Spain's leading business "think tank" names a new Chairman

JOHN DE ZULUETA APPOINTED AS NEW *CÍRCULO DE EMPRESARIOS* (BUSINESS CIRCLE) CHAIRMAN

- **John de Zulueta chaired the Health Committee, and was a member of the Board of Directors**
- **He's committed to the international growth of *El Círculo* in an increasingly globalized business environment**

(Madrid, March 2018) The Board of Directors of *El Círculo de Empresarios*, decided unanimously to name **John de Zulueta** as the new Chairman in its meeting on **20th March**. He replaces **Javier Vega de Seoane**, who had presided over *El Círculo* for three years, and who has now been appointed Honorary Chairman.

In his farewell address, **Vega de Seoane**, pointed out that "as a result of a long history of commitment to Spanish society and its liberties, *El Círculo* is now a solid reference point in the public debate on fundamental questions of **welfare, economic stability and progress**." And in relation to the independence challenge in Catalonia, he added that, "*El Círculo* has known how to respond at all times, occupying an important role in the debate, without the need to get involved in the political aspect of it given that **the economic and social damage** that is being produced is obvious."

After highlighting the outgoing Chairman's achievements, the new Chairman, John de Zulueta, set out the course of action that he will be pursuing during his three-year term as chairman, continuing with *El Círculo's* policy of "promoting the internationalization of Spanish companies in a global setting. "We must," he added, "strengthen our links with other "think tanks", above all in Europe and the United States."
At the same time, he stressed the importance of "promoting entrepreneurship, equality of opportunities and an improvement in the competitiveness of Spanish companies."

John de Zulueta was born in Cambridge (Massachusetts) in 1947. He graduated with a B.A. in History from Stanford University (California) and was awarded an MBA from Columbia University (New York). His years as a consultant for the Boston Consulting Group in San Francisco stand out in his long professional career, as well as his period as President and General Manager of PepsiCo in Barcelona,,Chairman of Cadbury Schweppes España, Vice- President of Schweppes in Southern Europe, and Managing Director of Schweppes S.A. He was also Managing Director of Grupo Sanitas (Bupa Group) in Spain for 14 years, a group that he Chaired from 2005 until 2009, as well as USP Hospitales between 2010 and 2012.

Zulueta has been involved with *el Círculo* since 2004, and has been a member of the Board of Directors, and chairman of its Health Committee. He's Vice Chairman of the Fundación Innovación Bankinter and a Board Member of the following Foundations: DKV, Everis y Caser, as well as being Board Member of the Universidad Europea (Laureate Group) and the insurer Linea Directa Aseguradora (Bankinter Group).

He has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Association for Managerial Progress (AMP) and the Special Commission for the Study of the Development on the Information Society in Spain. At present, he is Managing Partner for the health consultant Point Lobos and Senior Adviser for the British consultant group Candesic.

At the same time, *El Círculo's* Board of Directors, at the new Chairman's request, named **Juan Ignacio Entrecanales** and **Alberto Terol** as Vice Chairmen, with **Isabel Dutilh** and **Matías Rodriguez Inciarte** continuing in their posts as Vice Chairpersons. The new Treasurer will be **Hilario Albarracín,** and the group's legal adviser will be **Santiago Martínez Lage**.

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