

LATHAM & WATKINS HIRES ALEJANDRO ORTIZ

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Latham & Watkins has announced the appointment of **Alejandro Ortiz** (pictured) as a partner in the firm's M&A and private equity practices.

Ortiz has extensive experience advising national and international companies, private equity firms and financial institutions on complex transactional matters, in particular cross-border mergers and acquisitions, takeover bids, joint ventures, divestitures and refinancings. He is considered one of the most experienced Spanish lawyers in the field of mergers and acquisitions.

"We are delighted to welcome Alejandro to the law firm," said **Ignacio Gómez Sancha**, managing partner of Latham & Watkins' Madrid office. "He has a strong reputation for having been involved in some of the most important transactions in the Spanish market, and he will bring us a broad range of experience. His arrival reinforces our strong mergers and acquisitions and private equity practices, and will undoubtedly contribute to our growth plans in Spain and across Europe".

Ortiz has more than twenty years of experience in advising on major transactions in the most strategic sectors, and frequently collaborates with boards of directors and companies on regulatory and corporate governance matters. He has also been involved in complex leveraged finance transactions, capital markets and restructurings.

"Alejandro's extensive experience in complex mergers and acquisitions and cross-border alliances will be an important asset for our clients," added Oliver Felsenstein, Global Chair of Latham's private equity practice. "His extensive practice and network are highly complementary to those of the law firm, and his comprehensive knowledge of the business and his stature in the industry will add further strength to our strong transactional practice".

"Alejandro is a perfect fit for our practice. He is a very talented partner and a generator of new business, and is considered one of the best M&A advisors in Spain," said Charles Ruck, Global Chair of the firm's corporate department. "He will bring a unique combination of private equity and M&A experience that has many synergies with our corporate practice, and will also benefit our competition, capital markets, banking, regulatory and litigation practices".

Ortiz joins the law firm from Linklaters. He holds a degree in Law and Business Administration from the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (ICADE) and holds a Master's degree in Tax and Master's degree in Tax and Financial Law from the CETE of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce. He has also lectured on Commercial Law at the Complutense University and on Mergers and Acquisitions at ICADE and IE.