

MR. ISIDRO FAINÉ CASAS
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Telefónica, S.A.

Isidro Fainé born in Manresa in 1942.

He holds a Doctorate in Economics from the Universidad de Barcelona, an International Senior Managers Program certificate in Business Administration from Harvard University, and a Diploma in Senior Management from the IESE Business School. He is a member of the European Royal Academy of Economics and Finance and of the Royal Academy of Doctorate Holders.

Mr. Fainé began his professional banking career as Investment Manager for Banco Atlántico in 1964, later becoming General Manager of Banco de Asunción in Paraguay in 1969. On his return to Barcelona, he held various management positions in financial entities: Head of Personnel at Banca Riva y García (1973), Director and General Manager of Banca Jover (1974) and General Manager of Banco Unión (1978). In 1982, he joined “la Caixa” as Deputy Executive General Manager, subsequently taking on various positions of responsibility. In April 1991, he was appointed Deputy Executive Managing Director and in 1999 rose to General Manager of the bank, before becoming Chairman from June 2007 to June 2014. He was the Chairman of CaixaBank, S.A. since 2011 until his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors in 2016. Likewise, he was Chairman of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. from September 2016 until February 2018, when he was appointed Honorary Chairman. He was Director of Suez, S.A. since October 2014 until October 2020.

He is Chairman and Member of the Executive Commission of the Board of trustees of the Caixa d’Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona, la “Caixa”, Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Commission of Criteria Caixa, S.A.U., Chairman of Caixa Capital Risc SGEIC, S.A., Deputy-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Inmo Criteria Caixa, S.A.U., Deputy-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Telefónica, S.A. and a Special Advisory of the Board of The Bank of East Asia Limited.

He is currently the Chairman of the Spanish Confederation of Savings Banks (CECA), of the World Savings Bank Institute (WSBI) and Vice-Chairman of the European Savings Banks Group (ESBG).

He is also Chairman of the Spanish Confederation of Executives (CEDE) and the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome. He is Deputy-Chairman of the Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences and Founder of the Círculo Financiero.

He is also member of the Boards of Trustees of the Prado National Museum and the Carlos Slim Foundation and was recognized with the Forbes 2018 Award for Philanthropy.