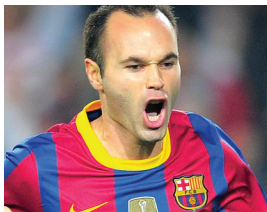


# Barcelona trio nominated for FIFA Ballon d'Or

The inaugural FIFA Ballon d'Or awards ceremony takes place in Zurich, merging the Ballon d'Or prize with FIFA's World Player of the Year – and will see Barcelona become only the second club to have all three finalists



**Andrés Iniesta** *ESP*

Age: 26 Pos: Midfield

2009 awards: 4th and 5th

*The Player:* Attacking threat, vision, speed and skill for club and country

2010: Extra time strike to score only goal in World Cup final



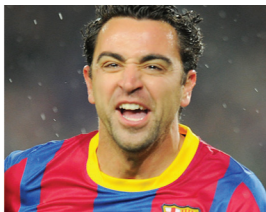
**Lionel Messi** *ARG*

Age: 23 Pos: Forward

2009: Double winner

*The Player:* Diminutive, quick, skillful, elusive; one of the best ever

2010: Hit his 150th goal for Barcelona, including five hat-tricks



**Xavi** *ESP*

Age: 30 Pos: Midfield

2009: 3rd place in both

*The Player:* Creative playmaker, able to split defences effortlessly

2010: Helped Spain to World Cup final with man of the match displays

## LAST FIVE WINNERS

*Both Ballon d'Or and FIFA World Player*

**Lionel Messi** Barcelona

**Cristiano Ronaldo** Man Utd

**Kaka** AC Milan

**Fabio Cannavaro** Real Madrid

**Ronaldinho** Barcelona

## LEGENDS OF THE GAME

*Combined wins for both awards*

**5 Ronaldo** 1996, 1997\*, 2002\*

**4 Marco van Basten** 1988-89, 92\*

**4 Zinedine Zidane** 1998\*, 00, 03

**3 Johan Cruyff** 1971, 1973-74

**3 Michel Platini** 1983-85

**3 Ronaldinho** 2004, 2005\*

## WINNERS BY CLUB

*Clubs providing winners for both awards*

**Dynamo Kiev**  
**Hamburg 2**

