

The governing body approves the re-election of Isidro Fainé as President of the institution and of Juan José López Burniol as its Vice-Chairman for another four years

José María Álvarez Pallete, Isabel Gabarró, Joaquín Gay de Montellá and Pablo Isla join the Board of Trustees of "la Caixa" Banking Foundation

- In Barcelona today, "la Caixa" Banking Foundation's Board of Trustees approved the nominations of José María Álvarez Pallete, Isabel Gabarró, Joaquín Gay de Montellá and Pablo Isla as new members. The incoming trustees replace Salvador Alemany, César Alierta, Antoni Fitó and Javier Solana, who have reached the end of their statutory term limits.
- The Board of Trustees also unanimously approved the re-election of Isidro Fainé as President of "la Caixa" Banking Foundation for the next four years, while Juan José López Burniol's position as Vice-Chairman was also renewed.
- In 2022, "la Caixa" Foundation will be assigned a budget of 515 million euros, as annual social investment reaches over 500 million euros for the thirteenth consecutive year.

Barcelona, 21 February 2022.- "la Caixa" Banking Foundation's Board of Trustees today approved the partial renewal of its members, as well as the re-election for the next four years of Isidro Fainé as Chairman and Juan José López Burniol as Vice-Chairman.

As a result, at its next session, the Foundation's Board of Trustees will welcome José María Álvarez Pallete, Isabel Gabarró, Joaquín Gay de Montellá and Pablo Isla as new members. They replace Salvador Alemany, César Alierta, Antoni Fitó and Javier Solana, who have reached the end of their statutory term limits.

The Board thanked the outgoing trustees for their inestimable dedication and judgement in pursuing the Foundation's mission over the last four years, as it has continued to work for a fairer society with more opportunities for all, particularly those most in need.

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In 2022, "la Caixa" Foundation, whose General Manager is Antonio Vila Bertrán, will have a budget of 515 million euros, compared to 510 millions the previous year. In this way, the institution continues to demonstrate its great social commitment by approving funding of over 500 million euros for the thirteenth consecutive year.

The main priorities of the Foundation's social outreach programmes continue to combatting child poverty in Spain (61,244 children and their families received care in 2021); promoting employment among groups with difficulties (48,758 job opportunities created); caring for people with advanced diseases (34,670 patients received assistance); supporting social organisations; promoting education and training for groups of all types; disseminating culture and science among audiences of all ages (5 million people visited the CaixaForum and CosmoCaixa centres and the travelling exhibitions organised); and medical research.

Within this last line of action, the Foundation is engaged in the project for the CaixaResearch Institute, a research centre devoted to life sciences with a mainly preclinical and translational approach focusing particularly on the fields of infectious diseases, global health, oncology and neuroscience. Investment in the new facility will be around 60 million euros, and its creation and development will be supervised by Javier Solana, who continues to be linked to the work of "la Caixa" Foundation as Chairman of the Scientific Committee.

José María Álvarez Pallete holds a degree in Economics from the Complutense University of Madrid and also studied at the Free University of Brussels. He has been Executive Chairman of Telefónica since April 2016 and also chairs the Telefónica Foundation. Previously, he had been CEO of the company since 2012 and a member of its Board of Directors since July 2006. He has been a member of the SEAT Advisory Council since March 2019 and Chairman of the Board of the GSMA since February 2022. In 2021, he was named as an Honorary Ambassador of the Spain Brand.

Isabel Gabarró Miquel, notary public of Barcelona, joined the bar of notaries in 1979. She took her degree in Law from the University of Barcelona in 1976 and has been a member of the boards of La Caixa d'Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona and other listed companies such as Fuerzas Eléctricas de Cataluña (FECSA) and Repsol (from May 2009 to March 2017, as an independent member). A member of the Barcelona Economic Society of Friends of the Country, she is also the co-author of several legal publications.


The businessman **Joaquín Gay de Montellá Ferrer-Vidal**, chairman of the Foment del Treball Nacional employers' union from 2011 to 2018, joins the Board of Trustees as the

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representative of that organisation in accordance with the provisions for rotating membership established in the Statutes of "la Caixa" Banking Foundation to reserve places for representatives of the founding institutions of La Caixa de Pensions per a la Vellesa i d'Estalvis, "la Caixa". Gay's great-grandfather's brother, Luis Ferrer-Vidal i Soler, became the first chairman of the institution in 1904, when its general manager was Francesc Moragas i Barret.

Pablo Isla Álvarez de Tejera, a State lawyer, holds a degree in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid. He will continue as Executive Chairman of the Inditex textile group, which he joined as CEO in 2005, until April 1 this year. Previously, he was Chairman of Altadis (2000-2005), General Secretary of Banco Popular and General Manager of Spain's National Heritage. *Harvard Business Review* named him as best-performing CEO in the world in 2017 and 2018.

The composition of "la Caixa" Foundation Board of Trustees is now as follows:

Chairman

Isidro Fainé Casas

Vice-Chairman

Juan José López Burniol

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Shlomo Ben-Ami

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Isabel Gabarró Miquel

Eugenio Gay Montalvo (designated by Càritas Diocesana de Barcelona)

Joaquín Gay de Montellá Ferrer-Vidal (designated by Foment del Treball Nacional)

Javier Godó Muntañola

Francesc Homs Ferret

Pablo Isla Álvarez de Tejera

Marc Murtra Millar

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