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Pau Gasol is an advisor, an investor and an activist in projects related to sports and well-being. He played professional basketball for 20 years in the NBA, on the Spanish National Team and in Spain's ACB league. He is president of the Gasol Foundation, a member of the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission, and a UNICEF Global Champion for Nutrition and Zero Childhood Obesity.

## Sporting career

### ACB

Pau Gasol began his professional basketball career at FC Barcelona. In those early years, the team won the ACB league championship twice (1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons) and Spain's Copa del Rey de Baloncesto once (2000-2001). When he returned to the club 20 years later (in 2021), at the request of Sarunas Jasikevicius, the team finished second in the EuroLeague. Later that year, he announced his retirement from professional basketball.



### NBA

In 2001, Pau was selected in the third round of the NBA draft by the Atlanta Hawks, who then transferred those rights to the Memphis Grizzlies. Pau became only the second Spanish player to reach the NBA and the first non-US player to earn the 'Rookie of the Year' award.

In 2006, Pau was the first Spanish player to take part in an NBA All-Star Game, in Houston, marking the first of his six appearances in this unique event. After moving to the L.A. Lakers in 2008, Pau won two NBA championships, one in 2009 and one in 2010.

### SPANISH NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM

As a member of the Spanish national basketball team, Pau has earned numerous distinctions, including three Olympic medals: in Beijing in 2008, London in 2012 and Rio de Janeiro in 2016. He also helped Spain win gold in the 2006 FIBA World Championship, where he was named MVP. And, he helped Spain win three European Championships (2009, 2011 and 2015), earning the MVP award in two of them. During the 2017 Eurobasket, Pau became the highest scorer of all time in a single year. In the summer of 2021 Pau competed in the Tokyo Olympic Games, his fifth Games. During them, he was elected by the Olympic Athletes to represent them as a member of the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission.



# Track record

## NBA



2008-2009



2009-2010



2006



2009



2010



2011



2015



2016

## Spanish National Team

### World Championships



JAPAN 2006 WORLD CUP

### Olympic Games



BEIJING 2008



LONDON 2012



RIO DE JANEIRO 2016

### European Championships



POLAND 2009



LITHUANIA 2011



FRANCE 2015



SWEDEN 2003



SPAIN 2007



TURKEY 2001



TURKEY 2017

## ACB



BARÇA 2001



BARÇA 2021



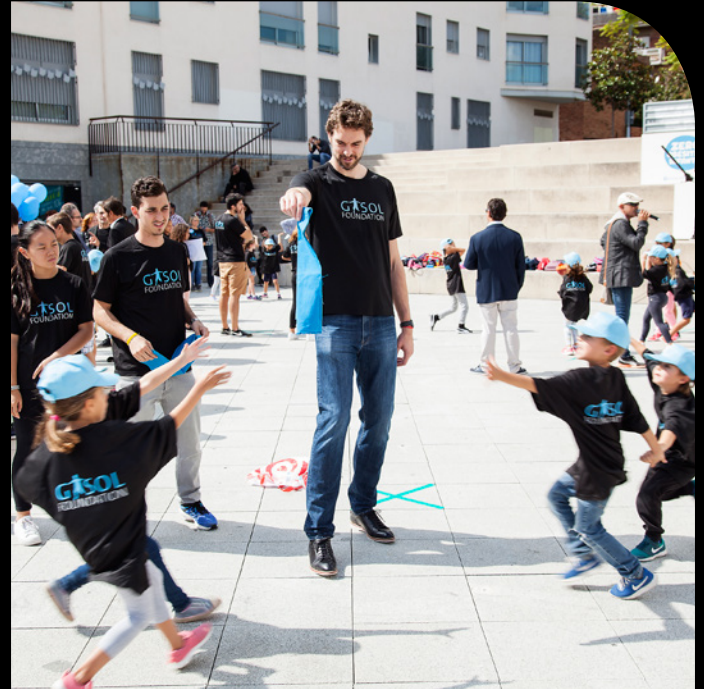
# Off-courts

## Social impact

**Pau Gasol** and his brother Marc **founded the Gasol Foundation in 2013**. The Foundation's mission is to reduce childhood obesity by promoting healthy habits such as **physical activity and sports, healthy eating, sleep and emotional well-being**. The Foundation develops its work through research, development and implementation of health promotion programmes and public awareness.

He is also a **UNICEF Global Champion for Nutrition and Zero Childhood Obesity** and a **UNICEF Spain Ambassador**.

Since 2004, he has led the Pau Gasol Academy by Santander, a basketball campus that, beyond sports training, offers young people a space for learning values and healthy habits. It also has a section for people with intellectual disabilities and a specific programme to help promising young players with the potential to become professional players.



## Sporting institutions

Since 2021, Pau Gasol has been a member of the **IOC Athletes' Commission**, its Ethics Commission, and the Coordination Commission for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

He is vice president of **Basquet Girona**, chaired by his brother Marc.

In 2022 he was an ambassador of the **FIBA Women's World Cup** in Australia, an agreement that will continue in the future with other collaborations.

He is also a member of the **Spanish Olympic Committee (COE)** and the **Spanish Sports Advisory Council (CADE)**, which is part of the Spanish Sports Association (ADESP).

## Business impact

Pau Gasol is a guardian of **Endeavor Spain**, the support network for high-impact entrepreneurs. He is also an investor, ambassador and advisor in worthwhile projects related mainly to sports and well-being but also innovative Spanish initiatives with global growth ambitions. He is currently involved in a dozen projects that improve people's and athletes' well-being.

Check the project portfolio [paugasol.com/en/business](https://paugasol.com/en/business)



## Recognition

- Prince of Asturias Sports Prize to the Spanish National Basketball Team (2006)
- Princess of Asturias Sports Prize for the lifetime achievement of the Gasol brothers (2015)
- J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award to the player who renders outstanding service to the community (2012)
- NBPA's Global Impact Player Award (2015)
- Instituto Franklin's Camino Real Award for Spaniards who enhance the positive image of Spain in the United States (2015)
- Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Sports Merit (2021)
- Creu de Sant Jordi awarded by the Government of Catalonia (2021)
- Gold Medal for Sporting Merit from the Barcelona City Council (2022)
- Kobe & Gigi Bryant WNBA Advocacy Award (2023)
- Bob Lanier Community Service Award by the NBA Legends Awards (2023)
- The Angeles Lakers retire Pau Gasol's jersey number 16 (2023)
- Elected into Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (2023)



## Publications

In 2013 Pau published his first book, *Life/Vida*, which contained previously unseen photos taken over the course of four years and declarations from some of the world's leading basketball players.

avid reader and amateur writer, in 2018 Pau launched his second book, *Bajo el Aro*, (*Under the Hoop*) in which he shares his experiences and lessons in victory and defeat from his long career.

In 2021, Amazon Prime launched the four-episode docuseries Pau Gasol: *It's About the Journey*, presenting his professional career and projects off the court.



VIDA, 2013



BAJO EL ARO, 2018



LO IMPORTANTE ES EL VIAJE, 2021

