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Topics include:

- Legal environment for Spanish investments in France
- Comparative approach to foreign investment control in the EU (with a focus on Spain and France)
- Acquisition of the hospitality real estate assets portfolio of Merlin Properties Socimi by Foncière des Régions

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Programme

Thursday 8 March

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1015 – 1030 **Registration and welcome coffee**

1030 – 1100 **Introduction and opening remarks**

Almudena Arpón de Mendivil *Gómez-Acebo y Pombo, Madrid; Immediate Past Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division*
Eugènia Gay *Dean of the Barcelona Bar, Barcelona*
Miguel Roca *Roca Junyent Founding Partner; Member of the drafting Commission of the Spanish Constitution*

1100 – 1215 **Session one**

Legal environment for Spanish investments in France

The panel will discuss the regulatory and legal hurdles faced by Spanish companies when investing in France, with a focus on the labour reform adopted in 2017. The market practice in M&A deals in France will also be discussed, through a comparative approach.

Moderators

Nicolas Lafont *McDermott Will & Emery, Paris*
José María Rojí *CMS Albiñana & Suárez de Lezo, Barcelona*

Speakers

Alejandro Alonso *Dentons, Madrid*
François Funck Brentano *Lazard, Paris*
David Jonin *Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris*
Jean-Nicolas Soret *Altana Law, Paris*

1215 – 1230 **Coffee break**

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1230 – 1345 **Session two**

Comparative approach to foreign investment control in the EU

The panel will discuss the general and sectorial regulations on foreign investment control in Spain, France and other major EU jurisdictions. The panel will also examine the proposed 2017 EU regulation to establish a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the EU.

Moderators

Nicolas Bombrun *Shearman and Sterling, Paris*

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Speakers

Alejandro Fernández de Araoz *Araoz & Rueda, Madrid*

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1400 – 1500 **Buffet lunch**

1500 – 1630 **Session three**

Acquisition of the hospitality real estate assets portfolio of Merlin Properties Socimi by Foncière des Régions

The panel will discuss the recent acquisition by Foncière des Régions, a French listed real estate company, of the hotel portfolio of Merlin Properties, a Spanish listed real estate company, for an amount of €535 million. The main features of the transaction, both from the M&A and finance perspectives, will be reviewed in the context of a booming real estate market in Spain, France and Europe in general.

Moderator

Diego Armero *Uría Menéndez, Madrid*

Speakers

Héctor Bros *Cuatrecasas, Barcelona*

Lorenzo Clemente *Garrigues, Madrid*

Elisa Tobolem *Project Manager, Foncière des Régions*

1630 – 1645 **Closing remarks**

Jacques Buhart *McDermott Will & Emery, Paris; IBA Honorary Life Member of Council and Association*

1645 – 1730 **Cocktail reception**

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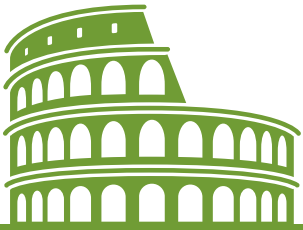
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