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# The Architect: From Myth to Challenge

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The Architect. From Myth to Challenge explores the evolution of Xabi Alonso, a coach who arrived on the Real Madrid bench with the ambition of building a new era. During his first months in charge, his leadership and tactical vision were tested by the immense demands of a club where every decision is examined under a microscope.

The documentary contrasts Alonso's illustrious playing career, where he became a benchmark in Spain and across Europe with his early managerial achievements at Real Sociedad B and Bayer Leverkusen. It reveals how these experiences shaped a coach who faced one of the most demanding challenges of his career: attempting to establish his own project at the world's most exacting club, amid relentless media pressure and the expectations of football's elite.

Through exclusive testimonies and expert insight, the film offers a profound and human portrait of a coach who, far from giving up, sought to reaffirm his identity and prove that even a legend can reinvent himself in the face of adversity—even when the journey ultimately led to a premature departure from the club.



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