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Barbosa Müssnich & Aragão, one of Brazil's largest firms, started as an M&A boutique 14 years ago. It is now a full-service firm with 240 lawyers in four Brazilian cities. The firm's competition team is led by [Barbara Rosenberg](#), former head of competition at the Secretariat for Economic Law. Rivals say she has transformed the practice since she joined, and that it's now among Brazil's very best.

Who's Who nominee Rosenberg says the firm's competition practice has grown substantially in the past few years. There are five full-time associates assisting her and the team is also supported by a part-time partner and an associate in Brasilia.

The firm is assisting Sadia on its tie-up with Perdigão, a transaction that will create the largest food processor in Brazil and the world's biggest poultry processor by market value. It's also advising Duratex and Satipel on a tie-up that will create the southern hemisphere's biggest producer of industrialised wood panels.

In late 2008, Barbosa Müssnich was chosen to provide antitrust advice to Unibanco on its tie-up with Banco Itaú, which is certainly one of Brazil's most significant deals of that year.

What's more, Rosenberg says the firm is working with companies in virtually all international cartel investigations in Brazil, including the negotiation of leniency agreements with Brazil's antitrust authorities.

Other clients include Astrazeneca, Bayer, Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição, Continental, Embratel, JBS Swift, Globo, GP Investments, Mitsubishi, Sanofi-Aventis, Petrobras Distribuidora, Philips and Rio Tinto Alcan.