## MONTERO ARAMBURU INCORPORATES TWO NEW PARTNERS

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Montero Aramburu has incorporated **Javier Menchén** and **José Blanco** as partners to lead the new financial and capital markets practice. They both come from Ramón y Cajal and they will join the Madrid office, directed by partner **Ignacio Albendea Solís**, which has recently changed its headquarters.

The firm Montero Aramburu has incorporated Javier Menchén and José Blanco as partners, to start up and manage the financial law and capital markets practice, a newly created area that responds to the firm's firm commitment to continue growing in sectors of high added value and strategic for the market.

The incorporations are also part of the boost given to the firm's Madrid office, which has recently moved to a strategic business area located opposite the Santiago Bernabéu stadium and Azca, in the area known as Fórum Castellana, doubling the surface area of the previous office with the aim of meeting the notable growth forecast, as well as facilitating the incorporation of talent.

Thus, both lawyers, who come from Ramón y Cajal, will offer from the Madrid office, directed by partner Ignacio Albendea Solís, comprehensive advice to national and international companies and investment firms, further expanding the firm's range of services.

Javier Menchén joined Ramón y Cajal in 1996, where he has been partner in charge of the banking and finance area in the Madrid office. He has extensive and recognised experience in financing transactions (syndicated, corporate and structured), refinancing and restructuring of bank debt, project finance and corporate in general. Throughout his professional career he has advised many financial institutions, investment services companies, regulated entities and management companies on banking regulation and other issues related to securities markets.

Menchén is recommended as an expert in the areas of banking/finance, project finance and energy by the prestigious Chambers & Partners directory (Global and Europe). A graduate in Law (Universidad San Pablo -CEU), he is also a lecturer at the Instituto de Estudios Bursátiles and the Instituto de Estudios Europeos.

José Blanco, for his part, also comes from Ramón y Cajal, a law firm to which he has belonged for more than 16 years, in two different periods, after also working for the international firms Herbert Smith Freehills and Simmons & Simmons. He has also held the position of deputy director to the general secretary of the board of directors of the listed company Ferrovial. Blanco specialises in IPOs, share issues, debentures, bonds, hybrids and fixed income securities, among others.

He holds a law degree and a master's degree in private law (both from San Pablo CEU University) and is recommended by the directories Chambers & Partners Europe (2013), The Legal 500 EMEA (2014), Best Lawyers (2018) and Leaders League (2021).

Pictured: from left to right: **Javier Valdecantos** (managing partner), José Blanco, Ignacio Albendea (partner in charge of the Madrid office), Javier Mehchén and **Leonardo Neri** (managing partner).