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The Banco de España expresses its sorrow at the death of Emilio Botín

The Banco de España wishes to express its deep sorrow at the death of Emilio Botín, Chairman of Banco Santander.

During his chairmanship, which began in 1986, Banco Santander pursued a policy of growth and diversification, both in Spain and abroad, which has resulted in the bank becoming, by volume of assets, the leading Spanish bank and one of the major world banks, with a very significant presence in the United Kingdom, Brazil, Mexico, the United States, Portugal and Chile, among other countries.

The Banco de España wishes to convey to his family and to the bank's board of directors its most sincere condolences for this loss, and its recognition of his extraordinary achievements at the helm of Banco Santander over these decades. With the death of Emilio Botín, an outstanding figure in the international financial system, ever able to align the interests of his bank with service and respect for the interests of Spain, has been lost.

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