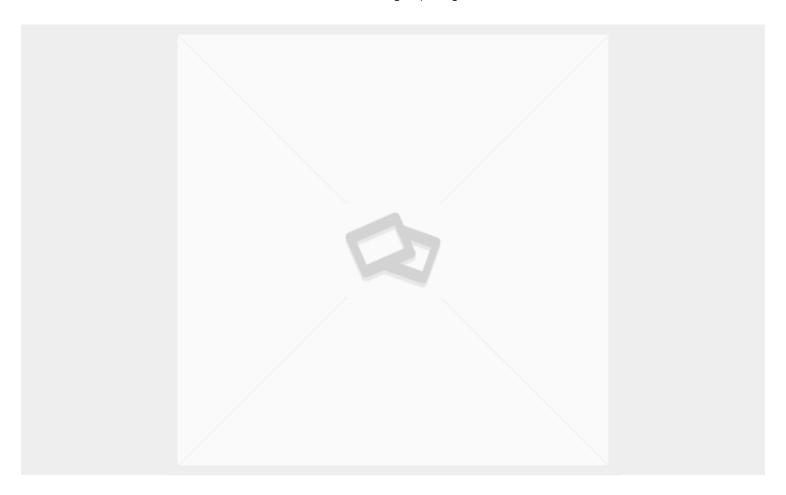
CUATRECASAS APPOINTS NEW MANAGING PARTNER

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Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira has appointed Jorge Badía as its new managing partner.

A firm statement said the appointment of Badía, who specialises in litigation and arbitration, was made in accordance with the firm's "succession and corporate governance process", under which Rafael Fontana was appointed chairman last July.

The statement added that the firm was "adapting to current tendencies in corporate governance to ensure more efficient management and consolidate its leadership and growth perspectives".

Badía's expertise is in disputes arising from M&A transactions, as well as shareholder disputes.

The firm said he would combine his duties as a lawyer with his new management duties.

Badía said: "I intend to continue working on the development of current projects from this new position. This will include more actively listening to our lawyers, our clients, and our environment."

Fontana, who is also the firm's senior partner, said "Jorge has the excellent qualities needed to be managing partner. He is a man well acquainted with our firm's corporate culture, backed up by his achievements as a lawyer, and he has my trust, as well as that of the board of directors and the partnership. In his position until now, he has shown great management skills, leading innovative projects that have sometimes marked out the path for the rest of the firm."