



## **ANTONIO HERNÁNDEZ CALLEJAS**

### **Chairman**

Born in Tudela (Navarra). He has a degree in Economics from the University of Seville and a diploma in Law. He began his career in 1979 in Arrocerías Herba, a rice producer founded by the Hernández family. In 2002 he was appointed Director, Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of Ebro Foods, S.A. and since then he has been a key figure in Ebro's transformation and international expansion. In 2004 he was appointed CEO of the Company and in 2005 he became Executive Chairman of the Ebro Group. Under his leadership, the Ebro Group has become number one in the rice sector and second global pasta producer, operating in more than 70 countries in Europe, America, Africa and Asia, with a portfolio of over 70 brands. Over the course of his professional career, he has received numerous prizes and awards, such as the Tiepolo Award for Italian and Spanish business success, Business Sponsorship Award from the University of Seville, "Dinero" Business Awards for the best business management, Officer of the National Order of Merit of the Republic of France, Prize awarded by the Social Council of the University of Seville and the Seville Business Confederation (CES) for his Outstanding Business Career, the Gold Medal of the city of Seville, the Joly Group Farming Innovation Award and the Manuel Clavero Award. He speaks English, French and Italian.

## **DEMETRIO CARCELLER ARCE**

### **Vice-Chairman**

Born in Madrid. He has a degree in Business Administration from the Private Financial Studies University 'Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros' (CUNEF) of Universidad Complutense de Madrid. He subsequently did an MBA at Duke University (Fuqua School of Business), an American business school in which he is on the Board of Visitors. He is Executive Chairman of Sociedad Anónima Damm and DISA Corporación Petrolífera, S.A. He is also Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of Sacyr, S.A. He chairs the Board of Trustees of the Damm Foundation and is a member of the board of trustees of Fundación Disa and Fundación SERES (Responsible Business and Society Foundation).

## **BELÉN BARREIRO PÉREZ-PARDO**

### **Director**

Born in Madrid. PhD in Political Science, Sociology and Social Anthropology from the Autonomous University of Madrid and Master in Social Sciences from the Juan March Institute of Studies and Research. She is the founder and CEO of 40dB, a social and market research consultancy and is on the Scientific Council of Real Instituto Elcano / Elcano Royal Institute. She has over twenty years' experience in studying consumers and society. Drawing on her national and international experience, she has directed projects in Europe and Latin America and numerous research projects investigating the social impact of ESG, the climate crisis, new technologies and artificial intelligence, inter alia. With a holistic vision of citizens and consumers, she has worked for the FMCG, food & beverages, retail, entertainment, media, telecommunications, energy, banking and insurance sectors, NGOs and universities. She is the author of "La sociedad que seremos" (Planeta, 2017) and several academic publications and is a visiting lecturer for different university courses. She was formerly chaired the CIS

[Sociological Research Centre] (2008-2010) and is now on the Advisory Board of the Spanish Association of Foundations, the Scientific Council of Real Instituto Elcano / Elcano Royal Institute and the Economic Affairs Advisory Council of the Spanish Minister of Economy, Trade and Business. She has received numerous acknowledgements and awards. In 2011 she was elected one of the 100 Leading Women by the Tiempo magazine and was in the Top 100 Leading Women in Spain in the category of thinkers and experts in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (and currently has honorary status). In 2019 she was awarded the European Prize for Women Entrepreneurs by the European Association of Economics and Competitiveness.

### **MERITXELL BATET LAMAÑA**

#### **Director**

Born in Barcelona. With a Law degree from the Pompeu Fabra University, she is a trained and practising jurist, as a lecturer and lawyer. She has been teaching constitutional and administrative law at the Pompeu Fabra University for 22 years. In the area of public institutions, she has been a Member of Parliament, Minister for Territorial Policy and Civil Service and Chair of the Congress of Deputies. She has extensive experience in public-private collaboration and an in-depth knowledge of corporate social responsibility. She was behind the adoption of the first Equality Plan of the Congress of Deputies and its criteria for implementation, monitoring and assessment. She is currently on the Board of Trustees of Fundación Alternativas and Ship2b Foundation, within which she promotes more sustainable models in Spanish society and aims to boost “Impact Economy” as an economic model seeking not only to maximise profitability, but also to improve social and environmental impact.

### **MARÍA CARCELLER ARCE**

#### **Director**

Born in Madrid. She has a degree in Business Studies from the European Business School, specialising in marketing and international business, and has a postgraduate degree from IESE (Management Development Programme PDD-C). She has over 30 years’ professional experience in national and international companies in the food and drink sector. She is on the Food and Drink Advisory Board of the IESE Business School, the advisory board of Fundación A La Par and Honorary Trustee of Fundación General de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Since January 2012, she has been Managing Director of Grupo Rodilla, where she has received several awards for her professional career and business management. Before joining Grupo Rodilla, she held different management positions in Pepsico and McDonald’s, receiving the President Award, among others. She is bilingual in German and speaks English.

### **JOSÉ IGNACIO COMENGE SÁNCHEZ-REAL**

#### **Director**

Born in San Sebastián. He is an Economist and has a degree in International Banking. He has a lengthy track record in business management and administration in companies operating in different areas of the Spanish economy, including the financial, insurance, beverages and renewable energy sectors. He has been an executive and director in different financial and insurance entities, such as Banco Hispano Americano, Mutua Madrileña and Axa Winterthur, among others. He is Chairman of Ball Beverage

Packaging Iberica S.L. and Arbitraje&Inversiones S.L. and Director of ENCE Energía y Celulosa, S.A., CVNE, S.A. (Compañía Vinícola Nacional de España), Olive Partners, S.A. and Coca-Cola European Partners.

**MERCEDES COSTA GARCÍA**  
**Lead Independent Director**

Born in Lleida. She has a Law degree from the Central University of Barcelona, Master in Corporate Legal Counselling from IE Business School and graduated from IE University in December 2011 with a PhD in Communication Science. She worked for ten years in the commercial department of the law firm of José Mario Armero, combining her duties there with her teaching activity, as lecturer of Security in Legal Transactions and of Negotiation at the IE Business School. She is currently runs the Negotiation and Mediation Centre of the IE Business School while teaching Negotiation and Mediation in all the Masters and Executive Education programmes and heading up the Negotiate Forum. She has written, directed and coordinated numerous books on negotiation and mediation: "Negociar para CON-vencer" (McGraw Hill, 2004), author of Chapter III "La Negociación" in the textbook "Sistemas de Solución Extrajudicial de Conflictos" (Cersa, 2006), author of Chapter III "El impacto del diálogo entre accionistas en la reputación corporativa y la confianza" (Corporate Governance Centre, IE Business School, 2010), "Negociar para CON-seguir" (Pearson, 2011), "El Negociador efectivo: comunicación persuasiva con técnicas de mindfulness" (LID, 2017), author of Chapter 15 "De la cultura del litigio a la cultura del acuerdo" (Francis Lefebvre, 2024). She is a Trustee of the Foundations "Contigo Contra el cáncer de la mujer" ['Fighting Women's Cancer Together'] and "Quiero Trabajo" ['I want a job'] and member of the Advisory Board of "Más cultura del Acuerdo" ['More Agreement Culture'].

**JAVIER FERNÁNDEZ ALONSO**  
**Director**

Born in Bilbao. He graduated with a BA Summa Cum Laude in Business Management and Administration from Deusto University, majoring in Finance. He began his career in investment banking and M&A at Goldman Sachs in London in 2000 and in 2002 he joined ABN AMOR in Madrid. In 2006 he joined the Investment Department of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A., where he was appointed Deputy Investment Director in 2007, Chief Investment Officer in 2012 and CEO in 2020, still serving to this day in the latter capacity. He currently represents Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. on the boards of CIE Automotive, Viscofan and the investment vehicles Rioja and Rioja Acquisition (Naturgy). He is also a Director of the private equity vehicle of the Alba Group and is on the Investment Committees of two funds managed by Artá Capital. He has formerly served on the boards of Acerinox, ACS, Dragados, ACS Servicios y Concesiones, Euskaltel, Parques Reunidos and Clínica Baviera, among others.

**JAVIER GÓMEZ-TRENOR VERGÉS**  
**Representative of the director Empresas Comerciales e Industriales Valencianas, S.L.**

Born in Barcelona. He has a BA in Economics and Business Studies from the



University of Valencia and a extensive experience in the business sector, as executive and director of numerous companies in the beverages, agricultural, livestock and concentrated juice sectors. He currently represents the corporate Chairman of the Board of Empresas Comerciales e Industriales Valencianas, S.L. and the corporate Vice-Chairman of the Board of Olive Partners S.A.; he is Chairman of the Board of Inversiones Caspatró, S.L. and director of several financial investment, real estate and agricultural companies.

### **FELIX HERNÁNDEZ CALLEJAS**

#### **Director**

Born in Tudela (Navarra). He has a Law degree from the University of Seville and extensive experience in the rice and food industry in general. He has held several executive positions and directorships in different rice companies. He was General Manager of Arrocerías Herba, S.A. for 20 years and is currently a Director of Magallanes Value Investors, S.A., SGIIC and of rice companies such as Instituto Hispánico del Arroz, S.A. and Heralianz Investing Group, S.L. Within the Ebro Foods Group he is General Manager of Herba Ricemills, S.L.U. and Director in other Group subsidiaries, including Pastificio Lucio Garofalo, S.p.A.

### **BLANCA HERNÁNDEZ RODRÍGUEZ**

#### **Director**

Born in Sevilla. She has a BA in Economics and Business Studies from the University of Seville, a BA in Humanities from the European University of Madrid and an MA in Finance from CUNEF. She has extensive experience in the financial sector. She is Founder and Managing Director of Magallanes Value Investors, S.A., S.G.I.I.C., an independent investment fund manager following value investment philosophy that promotes ESG criteria, a signatory of the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and all its funds are Article 8 and 9 funds. She is founder and Chair of Techo Hogar Socimi, an innovative welfare company that seeks to help eradicate homelessness. She is also a Director of PharmaMar, S.A., on the Boards of Trustees of Proyecto Hombre, COF Virgen de los Reyes and the Capacis Foundation, and chairs the Ebro Foods Foundation.

### **ALEJANDRA OLARRA ICAZA**

#### **Representative of the director Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A.**

Born in Bilbao. She has a degree in Business Management & Administration from Comillas Pontifical University (Universidad Pontificia Comillas) in Madrid (ICAE-ICADE). She has a lengthy track record in the investment banking sector and considerable international experience in mergers & acquisitions and equity market transactions in all sectors. She is currently a member of the Investment Department of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. She speaks English.

### **ELENA SEGURA QUIJADA**

#### **Director**

Born in Sevilla. BA in Business Management and Administration from the University of Seville. Master in Portfolio Management from the Options&Futures Institute IEB



and Women Angels of IESE. She participates every year in ESG training courses run by IDD Consultoría. She has more than 20 years' national and international experience in the financial, investor relations, corporate and real-estate transactions and asset management sectors. She has worked at JP Morgan Investment Banking, Banco BPM and A&G Banca Privada. She has collaborated with the EIF (European Investment Fund) and was formerly a member of the Board of Directors and Economic Affairs and Compliance Committee of RTVA. She is bilingual in English and Italian.

## **JORDI XUCLÀ COSTA**

### **Director**

Born in Olot (Girona). He has a Law degree from the University of Gerona, a PhD in Communication and International Relations from Ramón Llull University and an MA in National Defence (CESEDEN), among other qualifications. A jurist and consultant in International Relations, he was formerly a lecturer of Administrative Law at the Universities of Gerona and Barcelona. He formerly held office as Senator-Elect for Gerona, CiU (2000-2004, VII Term), Deputy of the Congress of Deputies (2004-2019) and member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Western European Union (2008-2011), NATO (2008-2011), Union for the Mediterranean (2004-2008) and the European Council (2008-2019). He is currently a lecturer of International Relations at Ramón Llull University and a researcher of the Royal Institute of European Studies at Universidad CEU San Pablo. Member of the Advisory Board of LLYC and on the Board of RENFE Mercancías, in which he previously chaired the Audit and Control Committee. He is a Trustee of the Josep Plà Foundation. Since October 2023 he has been Vice-Chairman of the Spanish Federal Council of European Movement. Among other recognitions, he has been awarded the distinction of Commander of the Order of Civil Merit.

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