

In recognition of his sporting career

## Sandra Sánchez receives the Iberdrola Golden Handprint diploma from Ignacio Galán

- The best karateka in history in the kata modality has stamped her handprints in plaster and they will be exhibited in the company's offices.
- The karateka, promoted by the company since 2017, bids farewell to competition having won a World Games gold medal, Olympic gold, two World Cups and seven European Cups.

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This morning, the karateka Sandra Sánchez was received at Iberdrola's facilities by the company's chairman, Ignacio Galán, who presented her with the *Iberdrola Golden Handprint* diploma in recognition of her sporting career.

The athlete, who after winning gold at the World Games in Birmingham (USA) announced her retirement from competition, has stamped her handprints on a plaster cast, a souvenir that will be exhibited at the electricity company's offices in Madrid.

Iberdrola thus wished to recognise the brilliant career of the best *kata* karateka of all time, while at the same time thanking her for her involvement in equal opportunities as an ambassador for the company, a drive that Galán highlighted for having contributed to creating female role models and serving as a model of perseverance, discipline and hard work, values that Iberdrola also carries with it.

For her part, the Talaverana also thanked the company for its support and promotion of women's sport, highlighting the excellence of many women who, like her, have had to overcome obstacles to achieve their dreams.

Promoted by Iberdrola since 2017 and ambassador for equality in sport, Sandra, with 60 consecutive medals, hangs up the karategi after winning the only medal she was missing, gold at the World Games.

The karateka has won more than 80 medals, including gold at the World Games, gold at the Olympic Games, two World Championships and seven European Championships, and is in the Guinness Book of Records for the number of medals she has won on the world circuit. It was with his last medal, gold at the World Games, that she completed her medal haul and brought her career to an end after 40 years of dedication.

Since 2016, Iberdrola has been a pioneer in promoting women's equality through sport in Spain, benefiting more than 600,000 women athletes through its support to 32 national sports federations, that is, 2 out of every 3 federated women.

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Since then, Iberdrola's initiatives have led to a 42% increase in the number of women's licences in the Federations supported and it has more than 100 competitions with their own name, including 32 leagues.

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