



BERNARDO VARGAS GIBSONE

CEO

In July 2015 Mr. Vargas became the **CEO of ISA**, a leading multi-latin company focusing on three different businesses: **Electric Power Transmission, Road Concessions and Information and Communications Technology**. Founded in 1967, ISA operates through 43 affiliated companies in 7 countries in Latin America.

Until 2015, was a founding partner of **Nogal Asesorias Financieras**, an investment banking advisory boutique in Colombia specializing in local and cross-border **M&A**. Previously was managing director at **ING Barings** where he headed the corporate and investment banking operations in Colombia. Mr. Vargas joined **Baring Securities** in 1994 as **Head of Colombia** and was subsequently appointed as **President and CEO** for the merged operations of **Barings and ING Colombia** on January 1997.

Before Barings, Mr. Vargas was founding **CEO of Proexport Colombia** today Procolombia; also acted as **Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Trade**. He started his professional career at the **Colombian Central Bank (Banco de la República)** where through his nine-year tenure in different positions was in charge, among other responsibilities, of the management of Colombia's foreign reserves portfolio.

He acts as **Chairman in the boards of ISA affiliates** in Colombia, Chile, Brazil and Peru; **Board member and Chairman at ANDESCO***. Also board member of various nonprofits: Proantioquia; International Advisory Council (IAC) at Fundação Dom Cabral; Fundación Santafe de Bogota; the Medellin Philharmonic Orchestra; and Best Buddies Colombia. He is also an Endeavor mentor for young entrepreneurs. More than 20 years **YPO member and member of the G50** since 2016.

Named one of **20 Young Executives of the Year 1993** by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Portafolio (Colombia) **CEO of the Year 2017**.

Mr. Vargas obtained an **MBA from Columbia University** and an **Economics BA and MS candidate from Universidad de Los Andes**, in Bogotá, Colombia.

*ANDESCO - the Colombian association which groups energy, water, telecoms and sanitation companies (www.andesco.org.co)