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Nine Spanish companies are among the 200 top companies worldwide in terms of reputation, according to US firm **Reputation Institute**. The ranking is based on the results of interviews with 30,000 people worldwide and includes 600 companies in total. Italian group Barilla heads the list, while the top three Spanish companies are supermarket chain Mercadona (29), dairy group Grupo Leche Pascual (37) and food group Ebro Puleva (46). These are followed by hotel group Sol Melia, department store group El Corte Ingles, textiles and clothing group Inditex, railway operator Renfe and insurers Corporacion Mapfre and Prosegur Compania de Seguridad.

Sources at Mercadona have stated that the recognition will allow the group to continue strengthening values such as transparency and dialogue in order to continue making progress. Ebro Puleva also expressed its satisfaction at the results, which are based on factors such as innovation, transparency and leadership.

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