## PABLO MUELAS LEAVES GA\_P TO HEAD HL INSURANCE AREA

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Gómez-Acebo & Pombo partner Pablo Muelas will be joining Hogan Lovells as a partner in the Madrid Corporate & Finance Insurance practice as head of Insurance and Reinsurance



Pablo Muelas (pictured) is recognized as a leading practitioner in the Spanish Insurance space with extensive experience in Insurance regulation, distribution, outsourcing, Reinsurance, lobbying, strategic analysis, Compliance, M&A as well as general Corporate Insurance matters.

In 2016, Pablo joined Gomez-Acebo & Pombo where he has been leading the Insurance Group and a partner since January 2020. Prior to this, he spent four years as an Insurance supervisor at one of the most prestigious Spanish regulatory bodies (Ministry of Finance and Competition) and has also held several other public sector positions within the Spanish Ministry of Finance, most notably Deputy Director of Insurance and Regulation, where he was in charge of the regulation of the sector, the international relations of the Supervisory Authority and the Claims Department. He has also been an Insurance Inspector at EU's DG COMPand at the Directorate General of Insurance and Pension Funds.

Commenting on the recent appointment, Lucas Osorio managing partner of Hogan Lovells in Madrid said: "Pablo is an ambitious lawyer and will be a great addition to our Madrid team. His appointment follows the recent hire of Gonzalo Ardila and is another step in our focused efforts to enhance our Madrid insurance practice in the Spanish market, which already ranks tier one in the main directories."

Pablo added: "I am very excited to join the Corporate and Finance practice at Hogan Lovells and to add my experience to such a distinguished team in Spain. I have long been impressed by the firm's collaborative culture and global platform which I know will greatly benefit my clients."

The Hogan Lovells Insurance area started its restructuring after the <u>exit of Joaquín Riuz Echauri</u> in September 2020 to join Pérez-Llorca, and the firm <u>appointed Luis Alfonso Fernández</u> as head of the practice area, who later <u>joined Bird & Bird</u> in March 2021.

The Hogan Lovells Madrid office is now composed of 22 partners and more than 100 lawyers in Spain.