

## Juan Garicano

Partner  
Madrid

### Biography

Juan is an experienced international tax lawyer who helps Spanish and multinational clients develop sophisticated tax strategies for international operations and transactions, being able to understand client objectives and taking into account the legal, commercial and accounting implications involved in each project.

Juan focuses his practice on tax planning for cross-border transactions, assisting global and Spanish groups on their inbound and outbound operations, having structured transactions worth more than €55 billion along his career. In particular, he is an expert structuring investments in Latin America, having acted for European, US, Asian and Multilatin groups in most of the region, such as Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panamá, Peru or Uruguay allowing Juan to accumulate a wide knowledge of their accounting and tax systems.

Juan also has a long track record assisting private clients in their M&A, corporate reorganizations, wealth tax planning and acting on their behalf before the Spanish tax Administration and the Spanish Courts. Juan is a lecturer in International Taxation at the Master's Degree in International and European Business Law from Universidad Pontificia Comillas and regularly participates in round tables and seminars (FIDE, ESADE and Georgetown Club of Spain). Juan speaks Spanish, English and has a working knowledge of German.



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### Languages

English  
German  
Spanish

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### Practices

Tax  
Latin America Regional Practice

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### Education and admissions

#### Education

LL.M. in International Tax,  
Georgetown University, 2004

Master in Tax Law, ESADE Business  
School, 2004

## Representative experience

Advising EnfraGen in a debt refinancing for a total of US\$1.8 billion.

Advising the Central America Bottling Corporation (CBC) on a US\$200 million issuance.

Advising the Latin American food and coffee conglomerate, BIA Foods Group, in the financing and acquisition of 51% in equity of the leading Ecuadorian coffee producer Solubles Instantaneos C.A.

Advising major U.S. oil group on restructuring international holding structure, involving Spanish, U.S., and Luxembourg entities with aggregate value of €47bn.

Playa Hotels & Resort in its corporate tax restructuring and later divestment of a hotel portfolio in Mexico and Dominican Republic worth \$700 million.

CBC group in the tax structuring and planning advice for the acquisition of the major water bottling company in Ecuador worth more than \$290 million.

Advising Grupo de Inversiones Suramericana in acquisition of pension and insurance business of ING Group in Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay; aggregate value €2.6bn.

Advising Grupo de Inversiones Suramericana in the tax structuring of its acquisition of Royal Sun Alliance Insurance Group Latam's operations worth £403m.

Advising Euler Hermes in the tax aspects of its joint venture with Mapfre to form 'Solunion', and on the subsequent group reorganization.

Advising Grupo Boluda on its international tax structure.

Advising a major Spanish Family Office on its domestic and cross-border investments.

Representing a major UK listed company before the Spanish tax Administration and the Spanish Court in a tax litigation procedure.

Law Degree, University of Zaragoza, 2003

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## Memberships

Barcelona Bar Association

Georgetown Club of Spain

ESADE Alumni

Asociación Española de Derecho Financiero (AEDF)

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Barcelona

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## Awards and rankings

- Recommended for Tax, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2021
- Up and Coming for Tax, *Chambers Europe*, 2019-2021
- Tax, *Iberian Lawyer Forty under 40*, 2017

## Latest thinking and events

- Insights
  - Impact of the new Spanish CFC rules on controlled foreign holding companies
- Analysis
  - Spain: Digital Services Tax is in force - key features and insights
- News
  - Spain passes the Digital Services Tax regulations and tax return
- Awards and Rankings
  - Three Hogan Lovells Transactions Win Latin Lawyer Deal of the Year Awards
- News
  - Spanish Supreme Court opens the door to refunds of withholding taxes borne by non-EU pension funds
- News
  - Spain's new Digital Services Tax comes into force