mandatory for us to adopt best practices in compliance with the State of Emergency legislation.

We have extensive expertise in assisting international corporate and private clients with their matters in Portugal and our experienced team of Portuguese lawyers and English solicitors provides legal solutions for both international and domestic clients. We have used this experience, and our ability to individualise solutions, blending both traditional and innovative perspectives, to adapt the way we work to be able to continue to provide as effective a service as possible to our clients during this time.

EDGE will continue to operate as a full service law firm, thinking ahead and providing integrated solutions through our network of EDGE lawyers who continue to work remotely in Lisbon, Almancil, Lagos and Porto. We can also provide any essential legal services at our offices, in full compliance with the government regulations. The range of services which we can provided remotely and at our offices (if essential) will include:

- 1. All property services including the associated contracts and notarial services;
- 2. Residency by Investment services, including advice on the status of applications;
- 3. Non-Habitual Tax Residency Services;
- 4. Corporate and Commercial services including support for companies and company incorporations;
- 5. Obtaining Portuguese tax numbers;
- 6. Litigation Services:
- 7. Employment Services;
- 8. Probate and Wills services: and
- 9. Other ancillary services such as: opening of bank accounts; registration at the health centre; powers of attorney and certified copies; and exchange of driving licences.

Our aim is to, as far as possible, support both new and existing clients, as well as our partners, in the same that we always have. This will mean that, during the COVID-19 crisis, our clients and partners can continue to fully rely on us and, after the crisis has passed, they will have the best possible positioning to take advantage of the new market conditions.

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