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A DYNASTY OF ENTREPRENEURS

The Vicente Rosa Family in Macau in Eighteenth Century

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This thesis is based on the study of a very influential Macanese family in Macau, in the eighteenth century - *Vicente Rosa* family.

This research aims to identify the elements of this family, social network linked to it, as well as their influence in the following areas: social, political, diplomatic, trade and economic, both in Macau and in Southeast Asia.

To achieve the objectives proposed, we undertook a documental and literature research, based mainly on Portuguese sources, but not exempting the foreign sources that had given an additional contribution.

This study concluded that *Vicente Rosa* family moved in all areas mentioned above, resisting adversity and extending its influence from Macau to reach an international dimension.

Indeed, throughout the eighteenth century, the *Vicente Rosa* family has been linked to Macau through marriage and descent, involved in the administration of local institutions and expanding their business networks, especially in the Southeast Asia, forming a "dynasty of entrepreneurs" in the last quarter of the century.