MONTERO ARAMBURU ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGEMENT

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The law firm Montero Aramburu has appointed lawyers Leonardo Neri and Javier Valdecantos as managing partners of the firm, replacing partners Enrique Montero and Armando Fernández-Aramburu, who have co-managed the firm for the last nine years. The renewal is aimed at completing the process of institutionalisation of the firm initiated by the outgoing managers themselves, direct descendants of the founders of the firm 50 years ago, Armando Fernández-Aramburu León and José Luis Montero Gómez.

The new managing partners have been linked to Montero Aramburu for more than 20 years. Leonardo Neri, who joined the firm in 1993, is an expert in Business Restructuring, Tax advice to large estates and family offices, as well as in the drafting and implementation of family protocols. He combines his work as a lawyer with his vocation as a teacher and is a regular lecturer at various forums and universities on topics related to family businesses, personal income tax and inheritance and gift tax. He is a member of the Tax Commission of the CEOE, of the Family Business Committee of the CEA and of the Personal Income Tax Expert Group of the Spanish Association of Tax Advisors (AEDAF).

Javier Valdecantos, who joined the firm in 1996, specialises in Corporate Law and has extensive experience in Insolvency Law, the securities market, the planning and execution of Corporate Restructuring operations, Due Diligence, Company Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, Banking Law, Refinancing, Commercial Contracts and general advice to family businesses, among other areas. He has also served as secretary of the Boards of Directors of several listed and unlisted companies. He is a lecturer in Corporate Restructuring and the securities market on the Master's degree in Tax Consultancy and the Master's degree in Legal Consultancy, both at the Instituto de Estudios Cajasol. He is also a lecturer in Commercial Law on the Master's degree in Law at the Universidad de Sevilla.

The main objective of the new managing partners will be to continue with the growth process of the firm, which had a turnover of €17.05 million in 2020 (15th national law firm by turnover) and which employs 262 professionals in six offices, positioning the firm as one of the most important in the Spanish legal market and leaders in Andalusia and the Canary Islands. In addition, the new managers will work to consolidate and strengthen the Madrid office -which three years ago was reinforced with 11 lawyers, including three partners from Roca Junyent-, to consolidate the GVA Gómez-Villares & Atencia collaboration alliance, announced just a few weeks ago, to expand the firm's capacity throughout Andalusia, and to face the new challenges that arise in Business Law and the Corporate world after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We take up the baton with great enthusiasm and an immense responsibility to lead a firm that is our home, and that has become a national benchmark thanks to its magnificent team and the hard work, effort and tenacity of our predecessors", said the new co-managing partners Leonardo Neri and Javier Valdecantos.

For their part, Armando Fernández-Aramburu and Enrique Montero, who will remain as partners and in their positions as chairman and vice-chairman of the firm's board of directors, respectively, assured that: "Both Javier and Leonardo have highly recognised and proven experience, and their commitment and loyalty to the values of Montero Aramburu are more than proven. We are sure that

we are leaving the management of the firm in the best hands, and under their direction, we will continue on the path of success and growth achieved by the firm in recent years."

In the image, from left to right: Leonardo Neri, Enrique Montero, Javier Valdecantos and Armando Fernández-Aramburu.