Establishing connections
"As Portugal is a hub for Portuguese speaking countries in Africa and South America, we are able to advise clients in local matters and also to prepare them for future international projects."

Rödl & Partner
Portugal, known as a trading and discovering nation, is a famous country for German enterprises. The brisk economic exchange between both countries looks back on an almost five centuries old tradition.

The appeal of Portugal as a place of investment is not only owed to the positive dynamic economic development of the country, for example in the sector of private consumption as well as the increase of the gross fixed capital formation, specifically with respect to investments in the fields of machinery, transport and construction. Moreover, there has been an increasing growth of export of goods and services. Considering that Portugal is a very attractive travel destination at the same time, the rising tourism flow plays an equally significant role.

Thanks to the innovation-friendly environment, the highly skilled and multilingual workforce as well as the incentives to invest, Portugal attracts more and more foreign investors.

As a result, Portugal, with a population of around 10 million citizens, has moved more and more into the focus of German companies. This is particularly of high relevance for the automotive sector as well as the branches of medical technology and, especially since the last few years, IT and renewable energy.

The most important locations for companies are Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, being one of the biggest startup-hubs in Europe, and Porto, the second largest city and trade city in the north of the country.
Rödl & Partner is represented in Lisbon and Porto with own offices and provides support and professional services for German and European companies in the field of legal and tax advice, Business Process Outsourcing and audit.

Companies, particularly large-scale German subsidiaries like automotive subcontractors, suppliers of medical technology and companies operating in the sectors of IT, tourism and renewable energy, trust in the interdisciplinary and international advisory expertise of Rödl & Partner.
From our offices in Lisbon and Porto, our German-speaking professionals offer the following advisory services:

**LEGAL**

- Company formation
- Acquisition and sales of companies and company shares
- Joint venture agreements
- Legal Due Diligence
- Drafting of contracts under corporate law, labour law, trade law, purchase and rental law
- Drafting of employment and secondment contracts
- Handling of transactions and structuring measures in the real property sector
- Structuring and implementing renewable energy projects

**TAX CONSULTING**

- Consulting on domestic and international tax structuring
- Advice on permanent establishments
- Expatriate consulting
- Tax Due Diligence
BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING

- Financial accounting
- Payroll accounting, social security
- Advice on tax returns
- Reporting, Controlling
- Handling of payments
- Preparing reports in accordance with the International Accounting Standards (IAS)

AUDIT

- Audit of annual financial statements in accordance with IFRS / HGB / accounting standards
- Fraud audits and special audits
- Financial Due Diligence
As attorneys, tax advisers, management and IT consultants and auditors, we are present with 111 own offices in 50 countries. Worldwide, our clients trust our 4,900 colleagues.

The history of Rödl & Partner goes back to its foundation as a solo practice in 1977 in Nuremberg. Our aspiration to be on hand wherever our internationally-active clients are led to the establishment of our first, own offices, commencing with Central and Eastern Europe in 1991. Alongside market entry in Asia in 1994, the opening of offices in further strategic locations followed, in Western and Northern Europe in 1998, USA in 2000, South America in 2005 and Africa in 2008.

Our success has always been based on the success of our German clients: Rödl & Partner is always there where its clients see the potential for their business engagement. Rather than create an artificial network of franchises or affiliates, we have chosen to set up our own offices and rely on close, multidisciplinary and cross-border collaboration among our colleagues. As a result, Rödl & Partner stands for international expertise from a single source.

Our conviction is driven by our entrepreneurial spirit that we share with many, but especially German family-owned companies. They appreciate personal service and value an advisor they see eye to eye with.

Our ‘one face to the client’ approach sets us apart from the rest. Our clients have a designated contact person who ensures that the complete range of Rödl & Partner services is optimally employed to the client’s benefit. The ‘caretaker’ is always close at hand; they identify the client’s needs and points to be resolved. The ‘caretaker’ is naturally also the main contact person in critical situations.
We also stand out through our corporate philosophy and client care, which is based on mutual trust and long-term orientation. We rely on renowned specialists who think in an interdisciplinary manner, since the needs and projects of our clients cannot be separated into individual professional disciplines. Our one-stop-shop concept is based on a balance of expertise across the individual service lines, combining them seamlessly in multidisciplinary teams.

WHAT SETS US APART

Rödl & Partner is not a collection of accountants, auditors, attorneys, management and tax consultants working in parallel. We work together, closely interlinked across all service lines. We think from a market perspective, from a client’s perspective, where a project team possesses all the capabilities to be successful and to realise the client’s goals.

Our interdisciplinary approach is not unique, nor is our global reach or our particularly strong presence among family businesses. It is the combination that cannot be found anywhere else – a firm that is devoted to comprehensively supporting German businesses, wherever in the world they might be.
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