



Press Release

Ana Botín, unanimously appointed to chair the board of Banco Santander

- The board of directors expressed its deep sorrow for the loss of Emilio Botín, “who led the extraordinary transformation of Banco Santander, turning it into the leading bank in the Euro zone and one of the most relevant financial institutions in the world.”

Madrid, September 10th, 2014. The board of directors of Banco Santander unanimously agreed to appoint Ana Botín as its chair. The appointment was made at the proposal of the appointments and remuneration committee, which held a meeting this morning.

Fernando de Asúa, 1st vice chairman of Banco Santander and chairman of the appointments and remuneration committee, expressed “the deep sorrow for the loss of chairman” and said: “Emilio Botín was extremely important for the bank, leading its extraordinary transformation, turning it into the leading bank in the Euro zone and one of the most relevant in the world, and for Spain.” His words were supported by all of the board’s members.

The appointments and remuneration committee considered Ana Botín is “the most appropriate person, given her personal and professional qualities, experience, track record in the Group and her unanimous recognition both in Spain and internationally.”

After the board’s meeting, Ana Botín said: “In these difficult times for me and my family, I appreciate the trust of the board of directors and I am fully committed to my new responsibilities. I have been working at Grupo Santander in different countries and with different responsibilities for many years and I have experienced the professionalism and dedication of our teams. We’ll continue to dedicate all our efforts with total determination to keep building a better bank for our customers, employees and shareholders.”

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