

CLIFFORD APPOINTS LUIS ALONSO NEW HEAD OF CORPORATE/M&A IN SPAIN

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Clifford Chance has appointed partner Luis Alonso as head of the Corporate/M&A department of

the firm in Spain, replacing Javier García de Enterría



Luis (pictured), a Law graduate from the Universidad de Sevilla (2002) and Solicitor of England and Wales (2008), has spent almost his entire professional career in the Madrid and London offices of Clifford Chance.

Since he joined the firm in 2004, he has advised on the main transactions that have marked the Spanish national and international economic news in recent years, including the alliance between ACS and Atlantia in the framework of their takeover bid for Abertis, the takeover bid for the DIA group and the merger between Vía Célere and Aelca, advising Värde Partners.

He replaces partner Javier García de Enterría, who will continue to collaborate with the firm's Corporate/M&A practice and will continue to lead, together with other partners in the network, the firm's knowledge management strategy.

He is recognised by the main legal directories and has received several individual awards for his professional career (such as the Iberian Lawyer *Forty under 40* Awards).

During this year, Luis has led the firm's advice in some of the most significant M&A transactions in the Spanish market, including the sales by ACS of its industrial division to the Vinci group and of its subsidiary Zero-E to the Galp group, as well as advising the MásMóvil group on the takeover bid for the company by the consortium made up of KKR, Cinven and Providence funds, as well as in the recent takeover bid made by MásMóvil for Euskaltel.

Jaime Velázquez, managing partner of the firm in Spain, said: "We are very satisfied with the work Luis in the Corporate department over the last few years, and we are sure that with his leadership we will continue to be able to continue to work with MásMóvil in the future."

The appointment of Luis Alonso comes at a time when the Magic Circle law firm is the only one from this selected group that did not promote new partners in Spain this year.