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M&A report Brazil: January-February 2019

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Eighteen international law firms and 39 Brazilian outfits have helped steer 56 M&A deals that were announced, signed or closed in January and February, according to Latin Lawyer's latest research.

Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados was the busiest among local firms, landing a place on nine deals. BMA - Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão followed with eight, while Pinheiro Neto Advogados worked on seven. A group of firms - Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados; Dias Carneiro Advogados; Lefosse Advogados; Machado Meyer Advogados and Veirano Advogados – signed off five deals each.

When counting only the transactions with a public deal value, Mattos Filho's deals also had the highest combined value, worth US\$22.3 billion. It was followed by Cescon Barrieu, which had a combined deal value of US\$14.1 billion. TozziniFreire Advogadosalso performed well, amassing deals worth US\$14 billion in total.

Among the international law firms, Jones Day landed a place on three deals, while Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP advised on two. These were the only international law firms to work on more than one transaction in the two-month period.

Several big-ticket deals took place in Brazil during the two-month period. Jones Day and Mattos Filho helped US transport manufacturer Wabtec in its US\$11.1 billion global merger with General Electric's transport business. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and Demarest Advogados advised General Electric.

Another massive deal was the US\$9.8 billion merger in Brazil's pulp industry between Suzano and Fibria. Suzano enlisted Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP and Cescon Barrieu, while Fibria worked with Mattos Filho. White & Case LLP and TozziniFreire also landed a place on that deal, advising local industrial group Votorantim as one of the selling shareholders.

In the aviation sector, several law firms helped seal the joint-venture agreement between US aircraft maker Boeing and Brazilian counterpart Embraer. The deal, which gave Boeing an 80% stake in Embraer, was worth US\$5.2 billion. Simpson Thacher and Pinheiro Neto advised Boeing, while Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and BMA worked with Embraer.

Across industries, the transport industry saw the most deals in the two-month period. There were seven acquisitions in total. The banking and finance sector was also active with six transactions, while IT and real estate followed on five.

Our report is based on deals of any value submitted to Latin Lawyer that were announced, signed or closed in January or February 2019. Firms linked to reported deals were invited to submit other transactions that occurred during these months. We have included all counsel to the best of our knowledge. If you think your firm's deal has been missed, you can submit it here for consideration.

Closed M&A Transactions Brazil - January & February

	BUYER	TARGET	SELLER	DEAL VALUE US\$ MILLION	INDUSTRY	COUNSEL TO BUYER	COUNSEL TO TARGET
1	Gazit Brasil	Internacional Shopping Guarulhos, Nessun and Levian	Nessun and Levian	35.0	Real Estate	Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr e Quiroga Advogados (Partners Rossana Fernandes Duarte, Eduardo Damião Gonçalvo and Arthur Gonzalez Cronemberg, and associates Janaina de Cassia Gomes, Anderson Palo do Nascimento, Camila Gomes,Vitor De San Juan, Marina da Cunha Lopez and Raphael Augusto Lopes)	Cescon, Barrieu, Flesch & Barreto Advogados

	2	Gran Coffee Comércio	Tok Take Alimentação and Tok Take Máquina de Café	Gustavo De Oliveira Salomão; Juliana De Oliveira Salomão; Gabriel Jorge Salomão Neto and Octavio Nascimento De Carvalho Junior	12.0	Food and Beverages	Veirano Advogados (Partners Sergio Bronstein and Graziela Precoppe Pinto Lima, and associates Raphael Roberto Peres Caropreso, Thiago Mendes de Oliveira and Pedro Rebouças)	Machado Associados (Partners Mauro Takahashi Mori and Rochelle Ricci, and associates Isabela Cunha Marques and Tomas Arruda Fontoura)
							Paul Hastings LLP (Partner Luke Lovine and associates Daniel Grossman and Guillermo Castellanos in New York); Pinheiro Neto Advogados (Partners Luciano Rossi, Enrico Bentivegna and Renê Medrado,	Gimenez Pereira,
3		anhoe ambridge	Prologis Brazil Logistics Venture		481.0	Real Estate	Tucunduva Heemstede, Fábio Moretti de Góis, Guilherme de Toledo Piza, Bruno Mesquita	Helena Toledo, Tomaz Henrique Lopes, Guilherme Terra, Jayr Viegas Gavaldão and Douglas Nadalini, and associate Pedro Simões in São Paulo)

Greenberg Traurig LLP (Shareholders Jones Day (Of Donn Beloff, counsel Ben Brian Gavsie and Witherall and Flora Perez, and Claire Sheng, associates Julie and associates Blackmore and Momoko Kiyan Bigloo in Kanda and Fort Lauderdale; Sanjiv Kapur); shareholders TozziniFreire Kenneth Advogados Gerasimovich, (Partner Luiz Stephen Pepper and Alan Annex Renato Okumura and in New York: associates shareholder Lisa Arão Kang and Navarro and Daniela associate Simon Contreras Harms in Bochi); BMA -London; Barbosa, shareholder Cyril Müssnich, Brennan and Aragão attorney (Partner Rebecca Rotem Barbara in Washington, Rosenberg and DC; shareholder associates Robert Simon in Camilla Northern Virginia Paoletti, and shareholder Gustavo Miguel Flores Bernes and Kastrup, Patricia Avigni, associate Rocio Bruna Trevelin, Olea in Mexico Vivian Terng City); Pinheiro and Marcos Neto Advogados Ueda in São (Partner Paulo) Fernando Meira and associate Ricardo Busana

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5	Marfrig Global Foods	Quickfood		82.0	Food and Beverages	Lefosse Advogados (Partners Carlos Mello, Ricardo Prado, Andrea Caliento and José Carlos Berardo, and associates Jana Araujo, Sara Abdu, Bruna Andreoli and Letícia Angel)	
6	AMVAC do Brasil	Agrovant Comércio de Produtos Agrícolas and Defensive – Indústria, Comér	John William Redfern Junior, Bianca Redfern Guidolin and Anne Redfern Vessoni	Confidential	Agribusiness and Tobacco		Celso Cordeiro Advogados
7	Kroton Educacional	Centro de Ensino Superior de Marabá; Centro de Ensino Superior de Parauapebas and Centro de Ensino Superior de Paragominas		Confidential	Education	Halembeck Barros Advogados Associados; Lefosse Advogados (Partner Rodrigo Junqueira and associates Laura Affonso, Tatiana Flores and Mariana Okada)	

8	Moneycorp Brasil	Novo Mundo Financeira	Roberto Amaral de Almeira; Sergio Amaral de Almeida; Carlos Alberto de Arruda Botelho; Roberto Hugo Ortner; Vinícius Nogueira Carmona and Dorival Lourenço da Silva Net	1.4	Banking and Financial Services	Veirano Advogados (Partners Roberto Rudzit and Guilherme Potenza Paula Bobrow)	Barcellos Tucunduva Advogados (Partner José Luis Leite Doles and associate Dias Patini)
9	Capstone Mining	Capstone Mining	Lara Exploration	7.0	Mining and Metals	Veirano Advogados (Partners Pedro Freitas and Pedro Garcia, and associate Pedro Katz)	FFA Legal (Partner Luis Mauricio Ferraiuoli de Azevedo and associate Ianê Pitrowsky da Rocha)
10	MID-SHIP GROUP	Overseas Logistica Afretamento e Serviços	Marjorie Regina Vaz Lopes and Júlio Valadares Gonzaga	90.0	Transportation	Demarest Advogados (Partners Edimara Iansen Wieczorek and Alessandra Pereira, and associates Daniel Caramaschi, Rodrigo Tozo, Luciano Burti Maldonado and Marilia Kiehl Juzzio)	Azevedo Sette Advogados (Partners Fernando Azevedo Sette and Roberto Ribas Wilson, and associate Luísa Margotti de Carvalho Massara)

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1	StormGeo do Brasil Serviços Metereológicos	Climatempo		5	Telecoms	Vieira Rezende (Partner Camila Borba Lefèvre and associate Carla Calzini)	Miguel Neto Advogados (Partner José Miguel Neto)

2	Farallon Latin America Investimentos	Concessionária Rota das Bandeiras	Odebrecht Rodovias	441	Transportation	Machado Meyel Advogados (Partners Mauro Penteado and Renato Maggio, and associates Antonio Paulo Kubli Vieira, Estevam Palazz Sartal and Gabriela Gebara Efeiche)	Oksenberg, Andrea Bazzo Lauletta and Kevin Michael Altit, and associates Francisco Zaninotto
3	PetroRio Luxembourg	Chevron Brasil Upstream Frade	Chevron	450	Oil & Gas	e Quiroga Advogados (Partners Giovani Loss, Leonardo Homsy, Renata Zuccolo and Luiz Gustavo Bezerra, and associates Bruno Chedid, Saulo Pádua, Fernanda Fernandes,	Fauil & Chequer Advogados in association with Mayer Brown LLP Partners Alexandre Chequer and Alexandre Calmon, and associates Luciana Sodré and Livia Seabra)

Mattos Filho,

4	Madrid Fundo de Investimento em Participações Multiestratégia	Grupo Madero and Madero Indústria e Comércio		185	Food and Beverages		Advogados (Partners Eduardo Castro and Elie Jaques Sherique, and associates Bianca Telles Menchise, Igor Marcell Ramos Finzi, Luiz Fernando Faia Mascaro and Murilo Bertoldi Filho)
5	Chevron	Petrobras America	Petrobras America	562	Oil & Gas	Jones Day (Partner Jeffrey Schlegel and associates David Stringer and Zahra Usmani in Houston; and counsel Artur Badra and associate Fernando Pastore in São Paulo); Stocche Forbes Advogados (Partners Domingos Refinetti and Guilherme Coelho, and associates Ive Bari and Rafa Andrade in Sã Paulo)	Linklaters (Partner Alberto Luzárraga, counsel Shane Milam and Michael Kam, and associates Gabriel Silva and Isabella Correa in New York)
						DLA Piper LLF (Partners Kon Rohde, and associates Da Klock and Christian Geo in Frankfurt; partner	avid

partner Benjamin Parameswaran, counsel Dr Henriette Norda and Dr Isaschar Nicolaysen, and associates Diedrich Schröder and Liane Bednarz in Hamburg; counsel Sebastian Kost and associate Georg Haberkorn in Munich; partners Jon

Machado Meyer The China 6 Navigation Company Rudolf Oetker, Furness Withy Chartering and Alianca Navegação

Confidential Transportation

Kenworthy, Martin Nelson-Jones, Linos Choo and Leon, legal director Joel Eytle, associates Sarah Riley, Liam Freeman, Melissa Wilkinson, Helen Vickers and Beth Casinelli in London; partner Clare Gregory, legal director Beverly Ensor, and associate Robert Spencer in Sheffield; partners Tim Lyons and Richard Edwards, counsel Hedley Roost, solicitor Kirsty Hall and associate Lori Lim in Melbourne and partner Leanne Nickels and solicitor David Kiel in Perth); Campos Mello Advogados (Partner Fabiano Gallo, and

partners Jon

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8	Weg-Cestari Redutores e Motorredutores	Geremia Redutores	Geremia Family	Confiden	ntial	Manufac	turing	Rolim, V Leite Ca Advoga (Partne Append	ampos dos r Fabio	TozziniFreire Advogados (Partner Maria Medeiros Bofill)
9	Tarpon Investimentos	Petlove		Confiden	ntial	Consume Goods	er	Manass Campel Advoga (Partner Eduardo Manass	lo dos r José	
10	Edenred	Banco Topázio	Banco Topázio shareholders	Confiden	ntial	Banking Financial Services		Barreto Advoga (Partne Bueno a associa Stern, A Bertella Lara Ga	r Cristina and tes Vitor ndré , Ricardo illard, ores and	BMA - Barbosa, Müssnich, Aragão (Partner Helio Alvarez Sales da Cunha and associate Isabelle Cadier Baroni)