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Peter Dongarth
Master's in Finance student at ISEG

## Interview: An Immersive One-Year The Heart of European Finance

Peter Dongarth, a Master's in Finance student at ISEG, shares his experience in the heart of Lisbon's financial district, where classroom learning meets real-world exposure through internships, guest lectures, and a vibrant international community.

Peter Dongarth pursued a MSc in Finance at ISEG because he wanted a demanding, flexible program that would prepare him for a career in finance while allowing him to work and gain practical experience. The decision was also shaped by the program's strong reputation and the opportunity to study in Lisbon, a city he had never visited before but found appealing for its quality of life and growing relevance in the finance sector.

Beyond the classroom, Peter highlights the internship opportunities as one of the most valuable aspects of his time at ISEG. The program's strong ties with the financial sector have created a pipeline for students to gain real-world experience while still studying, making the transition from academic life to professional work much smoother.

Living and studying in Lisbon has also been a defining part of his experience. The city's blend of tradition and modernity, combined with its growing importance as a financial hub, has made it an ideal place to study finance. The diverse cultural environment and the opportunity to meet people from all over the world have enriched his time significantly.

### Students on the Master's in Finance programme experience the Heart of European Finance

Students on the **Master's in Finance** degree have paid a company visit to **Caixa Geral de Depósitos**, the largest Portuguese bank by assets and a leading financial institution in the country. The visit provided students with a rare opportunity to see how a major financial institution operates in the heart of Lisbon's financial district, connecting classroom learning to real-world practice.

During the visit, students were hosted by senior professionals from Caixa Geral de Depósitos, who shared insights into the bank's operations, strategic priorities, and the skills they look for when recruiting graduates. The group also toured the bank's premises, including its trading floor, a key feature of any modern financial institution.

This kind of visit is a regular feature of the Master's in Finance programme, with students also having recently visited companies such as **Deloitte**, **Novo Banco**, and **Santander**. Each visit has been organised with a view to giving students a clear picture of the different roles and environments in the financial sector.

### What's Up @ ISEG

**March Other Master's Sunset 2026**

**Repost Celebration of Professor Olga Tavares Jubilee**

**Lisbon Campus** - Thursday, March 19th, 5:00 PM, Auditorium Ana Maria Bettencourt

Celebrate Professor Olga Tavares's 70th birthday and her 45 years at ISEG. Join her friends, colleagues, and students for a special ceremony honoring her contributions to the academic community.

**Online** - Friday, March 20th, 10:00 AM, Zoom

Professor Olga Tavares's **"Principal Individual in 2026"** 2026 Jubilee Conference. Celebrate her contributions to the academic community and her 45 years at ISEG. Join her friends, colleagues, and students for a special ceremony honoring her contributions.

### Upcoming Events

**Open Days** - Saturday, March 28, 2026, 10:00 - 14:00
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Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance. Meet our faculty and alumni, explore our campus, and see how we prepare you for the real world of finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 31 March, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Open Day** - Online, 7 April, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Open Day** - Online, 14 April, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 21 April, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Open Day** - Online, 28 April, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Open Day** - Online, 5 May, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Open Day** - Online, 12 May, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Open Day** - Online, 19 May, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 26 May, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 2 June, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 9 June, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 16 June, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 23 June, 10:00 - 12:00

Discover why Lisbon students are outperforming their peers in finance.

**Open Day** - Online, 30 June, 10:00 - 12:00

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**ISEG Entrepreneurship Week** takes place from 23-27 March 2026 in Lisbon.

The Finance Club's Interview Workshop: Banking, Sales and Entrepreneurship, covering a wide range of topics, including interviews, networking, and career paths in finance, will take place on March 26, 2026.

**Open Day** - Online, 31 March, 10:00 - 12:00

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**Mindfulness and Qi Gong Workshop**

On Thursday, 26 March, the **Mindfulness and Mindfulness and Qi Gong** will be **Qi Gong**.

In this workshop, Professor Jorge Carvalho das Neves combines Mindfulness practices with Qi Gong movements to cultivate balance, focus, and inner calm. Participants will learn simple practices that can be used anywhere to reduce stress and improve mental clarity.

Participants should comfortable wearing a yoga mat.

**Ciclo de Seminários - Marketing**

On March 26 (Week), as part of the ISEG Master's in Marketing Seminar Series, we invite students to a talk with Professor Ana Cristina Quintanilha Cardoso Sousa, who is an expert in the Portuguese Consumer Market.

**ISEG Accelerator Fast Track**

The Fast Track will be presented by **Diogenes Bandeira de Mello**, Partner at Abreu Advogados.

**Date:** 26 March, from 18:00 to 19:00
**Location:** Online
**Registration:** Required

**ISEG nos Media**

- **Rita Ribeiro Pereira**, opening keynote speaker at the Lisbon Tech Week, states that Lisbon's advantage in Europe is emerging thus: combining our city, we can attract talent and investment.
- **Alexandre Lourenço** in Observador: Portugal's Ministry of Finance is preparing a new tax on high-value real estate.
- **Rodrigo Tiago Gonçalves** Jornal de Negócios: Professor Gonçalves states that until now, Portuguese companies have been cautious about using artificial intelligence, but that this is changing.
- **Pedro Santos Pereira** Jornal de Negócios: In a deep exploration between digital culture and the future of work, Professor Pedro Santos Pereira.
- **Carlos Gomes** in Jornal de Negócios: Professor Carlos Gomes says that the Portuguese economy is growing, but not enough to close the gap with the European average. The data shows that Portugal's "catch-up" is long and persistent.
- **Jornal de Negócios**: Professor Ana Cristina Quintanilha Cardoso Sousa is the new President of the ISEG Alumni Association.
- **João Tavares**, Jornal de Negócios: Banking sector is a dominant operator, but various factors are pushing it to adapt. Professor João Tavares explains that the sector is being forced to adapt to new realities.
- **Jornal de Negócios**: Professor Ana Cristina Quintanilha Cardoso Sousa is the new President of the ISEG Alumni Association, a position she has held for the second time, having previously served from 2016 to 2018.

### ISEG Executive Education

**Managing for the Future: Institutions for Government of Lisbon**

Following a successful inaugural edition, Lisbon's leaders and senior government officials are brought together for a second edition of the Managing for the Future: Institutions for Government of Lisbon, a collaborative initiative between ISEG Executive Education and the Lisbon City Council.

The final session focused on governance innovation, a moderated Q&A with recognized experts, and the presentation of participants' capstone projects addressing real challenges facing the city of Lisbon.

**A new customized programme developed for Sustainer Ivo Nogueira**

This customized programme, delivered in partnership with Sustainer, Portugal's leading sustainability consultancy, is a 6-month, 100-hour programme designed for senior professionals navigating complex sustainability challenges across governance, strategy, and stakeholder management.

The programme combines structured learning with applied consultancy work, leading participants through a full sustainability diagnostic, stakeholder mapping, materiality assessment, and the development of a strategic sustainability roadmap for their organisation.

### Research @ ISEG

**European Journal of Management Studies**




The latest issue of the European Journal of Management Studies, edited by Professor Ana Cristina Quintanilha Cardoso Sousa, is now available online.

For information on how to submit your research, please contact the editorial team.

**Upcoming Guest Seminar: ISEG Financing Fund Growth: The Role of Capital Markets in Late and Middle-Income Countries**




ISEG Research is hosting the virtual seminar **Financing Fund Growth: The Role of Capital Markets in Late and Middle-Income Countries**, presented by Professor Ana Cristina Fernandes, Associate Professor at the University of Porto's School of Economics and Management.

Professor Fernandes will discuss how capital markets can support long-term investment and economic growth in late and middle-income countries, drawing on her research on financial development and capital market integration.

**Date:** 26 March, from 17:00 to 18:00
**Location:** Online
**Registration:** Required

### Alumni in the Spotlight

**Alumni Gathering of Portuguese Universities**




Alumni Gathering of Portuguese Universities (AGPU) is a network of alumni associations of Portuguese universities.

**Date:** 27 March, from 10:00 to 12:00
**Location:** Online
**Registration:** Required

### Universidade de Lisboa

**Conference: Changing the Audit Game**




Join us for the last conference in our series on sustainability and audit, where we will explore how technology, governance, and professional judgment are shaping the future of assurance. The event will feature keynotes, panel discussions, and a closing roundtable with leaders from academia, regulation, and the audit profession.

**Date:** 26 March, from 9:00 to 12:00
**Location:** Online
**Registration:** Required

**Conversas de Sofá**




**Date:** 26 March, from 17:00 to 18:00
**Location:** Online
**Registration:** Required

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