

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENT**

Criteria Caixa, S.A., Sole Shareholder Company (hereinafter “CriteriaCaixa”) informs that the Board of Trustees of the Fundació Bancaria Caixa d’Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona “la Caixa”, as Sole Shareholder of CriteriaCaixa, has agreed in its meeting held today, March 16, 2017, to appoint Mr. Eugenio Gay Montalvo as member of the Board of Directors, as stakeholding director, for the period established in the regulations of 4 years.

The appointment, which was accepted today, has been approved on the basis of a favorable report by the Board of Directors, and after receiving from the European Central Bank notification on his competence to act as Board Member.

Barcelona, March 16, 2017.