

Immigration Law Referred to the Constitutional Court

On **24 July**, His Excellency the President of the Portuguese Republic submitted the recent amendments to the Immigration Law to the Constitutional Court for urgent preventive review. The presidential referral raises concerns over potential violations of fundamental constitutional principles, namely:

Family unity and the best interests of the child, in light of new restrictions on reunification.

Legal certainty, compromised by undefined criteria applied to job-seeking visas.

Effective **judicial protection**, as appeal mechanisms against ALMA decisions are significantly limited.

The Constitutional Court now has a period of **15 days** to issue its decision, which may delay or affect the implementation of the proposed legal framework.

At **Saba House**, we believe immigration law must be constitutionally sound, legally coherent, and always aligned with human dignity and international obligations. We remain available to provide strategic legal and compliance advice to international investors and global citizens, navigating Portuguese migration frameworks.

