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## APPOINTMENT

# Ramón Galcerán elected new Chairman (CEO) of Grant Thornton Spain

He will take up this role on 1 September 2020, following on from Alejandro Martínez Borrell, who completes his mandate.

He is a member of the Firm's Board of Directors and Lead Partner of Financial Advisory services.

He will continue to strengthen the Firm's growth, proximity, innovation and transformation in the Spanish market.

Grant Thornton's clients, professionals and impact on society will be the backbone of its national strategy.



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Grant Thornton, the professional services firm providing audit, business, technology and innovation consultancy, tax, legal and financial advisory services, has chosen **Ramón Galcerán as its new chairman (CEO) in Spain** for the next four years. Ramón will take on this role on 1 September 2020, when the current chairman, Alejandro Martínez Borrell, steps down as part of the natural

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succession process set out in the firm's articles of association. Martínez Borrell hands over to Ramón Galcerán after more than thirty years in the Firm, of which the former is a founding partner.

Ramón Galcerán steps up to lead the sixth professional services firm worldwide and in Spain. His appointment is **endorsed by all members of the Board**, having determinedly helped drive Grant Thornton's growth strategy over the last few years. In fact, his leadership drove him to become a member of the Board of Directors and Management Committee and he has headed up Financial Advisory services since 2008.

Galcerán joined Grant Thornton in 2003 and during this time he has **witnessed the company's dramatic growth** within Spain's professional services market. This position is reflected by sustained double-digit annual growth over the past six years and a team that has almost doubled in this period, currently comprising 800 professionals working in the current **four key lines of business**; year on year they have all improved their business position, capabilities and total number of clients.

"It is a great pride and responsibility to start leading the Firm at this crucial time for our clients and Spanish businesses, when they are immersed in an unprecedented task of recovery and reactivation. We are recognised for our proximity, specialisation and quality of service, and now more than ever we are going to continue on this path, setting the course in our segment and building a benchmark firm in Spain," explains **Ramon Galcerán, new chairman of Grant Thornton**.

Ramón Galcerán has a degree in business administration and an MBA from ESADE and the Community of European Management School (CEMS). He also has a postgraduate degree in leadership from Harvard University. He is a member of the Association of Economists of Catalonia and founder of its Mergers and Acquisitions Working Group and he also works with associations such as ACG. In his 25 years of experience, he has provided value-added advice to clients from various sectors on mergers and acquisitions, restructuring and support in transactions and valuations.

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Under the new chairman, Grant Thornton **will grow and strengthen its most valued and recognised service features**: its customer experience based on the proximity of partners and teams and an in-depth understanding of its clients' businesses; highly specialised and experienced professionals and an innovative vision, committed to the latest technologies that are key to Spanish companies.

The current chairman, **Alejandro Martínez Borrell**, passes the baton to Ramón having worked for over thirty years in the Firm, marking the departure of the final founding partner. "Ramón is kicking off a new stage of management with a generation of partners who know the Firm, its clients and markets very well, and who will preserve and, if possible, improve all the values that have made us strong over the last three decades, taking on new challenges along the way", he comments.

Grant Thornton Spain belongs to the Grant Thornton International network, with more than 56,000 professionals in over 140 countries worldwide. Alongside the clients, Galcerán will ensure that the professionals currently working for the Firm have a truly differential experience, with a commitment to team leadership and professional growth. Lastly, the new chairman will continue to promote the Grant Thornton brand in Spain as well as a committed and responsible attitude to the environment in which the Firm operates and on which it has an impact, paying special attention to values such as business sustainability, market transparency, business diversity and constant innovation.

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