

## The Chairman of Iberdrola, Ignacio Galán, joins in the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Torre Iberdrola Bilbao

- Since its inauguration a decade ago, it has become one of the most emblematic buildings in the Basque Country and the consolidated headquarters of fifty prestigious companies. Among them, it is the headquarters of the energy company Iberdrola.
- The Chairman of Iberdrola, Ignacio Galán, joined in the celebration, stressing that "this building houses our global decision-making centre and has become a symbol of Iberdrola's attachment to this land. Thousands of Basque companies that have been with us for many decades can testify to this".

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On 21 February 2012, Torre Iberdrola Bilbao was officially inaugurated. Designed by César Pelli, a decade later, Torre Iberdrola is one of the most emblematic buildings in the Basque Country and a consolidated headquarters for fifty renowned companies. Among them, it is the headquarters of the energy company Iberdrola.

The Chairman of Iberdrola, Ignacio Galán, has joined in this anniversary and has highlighted that "This modern, state-of-the-art building, which houses our global decision-making centre, has also become a symbol of Iberdrola's anchorage to this land and an emblem of this city".

"The strength of the Basque Country in the world is projected, to a certain extent, from this headquarters and its greatness is an expression of Iberdrola's global leadership, but, above all, of our great commitment to the creation of progress, wealth and well-being in the environment. Thousands of Basque companies that have been with us for many decades can testify to this", added Galán.

For his part, the chairman of Kutxabank, Gregorio Villalabeitia, underlined "the major investment effort involved in the construction of the Tower, which has become the city's business hub, a kind of 'hub' that houses the leading firms operating in Bilbao, especially those in the financial sphere. As a result, the building has strengthened Bilbao's position as a financial centre within the economic ecosystem, which is of great importance".

### A decade of success

Torre Iberdrola Bilbao, 68.2% owned by Iberdrola and 31.8% by Kutxabank, was officially opened on 21 February 2012. However, Iberdrola installed the group's headquarters on the eight upper floors of the building, and companies from the Kutxabank group moved into 3 floors, along with the first tenants, in September 2011.

Just one year after its inauguration in 2013, the building received the prestigious LEED CS Platinum certification, which recognises the most environmentally friendly, healthiest, environmentally responsible and cost-effective structures.

It thus becomes the first building nationwide to obtain this prestigious certification.

A building with this certification has implemented differential efficiency and wellbeing measures in fundamental aspects such as air renewal, air conditioning, lighting, accesses... which, in recent years, have become a strategic priority for companies, and determining aspects in the choice of workspaces.

With a focus on reducing environmental impact, sustainability, certified at Torre Iberdrola, leads to improved productivity, protection and health of users. In addition to environmentally friendly transport services, such as parking spaces for bicycles and electric vehicles with recharging points that are complemented by a fast connection to the public transport network.

### Torre Iberdrola in figures

Designed by the Argentinian architect César Pelli, it took five years to build. The structure was erected in 51 weeks, using 8,500 tonnes of steel and 60,000 tonnes of concrete.

With a height of 165 metres distributed over 41 floors, it is the tallest building in the Basque Country and the 9th tallest building in Spain. A prism whose vertices symbolically meet at a height of 1,000 metres. Its 50,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office space make it the largest office building in the Basque Country.

Its spectacular façade of 20,000 m<sup>2</sup>, equivalent to 2 football pitches, is made up of some 5,000 glass panels. It takes 8 months to clean the entire façade.

The building is served by 22 lifts and 4 freight lifts that move at a speed of 6 metres per second. In its 10 years of history, more than 3 million trips have been made. Around 2,000 people work in Torre Iberdrola and until March 2019 (start of the pandemic) it has received up to 3,451 visits per month.

Torre Iberdrola also stands out for being a building with a saving of up to 20% in energy consumption and 100% outdoor air renewal.

### An economic activation centre

The spectacular nature of Torre Iberdrola goes beyond its stylised presence in the Bilbao skyline, or its impressive hall, the largest in a national business centre. Innovation, technology, services and security make Torre Iberdrola the office equivalent of a five-star hotel. Card reader access, buttonless lifts, digital solutions for booking meeting rooms and parking spaces, face-to-face and virtual events, a wide variety of corporate services and services designed for work-life balance... Advantages enjoyed by 49 companies, 2,000 employees a day and up to 2,500 visitors a month.

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