

JOÃO EDUARDO MOURA DA SILVA FREIXA was born in Évora, Portugal, in 1956. He is married and has two daughters (aged 20 and 7).

In 1978 he graduated in business management from the ISE School of Economics (Instituto Superior de Economia) and in 1981 concluded the first MBA programme organised by Universidade Nova de Lisboa (in collaboration with the Wharton School of Business).

While still a student, he was Trainee Assistant at the ISE, and after graduating, Assistant and Invited Assistant – maintaining this latter position until 1986. From 1978 to 1979 he was an Auditor at Price Waterhouse and from 1979 to 1985 Financial Manager in a Portuguese industrial Group.

In 1985 he joined Barclays Bank, at first as Assistant Operations Manager, subsequently rising to the position of Credit Manager, Manager of Financial Markets and Financial and Large Corporates Manager; in 1993 was appointed Deputy General Manager, coordinating all business areas in Portugal. In 1996/97 worked in London, initially as Iberia Manager - Capital Markets with Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW) and later as an executive member of the European Retail Banking Group and Treasury Director, with responsibility for treasury and trading operations in continental Europe (namely France, Germany, Greece, Spain and Portugal).

In 1997 he returns to Portugal as General Manager and CEO Portugal of Barclays Group. In this capacity, he coordinated all the Group's activities in Portugal, namely in retail banking, private banking, large corporates, asset management, brokerage and life insurance. Among other positions, he was Manager and legal representative for Portugal of Barclays Vida Y Pensiones and Executive Director of its parent company in Spain, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of several companies of the Barclays Group in Portugal, in particular of mutual and real estate fund managers.

From 2000 to 2002 he was a member of the Board of the Portuguese Banking Association.

After 17 years with Barclays, he left the Group at the end of 2002 and at the beginning of 2003 was appointed Chairman and CEO of Euronext Lisbon, member of the Executive Board of the Stock Exchanges of Paris, Amsterdam and Brussels and also of the Euronext NV holding company. In these positions, he conducted the operational and regulatory integration of Lisbon's cash and derivatives markets with the Euronext platforms and restructured the two national companies (Euronext Lisbon and Interbolsa). At the time he left Euronext he accumulated these functions with the position of international head of Euronext's Information Services SBU, one of the Group's three SBUs.

In October 2004 he was invited to join the Board of Caixa Geral de Depósitos as Vice-Chairman, a position which he held until August 2005; in this capacity he was in charge of the global coordination of CGD's domestic commercial activities, being directly responsible for the areas of marketing, electronic channels and large corporates. At the same time he was also Vice-Chairman of Banco de Investimento (Caixa BI) and non-executive Director of EDP - Energias de Portugal.

In October 2005 he joined BANCO ESPÍRITO SANTO as Advisor to the Board of Directors, a position which he held until August 2006.

João Eduardo Moura da Silva Freixa is since September 2006 member of the Board of Banco Espírito Santo.

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