The largo vasco da gama showing how pavement design, tree alignments, and use of fountains, in this case a preexisting fountain-statue of mercury, seek to draw visitors inward to the ribeira quarter.

In the eastern half, trees are used to reinforce the rectangular shape drawn on the pavement of the square, in order to stabilize the space in the absence of the building prescribed by the detail plan.

The northern part of the square (completed in an earlier phase) shows the use of granite to emphasize the paths that lead users further inward into the ribeira quarter.

In the southern end where the square faces the riverside street, granite slabs are used to underline the entrance to the square.

The largo vasco da gama sector (inside the dotted boundary) completed in 2015.