

## JAVIER BEIRÁN, 2019 ENDESA AWARD

- *Iberostar Tenerife player Javier Beirán combines excellent athleticism with exemplary behaviour off the court, high individual performance, generous team effort and a spirit to succeed that have led to him be awarded the 2018-19 Endesa Award, with full honours.*

**Madrid, 21 May 2019** – Iberostar Tenerife basketball player **Javier Beirán** has been recognised as the winner of the 2019 Endesa Award. The player has received the award from **José Bogas**, Endesa's Chief Executive Officer, accompanied by **Antonio Martín**, President of ACB, and **Félix Hernández**, President of Iberostar Tenerife. The presentation took place at Endesa's headquarters in Madrid.

**Javier Beirán** takes the baton from **Luka Doncic** in the Endesa Award record books. This trophy is intended to highlight and recognise the player in the Liga Endesa who best knows how to take advantage of energy to get the most benefit from it, combining the values of attitude, leadership, efficacy, generosity and commitment.

All of those characteristics are well reflected in **Beirán** who, at almost 32 years of age, is in one of the sweetest playing moments of his professional career. As the leader of Iberostar Tenerife this season, **Javier** was the Player of the Week in weeks 9 and 17, as well as the Movistar MVP for the month of November.

In addition, he is the highest scoring Spanish player in the Liga Endesa (15.7), and is 4<sup>th</sup> overall in scoring. His attitude and hustle are shown in statistics by being the wing player with the most rebounds (5.2 per game average) and the player with the 4<sup>th</sup> most minutes played in competition (27:30).

His case earns even more clout when taking into account the serious injury he suffered in the 2016-17 season. In December, in a game against UCAM Murcia, he suffered a partial tear of his ACL, and fought over 291 days to recover until he returned to start the 2017-18 campaign at full steam. **"The work paid off; now I'm stronger physically and mentally"**, ensured the player who has regained his best basketball and was even part of the Final Selection chosen by **Scariolo**. He was also a key player in qualifying for the 2019 World Cup in China.

The combination of his athletic level and behaviour off the court, his high individual and collective performance, and of course, his spirit to succeed, have made **Beirán** the winner of the 2019 Endesa Award, with full honours.



### Statements from the player

“It is a tremendous joy to receive an award like this for the entire season. Not just for the numbers, which are important, but also for the other part to take into account: the values. I always try to transmit them in my life, both in my personal and athletic life. So receiving an award for both things is doubly satisfying. I’m very happy for that.

“I think that personally, it has been one of the best seasons. I’ve been able to enjoy two long competitions until the final: fighting for the Playoff of the Liga Endesa until the last day, playing in the semifinals of the King’s Cup, a European Final, qualifications for the World Cup in China with the Selection, etc. The team has helped me to earn this award, and I’ve tried to help them achieve our objectives. Hopefully, we finish the season in the best way possible”.

### All winners of the Endesa Award

Season	Player	Club
2012	Sergi Vidal	Gipuzkoa Basket
2013	Nacho Martín	CB Valladolid
2014	Sergio Rodríguez	Real Madrid
2015	Felipe Reyes	Real Madrid
2016	Álex Mumbrú	Bilbao Basket
2017	Juan Carlos Navarro	FC Barcelona
2017	Felipe Reyes	Real Madrid
2017	Álex Mumbrú	Bilbao Basket
2018	Luka Doncic	Real Madrid
2019	Javier Beirán	Iberostar Tenerife