

CUATRECASAS OPENS IN BEIJING

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Cuatrecasas has announced the opening of an office in Beijing.

The office will be managed by partner Pablo Cubel, who specialises in M&A transactions.

It is the firm's second office in China – its Shanghai operation launched in 2007.

Cubel has previously worked in Cuatrecasas' Madrid and Valencia offices. He joined Cuatrecasas in 1999 and was appointed partner in 2008. He advises Spanish and foreign companies, including venture capital funds, on inbound investment in Spain and outbound investment abroad. He is particularly experienced in the biotech, agribusiness, and sports sectors.

China invested more than \$30 billion in Europe in 2015, according to data published by ESADE business school in partnership with Cuatrecasas.

Rafael Fontana, Cuatrecasas' senior partner, said: "Given the good operation of the Shanghai office

under Omar Puertas and the business perspectives in China, we feel confident about starting our adventure in Beijing and expanding our corporate and commercial practice.

"By opening this office, we are meeting our objective to continue growing and become a benchmark Ibero-American business law firm, as established in our strategic plan."