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Javier Ormazabal is President of Orgalim, Europe's Technology Industries and President and CEO of Velatia. He studied Economics and Business Sciences at the University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU) from 1982 to 1987 and later completed his studies at the London Business School and the IESE Business School.

He has developed his professional career in the Velatia family-owned business. After 3 years of experience in different departments, he took the reins of the company while leading its international expansion. Subsequently, while retaining his role as the company's CEO, he personally oversaw market management until his promotion to the position of president in 2012. He is a founding member of Aefame (Basque Association of Family Businesses), where he held the position of president for 4 years (2015-2019); and a member of the Board of Directors of the Basque Business Circle, of which he was its president from 2018 to 2021.

He combines the activity of the above positions with his participation in the governing bodies of companies, associations and institutions of recognised prestige. On the other hand, in the past, he held the presidency of Tecnia Research and Innovation for six years, participated as a member of the Advisory Council for Science, Technology and Innovation of the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Energy Cluster.

Different institutions and organisations have recognised Javier Ormazabal for his work, professional career and achievements, among others:

In 2010, the Basque Government awarded Javier Ormazabal the "LAN ONARI" distinction. A title that recognises people who have distinguished themselves in an extraordinary way for their dedication, perseverance and spirit of initiative in the performance of their professional activity. The European Business School ESEUNE awarded him the title of "Master Honoris Causa (MBA)" in 2011, for his contribution to the economic and business structure.

In 2016, the University of the Basque Country named Javier Ormazabal "Honorary Professor".

Orgalim represents Europe's technology industries, comprised of 770,000 innovative companies spanning the mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electronics, ICT and metal technology branches. Together they represent the EU's largest manufacturing sector, generating annual turnover of over €2,906 billion, manufacturing one-third of all European exports and providing 11.19 million direct jobs.

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