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## **José Antonio Alepuz to join CaixaHolding**

José Antonio Alepuz Sánchez, to date the General Secretary of the Bank of Spain, is to join CaixaHolding, the non-listed subsidiary of Caja de Ahorros y Pensiones de Barcelona that holds the entity's industrial investments and real estate assets.

Alepuz will take up his new post at CaixaHolding in April of next year, thus complying with the Bank of Spain's rules stating that no Director General or General Secretary may be employed by any supervised entity for a period of six months after leaving the Bank.

Alepuz holds a Juris Doctor Degree from the Madrid Complutense University, passed the Government Lawyer examination in 1986 and has a Master's in North American Law from the George Washington University Law School. He was the Head of Legal Advice to the Public Treasury between 1989 and 1998, after which he joined the World Bank as a Senior Counsel on financial regulation. Since 2002 Alepuz has held the post of General Secretary at the Bank of Spain.

The appointment strengthens CaixaHolding's team of executives with a highly experienced and qualified professional.