

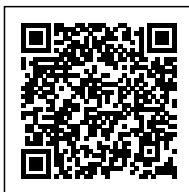
GÓMEZ-ACEBO JOINS PEERS IN BIG APPLE

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Despite a difficult domestic market, Gómez-Acebo & Pombo has joined fellow Spanish firms in launching an office in New York.

The new branch became operational in late 2012 under the leadership of Rubén Ferrer, a Corporate Partner who joined the firm in 2000. The aim is to replicate its market-leading London-based Iberian distressed investment practice.

Gonzalo Ulloa, chairman of Gómez-Acebo, said: "Gaining a foothold in New York is an important leap forward for our firm. It will strengthen our position and it will help us to maintain the leading role which we have always played in the international market."

The new office is Gómez-Acebo's third international launch in the past five years after the firm opened in London in 2007 and Lisbon in 2009. Gómez-Acebo also maintains a Brussels branch,

which was established in 1985.

Gómez-Acebo' New York launch means that all four of Spain's largest law firms – notably Garrigues, Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira and Uría Menéndez – now have a presence in the city.