

Prodigal son returns to Sotogrande legal society



Carlos Pérez returned to Algeciras after 20 years working in London and Madrid.

BOOMING maritime business in the Strait of Gibraltar has prompted one Algeciras-born lawyer to head home after 20 years working in London and Madrid.

Carlos Pérez, formerly a partner at both Stephen Harwood and DLA Piper, has set up offices for his new firm, Pérez Albors, in Sotogrande, an exclusive millionaires' playground just a short drive from Algeciras.

With new port infrastructure under construction on either side of the Strait of Gibraltar, Mr Pérez believes rising vessel and cargo traffic will lead to a parallel increase in demand for related legal services.

In that respect, he said Pérez Albors — which also has offices in Madrid and Oviedo — would be well placed to tap opportunities across southern Spain, where there are few resident maritime

specialists with solid, international track records.

Mr Pérez is enthusiastic about future prospects, both for his new project and for the region as a whole.

“The Isla Verde Exterior development [in Algeciras] will be an unbeatable platform for further port growth,” he said.

“Likewise, the co-operation among the port authorities of Algeciras, Gibraltar and Tangier will be essential, not only for the future of the port, but also to consolidate the Strait of Gibraltar as one of the most important maritime areas worldwide.

“Moreover, the long awaited Gibraltar airport agreement will also boost the economy in the area and will have a positive impact in the port-related activities, let alone the improvement of communications with the rest of Spain.”