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Welcome to the December Iberian Lawyer email alert,

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May I take this opportunity also to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

Scott Appleton
Editor
Iberian Lawyer

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It was clear that the post-crisis terrain for firms will be different - the new "new" - but prospects for 2012 are not looking good. [Read more](#)

Bank restructuring spreading across Iberia

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