



Simpson Thacher is pleased to announce that our office in São Paulo, Brazil officially opened at the end of 2009. This office builds on our commitment to Brazil and the Latin American region, and significantly enhances our ability to support clients located throughout Latin America as well as other clients worldwide with business interests in the region.

We have expanded our office network selectively, focusing on markets where a physical presence would improve our ability to serve our clients. After our successful Beijing office opening in 2007, we looked toward Latin America, an area where the Firm has been active for over 35 years across a wide range of practice areas. We determined that an office in Brazil would complement our integrated international network of offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, London and Tokyo.

Our Latin American experience includes work for both corporate and sovereign entities, as well as financial institutions and investors active throughout the region. The attorneys in our Latin American practice group routinely advise on a wide range of multi-disciplinary transactions, including:

- Equity and debt offerings;
- Mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures;
- Private equity investments and fund formation;
- Syndicated loans;
- Project and other structured financings;
- Privatization transactions; and
- Dispute resolution and arbitrations.

Partners Todd Crider and Jaime Mercado, each of whom has extensive experience in both Brazil and throughout Latin America, will lead the São Paulo office. Our team in São Paulo, initially comprised of five lawyers, all of whom previously worked in our New York office, will work in conjunction with our Latin American team of more than 25 attorneys, most of whom speak Spanish and/or Portuguese and have a deep knowledge of and familiarity with Latin American culture and practice. The team in São Paulo will operate seamlessly with our offices in New York and around the world to provide our clients with the flexibility, responsiveness and exceptional service that has been the hallmark of our Firm since its inception.



Below is a sampling of some of our recent notable transactions in Brazil and Latin American.

- Public equity offerings of **Companhia de Concessões Rodoviárias**, the largest toll road concession company in Brazil; **Tivit S.A.**, the largest Brazilian IT and BPO services company; **Cyrela Brazil Realty S.A.** and **PDG Realty S.A.**, two of the largest real estate developers in Brazil; and **CEMEX, S.A.B. de C.V.**, one of the largest cement companies in the world.
- Debt offerings by a range of leading Latin American companies, including commercial aircraft manufacturer **Embraer Overseas Limited**; **Teléfonos de México, S.A.B. de C.V.**; **América Móvil, S.A.B. de C.V.**; **Controladora Mabe, S.A. de C.V.**; **Mexichem S.A.B. de C.V.**; **Grupo Petrotemex, S.A. de C.V.**; and **Alestra, S. de R.L. de C.V.**
- Representation of **Vivendi** in its announced \$4.2 billion tender offer for Brazilian telecom company **GVT (Holding) S.A.**
- Representation of **Perdigão S.A.** in its \$2.4 billion equity offering, the proceeds of which were used to fund the business combination with **Sadia S.A.**, creating **BRF-Brasil Foods S.A.**, Brazil's largest food company.
- Representation of Colombia-based **Avianca Airlines** in its business combination with El Salvador-based airline group **Grupo TACA**.
- Representation of the controlling shareholders of Chilean food retailer **Distribución y Servicio D&S S.A.** in the sale of a controlling stake in D&S to **Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.**
- Representation of the selling shareholders of **Cable Onda S.A.** of Panama in its merger with the Panamanian operations of **Telecarrier, Inc.**
- Representation of **UBS A.G.** in the sale of its Brazilian subsidiary to **BTG Investments**.
- Representation of **Andrade Gutierrez Concessões S.A.** and other sponsors in connection with the arrangement of financing for the acquisition of **San José International Airport** in San José, Costa Rica.
- Representation of the lead arrangers in connection with a \$1.2 billion bridge loan to Brazilian petrochemical company **Braskem S.A.** to finance its acquisition of petrochemical assets of the **Ipiranga Group** and a portion of the minority interests in **Copesul—Companhia Petroquímica do Sul**.
- Representation of **Cap Cana, S.A.** of the Dominican Republic in connection with its debt restructuring.



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