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## **AXIA Ventures Group announces the appointment of Mr. Leandro Pedroso de Almeida as Managing Director, Investment Banking in Portugal**

### ***Leandro Almeida joins AXIA's Lisbon Branch***

*Lisbon, Portugal, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018* – AXIA Ventures Group, (“AXIA”), announces the appointment of Leandro Pedroso de Almeida as Managing Director of the Investment Banking Division of the Lisbon Branch.

Mr. Almeida joins AXIA, bringing over 18 years of investment banking experience, having worked at BNP Paribas, Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan; in important business hubs, such as New York, London and São Paulo.

Most recently, Mr. Almeida led BNP Paribas’s Investment Banking franchise in Brazil as Managing Director, Head of Corporate Finance. Leandro was part of the team that re-launched BNP’s business in the country in 2010, originating, executing and closing M&A and ECM transactions in several sectors, including financial institutions, oil & gas, mining, healthcare and building materials. Prior to BNP, Leandro worked at Itaú Unibanco, Brazil’s largest private bank, as Business Development Director and at Merrill Lynch in London as an Investment Banking Vice President responsible for originating and executing transactions in the Brazilian financial institutions sector in 2008 and 2009. Prior to his focus on the Brazilian market, Leandro was at Deutsche Bank’s Financial Institutions Group and later in the FIG team of UBS Investment Bank in London for 4 years. During this period, Leandro’s focus was on the Southern European markets, working on a number of transactions with important clients in Portugal, Spain, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey. Leandro began his Investment Banking career in 1999 as an Analyst in the Latin America M&A Group at JPMorgan in New York where he stayed on for 3 years. Leandro holds a bachelor degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of São Paulo and an MBA from INSEAD.

Mr. Alexandros Argyros, Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking of AXIA, stated the following: *“We are very excited to welcome Leandro into the AXIA family. His very substantial and diverse background will enable us to service our clients in Portugal and across all of the areas that AXIA is active in at the same very high standards. I extend a warm welcome to Leandro and wish him a long and prosperous career within our Firm.”*

### **About AXIA Ventures Group Ltd**

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