



The President of the Portuguese Republic awards Isidro Fainé the Grand Cross of the Order of Infante D. Henrique

Lisbon, September 6, 2023.- Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Portuguese Republic, has today awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Infante D. Henrique to Isidro Fainé, Chairman of "la Caixa" Banking Foundation, at the Belem Palace in Lisbon. The event was also attended by Artur Santos Silva, patron of "la Caixa" Foundation and honorary President of BPI.

Isidro Fainé receives this award in recognition of his personal commitment over decades to promoting synergies between Portugal and Spain in the banking, industrial and social fields.

During the ceremony, the Chairman of "la Caixa" Foundation expressed his gratitude to the President of the Republic: **"It is a great honor for me to receive a distinction of this importance, with so much historical weight and that such illustrious personalities have been awarded."** Isidro Fainé has emphasized the commitment of the Foundation to the country: **"You can count on my personal commitment, and that of the institution I represent, to jointly contribute to the development of our countries, especially Portugal, as far as we can"**.

"la Caixa" Foundation has a planned budget of 50 million euros to invest in Portugal in 2023 to develop social, educational, cultural and medical research programs that address the country's main priorities.

On a business level, the Foundation's commitment to Portugal is articulated through the participation of its holding company, CriteriaCaixa, in **CaixaBank (owner of the portuguese bank BPI) and other listed portuguese companies, such as the Sonae group.**

The Order of Infante D. Henrique is, along with the Order of Liberty, the most important honorary civil distinction of the Portuguese Republic. Within it, the



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Grand Cross is the second highest degree, after the Great Collar, which only heads of state receive. Among the non-Portuguese people who have received the Grand Cross over the years, there are figures such as the founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates; Queen Sofia; the philologist Fernando Lázaro Carreter; and the former presidents of the European Commission, Jacques Delors and Jean-Claude Juncker, among others.

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