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Bachelor of Law and Degree in Economics from Deusto University (Bilbao) and MBA from Instituto de Empresa, he holds extensive industrial and international experience. He began his professional career in companies such as Carrefour España and Leroy Merlin España, where he was Purchase Director, and Group Adeo in France, where he was Product International Director.

In 2008 he joined Bergé Marítima as Managing Director for seven years, managing the invested companies by this Group and holding director position in their board of directors. Additionally, he has been vicepresident of ANESCO (port companies patronal).

From 2015 until 2020 he was the Chairman of Venanpri Tools, Venanpri Group Tools division, multinational Canadian capital group resulting from integration of Ingersoll Tillage Group and Corporación Patricio Echevarría, which has more than 1,400 employees and with relevant presence in Europe, North America (main market) and Latam. He has been member of the Executive Committee of ADEGI (Patronal Association of Gipuzkoa).

From 2020 to 2023, he has been General Director and Sole Administrator of Jealsa Corporación Alimentaria, the second largest European group that manufactures preserves and other food products, with its own fleet and plants in Spain, Brazil, Chile and Guatemala.

From 2023 to 2024 he has been CEO of Grupo Alvic, a leading global corporation dedicated to the design, production and marketing of components for kitchen, bathroom, office and decoration furniture in general owned by KKR, Arta Capital and the founding family. With eight industrial plants in Spain, France and the United States and commercial presence in more than 100 countries.

He is currently CEO of Grupo Deoleo, the world leader in olive oil, Sole Director of Deoleo Global, Director of Deoleo Financial Limited (United Kingdom) and Carapelli, SPA.

Furthermore he is an Independent Director of Meliá Hotels International, S.A and President of CIFASA (Centro de Iniciativas para la Formación Agraria, S.A).