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CLUB REPORT



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FIFA President's foreword

For the first time in history, the 32 best clubs from around the world will determine who is the best. These teams come from 20 countries, and their players come from 81 different countries. We will welcome the world in 11 host cities and 12 top stadiums in the United States.

In 2025, we enter a new chapter in the history of our sport as the very first 32-team FIFA Club World Cup takes place in the United States. This tournament is more than just a competition – it is a unique and historic event that marks a major milestone in our mission of **making football truly global.**

With the 32 best clubs in the world, 63 matches, 12 stadiums and 11 host cities, this month-long celebration of football will unite teams and fans from all over the world. It reflects the true spirit of global football – one in which **any club can dream of reaching the pinnacle**, and any player, no matter where they come from, can aspire to shine on the biggest stage.

Already, we see the impact: players from **81 different countries** are expected to take part in this tournament, including **players from 22 countries that have never featured at a FIFA World Cup.** This shows that the opportunity to compete, to dream, and to inspire is no longer limited to a select few. It is open to all. This is football as it should be – inclusive, representative, and truly global.

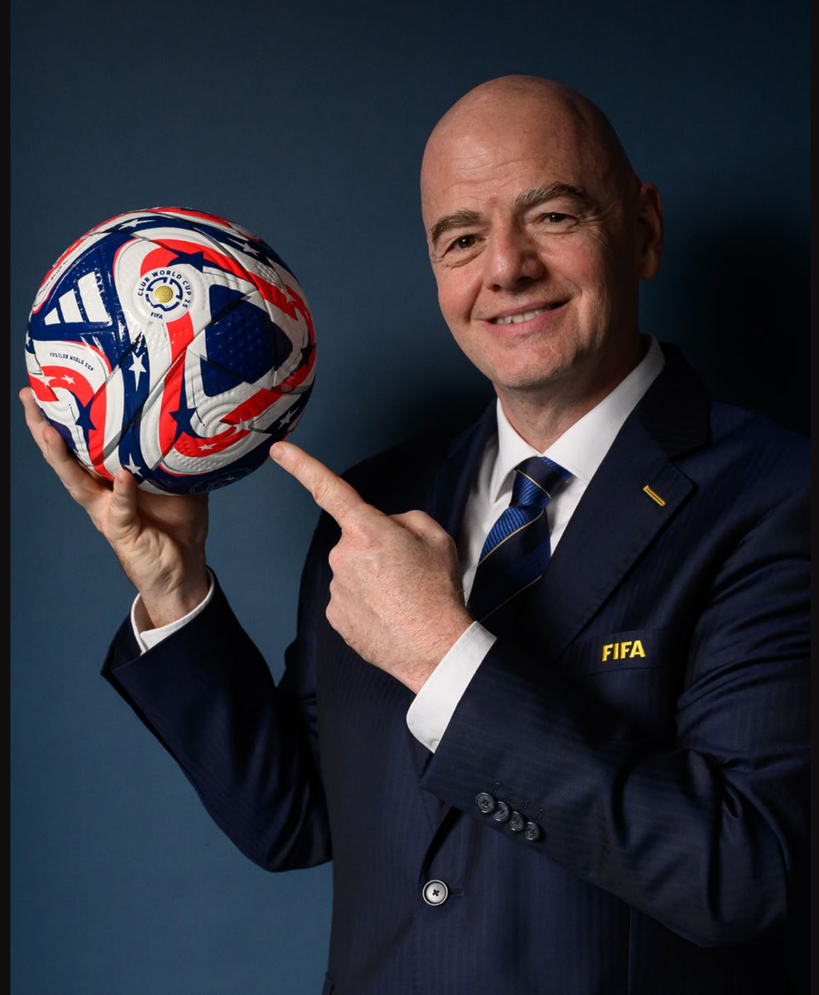
The FIFA Club World Cup 2025 will also bring unprecedented visibility and value to domestic and regional club competitions, as these serve as the gateway to the most inclusive global club tournament ever. **Every match matters**, every result carries weight, and now more than ever, clubs around the world have a reason to dream bigger.

The tournament will also benefit from a distribution pool of **USD 1 billion**, reinforcing our commitment to investing in the global game and empowering clubs across all continents. This is the only truly worldwide club competition built on the principles of **solidarity, merit and opportunity**, giving clubs and players from all backgrounds the stage they deserve.

This is what football is about – creating opportunities, inspiring dreams, and offering a global stage for talent from every corner of the world. The FIFA Club World Cup 2025 will not only make history, it will help shape the future of the game we all love.



Yours in football,
Gianni Infantino



"The 32 best clubs in the world will play to determine, for the first time in history, which will be the best in the world. You cannot be the best if you don't play against clubs from everywhere - the best clubs from everywhere."

Secretary General's foreword

As we approach the FIFA Club World Cup 2025, we are preparing for a truly global celebration of football. This tournament will bring together the best clubs from every corner of the world, giving players the chance to showcase their talent on the ultimate stage, regardless of their background or nation.

FIFA's commitment to inclusivity and opportunity is at the heart of this competition. The Club World Cup shows how football connects the world, where any club from anywhere can dream of competing for the title. This is a tournament built on merit, where passion and skill transcend borders.

In 2025, we will witness football at its finest, uniting players and fans from all over the world. It is a milestone in FIFA's journey to bring football closer to everyone, everywhere, creating unforgettable moments for generations to come.



Mattias Grafström
FIFA Secretary General

"It's a really important step for the club ecosystem because this competition didn't exist before. With 32 teams - who have qualified through their continental competitions - there is now a sporting pathway for this tournament. All of these clubs have really earned the right to be there, and to compete for the first-ever title of FIFA Club World Cup champion."



Introduction

The **FIFA Club World Cup 2025** marks a historic milestone in the evolution of club football. For the first time, 32 sides from across the globe will come together to compete for the title of club world champions under a format that mirrors that of the prestigious FIFA World Cup. The tournament is set to become a key event in the global football calendar, offering clubs a unique opportunity to showcase their talent and ambition on the global stage. The competition is aligned with FIFA's vision of creating a global football ecosystem in which more clubs, players and fans are able to grace the highest level of the game and dream big.

The **FIFA Club World Cup 2025 Club Report** provides a comprehensive overview of the complexities involved in organising a tournament of such magnitude. It contains the match schedule and information on the stadiums, travel logistics and the arrangements made to facilitate the training sessions to be held by the participating teams. The report emphasises the significance of organising such a prestigious event, not only in terms of the rewards for the winners, but also the invaluable experience and exposure that each participant gains. Furthermore, the study highlights the journey of the 32 clubs, showcasing their historical achievements, the challenges that they face and the exploits that have led them to compete on the global stage.

Delving into the core elements of each club's structure, the report explores how various governance models contribute to sporting and institutional success. Each club is examined through the lens of its unique journey, including its history, identity and legal structure, with the latter including a range of formats from non-profit associations to private entities. Additionally, the report underscores the significance of fan engagement, acknowledging the crucial role that supporters play in the clubs' success and their key involvement in the FIFA Club World Cup experience.

In examining the on-field aspects of each club, the report provides insights into their first-team squads, including information on the number of domestic born-players, academy products and national-team players. The report spotlights not only the clubs' domestic achievements, but also their success on the continental/global stages, reflecting the strategic effectiveness of their management. The study also looks in detail at the clubs' relationships with their fan bases, the stadium attendances and the atmosphere that surrounds their matches, illustrating the deep connections between the clubs and their supporters.

Lastly, the financial analysis of each club sheds light on their annual revenue, transfer income and expenses, and provides a breakdown of their financial sources. The report notes the importance of matchday revenue for some clubs, while noting that for others, television rights or commercial income play a crucial role in their financial sustainability. By examining a range of revenue models, the report shows how the clubs have developed a sustainable financial ecosystem that supports both its on-field ambitions and long-term success as an institution.

Despite the differences in legal models, fan bases and revenue streams, all 32 teams have reached the top table of club football and are competing to be crowned the inaugural winners of the FIFA Club World Cup.

The report not only celebrates the exceptional calibre of the clubs involved, but also offers a unique insight into the structural backbone that sustains professional club football at the highest level.

We extend our sincere thanks to all participating clubs for their commitment and collaboration in creating this report. Their contribution has been vital in laying the groundwork for a shared knowledge base that provides a lasting reference for the future of the club game.

By offering the first global snapshot of governance and organisational models in club football, the **FIFA Club World Cup 2025 Club Report** ushers in a new era of transparency, benchmarking and strategic dialogue with a view to ensuring that the world's top clubs continue to evolve in a sustainable, an inclusive and a professionally driven manner.

Kevin Lamour,
Chief Operating Officer

"By bringing together clubs from all six confederations, the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 reflects FIFA's truly global mission: offering every club the chance to dream big and compete on the world's biggest stage."

Ornella Desirée Bellia,
Director of Professional Football Relations & Development

Glossary

AFC: Asian Football Confederation

CAF: Confédération Africaine de Football

Concacaf: Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football

Confederation: A continental football governing body. Each of the six continental bodies in football is formed of a group of associations recognised by FIFA that belong to the same continent or assimilable geographic region.

Confederation Super Cup: A competition organised by a confederation between the winners of its two main cup competitions.

CONMEBOL: Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol

Domestic cup: A cup competition contested by teams in a given country/territory.

Domestic league: The highest level of the league system in a country/territory.

FIFA Club Benefits Programme (CBP): A programme that rewards clubs that release their players to represent national teams at the FIFA World Cup and FIFA Women's World Cup.

Inter-confederation cup: A cup competition played by clubs from at least two different confederations competing against each other.

Member association: A national football association affiliated to FIFA. The FIFA Congress recognises 211 national football associations as members, which are responsible for organising and supervising football in all its forms in their respective territories.

OFC: Oceania Football Confederation

Super Cup: A competition contested by the winners of the two main competitions in a country/territory.

UEFA: Union des Associations Européennes de Football



Methodology

The information presented in this report was collected during an extensive research process carried out over several months. This work involved the gathering and cross-checking of information from various sources. The primary focus of the research was on the 32 clubs involved in the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™, culminating in an in-depth examination of their history, governance structures, values, mission and overall essence. To ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information, it was compared with insights from club representatives and football specialists.

In terms of the club profiles, detailed information was collected regarding the organisational structure of the clubs, with a particular emphasis on their ownership and management systems. The clubs' mission statements, values and institutional essence were also examined to better understand their long-term strategies and guiding principles.

The research delved into each club's **first team**, specifically analysing the number of academy products and whether they represent their national team. The significance of the **academy set-ups** was underscored, with a particular focus on the youth teams runby the academies and the role that they play in nurturing future professional players.

In addition, the investigation covered the clubs' **historical achievements**, cataloguing the titles secured on the domestic, continental and global stages throughout their history. The clubs' **stadiums** were also analysed, including their capacity and average matchday attendance as a means to gauge fan engagement and the overall popularity of the clubs.

The financial aspects of each club were also a key focus area, with data gathered regarding their **annual revenue**, including a detailed breakdown of their revenue streams. Furthermore, the research explored the clubs' **transfer activities**, based on data from the two last transfer windows collected by the CIES Observatory (weekly post n° 490 - 04/02/2025) and public sources.

The majority of the information in the club profiles was obtained directly from official club sources and was carefully validated by cross-referencing it with secondary sources, including expert commentary and specialised media outlets. In those cases in which a club did not provide information, it is indicated as being unavailable. Please note that data was collected up until 6 June 2025.

Map of participating clubs

Al Ahly FC Egypt	**Chelsea FC** England	**Mamelodi Sundowns FC** South Africa
Al Ain FC United Arab Emirates	**CR Flamengo** Brazil	**Manchester City** England
Al Hilal Saudi Arabia	**Espérance** Tunisia	**Paris Saint-Germain** France
Atlético de Madrid Spain	**FC Bayern München** Germany	**Real Madrid C. F.** Spain
Auckland City FC New Zealand	**FC Internazionale Milano** Italy	**SE Palmeiras** Brazil
Borussia Dortmund Germany	**FC Porto** Portugal	**Seattle Sounders FC** United States
Botafogo Brazil	**FC Salzburg** Austria	**SL Benfica** Portugal
CA Boca Juniors Argentina	**Fluminense FC** Brazil	**Ulsan HD** Korea Republic
CA River Plate Argentina	**Inter Miami CF** United States	**Urawa Red Diamonds** Japan
CF Monterrey Mexico	**Juventus FC** Italy	**Wydad AC** Morocco
CF Pachuca Mexico	**Los Angeles Football Club** United States	



Global snapshot

Club profiles

The FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ features teams from all six confederations and from across Europe, the Middle East, East Asia, North America, South America, North Africa, Southern Africa and Oceania. The tournament brings together historic and emerging football powers to compete on the global stage.

Of the eight countries that have lifted the FIFA World Cup™, seven are represented by at least one club at the competition. Brazil, the most decorated nation in the history of FIFA's flagship tournament, supplies the most participating clubs (four). Since 2019, the Brazilian quartet have each lifted the CONMEBOL *Libertadores* at least once, underlining the dominance of Brazilian football on the South American stage. This supremacy is also evident in the financial sphere. By way of example, in 2023, CR Flamengo were the highest-earning non-European club, outperforming even the leading Major League Soccer teams.

Certain cities are very well represented in the tournament line-up, with Rio de Janeiro providing three clubs (Flamengo, Fluminense FC and Botafogo), while Buenos Aires (CA River Plate and CA Boca Juniors) and Madrid (Real Madrid C. F. and Atlético de Madrid) have two representatives apiece.

The competition showcases the long and rich history of the global game. Several participating clubs, such as Flamengo, CF Pachuca, Manchester City, FC Porto and Juventus FC, were founded in the 19th century. Other teams, such as Auckland City FC (founded in 2004), Los Angeles Football Club (formed in 2014) and Inter Miami CF (established in 2018), are emblematic of the rapid growth of modern football. Nineteen of the clubs that will compete on US soil were founded between the late 1800s and early 1900s, reflecting the heritage of the sport.

In terms of ownership structures, 18 of the participating clubs operate as private companies and 14 as member-owned associations. It is noteworthy that Auckland City are the only amateur outfit in the tournament.

Several of the teams vying for global glory are led by presidents who formerly competed in the professional ranks of the game: Boca Juniors icon Juan Román Riquelme (a three-time *Libertadores* winner and a member of the Argentinian squad at the 2006 FIFA World Cup™), SL Benfica legend Rui Costa (a member of the Portuguese squad at the 2002 FIFA World Cup™) and Al Ahly FC chief Mahmoud El Khatib, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest African players of his era.

Social media following

The participating clubs boast a collective total of over 1.7 billion followers across the major social media platforms (accounts in the official language of the country in which the club is based and in English), underscoring their global influence and impressive fan engagement. At one end of the spectrum, Real Madrid lead the way with over 455 million social media followers, while Auckland City have just over 100,000.

Several other clubs enjoy significant social media followings. By way of example, Al Hilal boast over 36 million followers. Egypt's Al Ahly, a dominant force in African football, have a following of 56 million. In South America, Flamengo sit at the top of the pile with 67 million followers, while Boca Juniors and River Plate both have a following of over 30 million. In the Concacaf region, Inter Miami have racked up over 38 million followers since their inception.

As for the European clubs, their digital presence is particularly strong, with the majority of the participating teams boasting over 100 million followers, reflecting their commercial strength and global appeal.

CLUB PROFILES

LONGEST ESTABLISHED CLUB
MANCHESTER CITY: 1880

MOST RECENTLY ESTABLISHED CLUB
INTER MIAMI CF: 2018

BEST-REPRESENTED COUNTRY
★ BRAZIL: 4 TEAMS

CITIES WITH MULTIPLE REPRESENTATIVES
RIO DE JANEIRO: 3
BUENOS AIRES: 2
MADRID: 2

FORMER ON-FIELD STARS TURNED CLUB PRESIDENTS
JUAN ROMÁN RIQUELME: CA BOCA JUNIORS
RUI COSTA: SL BENFICA
MAHMOUD EL KHATIB: AL AHLY FC
DAVID BECKHAM (CO-OWNER): INTER MIAMI CF

WORLD CHAMPIONS
7 OF THE 8
nations to have lifted the FIFA World Cup are represented by at least one club.

PRIVATE COMPANIES
18

MEMBER-OWNED ASSOCIATIONS
14

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING

CUMULATIVE REACH
> 1.7bn
followers across all clubs

LEADERS
GLOBAL: REAL MADRID C. F.
> 455m

MIDDLE EAST: AL HILAL
36m

NORTH AFRICA: AL AHLY FC
56m

SOUTH AMERICA: CR FLAMENGO
67m

NORTH, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: INTER MIAMI CF
> 38m

EUROPE: MOST CLUBS EXCEED
100m



Global snapshot

Stadiums

The identity of each of the participating clubs is deeply rooted in the stadiums that they call home, which are far more than the venues of their home matches – they are symbols of tradition, history and unwavering community support.

Only **15 of the 32 clubs** own their stadiums, reflecting the diversity of football infrastructure models across the globe. From state-of-the-art arenas to historic cathedrals of football, the venues embody each club's journey.

Of the participating clubs' stadiums, **CA River Plate's Estadio Monumental**, which can house 84,600 spectators and is modern, club-owned and steeped in national pride, boasts the largest capacity. At the other end of the scale, **Auckland City FC's Kiwitea Street** home is able to host just **5,000** spectators. This disparity underscores the inclusiveness of global club football.

The average home attendance among the 32 clubs stands at **38,000**, with the likes of **River Plate**, **Borussia Dortmund** and **FC Bayern München** consistently filling their stadiums, which reflects extraordinary levels of fan loyalty.

A number of the participating teams' iconic stadiums have witnessed some of the most historic events in the game.

- CR Flamengo's **Maracanã**: FIFA World Cup final (in 1950 and 2014)
- River Plate's **Estadio Monumental**: 1978 FIFA World Cup™ final
- Real Madrid C. F.'s **Estadio Santiago Bernabéu**: 1982 FIFA World Cup™ final
- FC Internazionale Milano's **San Siro/ Stadio Giuseppe Meazza**: the 1934 and 1990 editions of the FIFA World Cup
- Paris Saint-Germain's **Parc des Princes**: the 1998 FIFA World Cup™ final
- Urawa Red Diamonds' **Saitama Stadium**: the 2002 FIFA World Cup™

These venues are not just architectural landmarks, they are the beating heart of football heritage. They have provided the setting in which generations of fans have celebrated title triumphs, endured heartbreak and witnessed the birth of legends. The competition brings together clubs whose homes have helped to shape the very history of the game.

Honours

The tournament line-up features some of the most decorated clubs in the history of the sport. Thirteen of the 32 participating teams are the most successful sides in their respective domestic leagues, having established themselves as serial winners who have set the standard in their countries.

Of the remaining 19 teams, 17 have claimed their domestic title at least once, highlighting the extraordinary pedigree of the sides involved in the competition.

The following clubs have over 30 domestic league titles to their name: Al Ahly FC, Espérance, CA River Plate, Real Madrid C. F., FC Bayern München, SL Benfica and Juventus FC. These powerhouses have dominated their national leagues for decades.

On the continental stage, a remarkable number of clubs have secured four or more titles in their confederation's premier competition. This elite group comprises Al Hilal, Al Ahly, Espérance de Tunisie, CF Monterrey, CF Pachuca, CA Boca Juniors, River Plate, Auckland City, Real Madrid and Bayern.

An impressive 28 of the 32 participating clubs have won their confederation's top-tier competition at least once. This not only showcases the level of on-field performance required to qualify for the tournament, but it also underlines the global competitive excellence on display.

When it comes to the teams' trophy hauls, Al Ahly top the charts, having lifted a staggering 151 pieces of silverware, including domestic, continental and intercontinental honours, making the Egyptian giants the most decorated club in world football. Real Madrid are their nearest pursuers with 104 trophies, which reflects the Spanish capital club's long-standing commitment to achieving excellence at the highest level.

Altogether, the participating clubs have secured over **1,300** titles on the domestic, continental, intercontinental and global stages, making the tournament a true festival of footballing greatness.

HONOURS

FESTIVAL OF SERIAL WINNERS

14 OF THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS
are the most decorated teams in their national leagues. Only Seattle Sounders FC and Inter Miami CF are yet to have tasted league glory.

MOST LEAGUE TITLES

> 30

AL AHLY FC, ESPÉRANCE, CA RIVER PLATE, REAL MADRID C. F., FC BAYERN MÜNCHEN, SL BENFICA, JUVENTUS FC

CONTINENTAL GIANTS

> 4 titles

AL HILAL, AL AHLY, ESPÉRANCE, CF MONTERREY, CF PACHUCA, CA BOCA JUNIORS, CA RIVER PLATE, AUCKLAND CITY FC, REAL MADRID C. F., FC BAYERN MÜNCHEN

CONFEDERATION CHAMPIONS

28 OF THE 32 CLUBS
have won their confederation's top-tier club competition.

LEADING CLUBS IN TROPHY STAKES

AL AHLY FC: 151
REAL MADRID C. F.: 104

> 1,300

domestic, continental, intercontinental and global trophies

STADIUMS

OWNERSHIP

15 OF 32 CLUBS
own their stadiums.

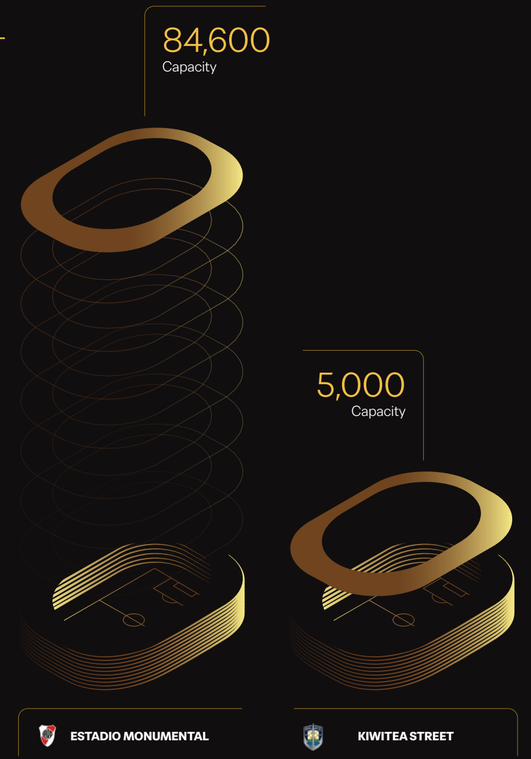
AVERAGE MATCH ATTENDANCE

HIGHEST
RIVER PLATE: 84,600

LOWEST
AUCKLAND CITY: 5,000

AVERAGE MATCHDAY ATTENDANCE ACROSS ALL CLUBS

38,000



Global snapshot

Squad and coach profiles

The average age of the first-team squads across the tournament is 26.1 years, reflecting a balance between experience and youth development. FC Salzburg have the youngest squad, with an average age of just 22.4 years, while CF Monterrey and Fluminense boast the most experience squads, with an average age of 28.4.

With regard to the nationalities of the coaches at the tournament, Argentinians top the standings, with five Argentinian tacticians set to lead their sides out: Marcelo Gallardo, Miguel Ángel Russo, Martín Anselmi, Diego Simeone and Javier Mascherano. Notably, four of the quintet represented the Argentinian national team during their playing days, which reflects the South American country's ability to produce top-level players and coaches. The youngest head coach in the competition is Vincent Kompany (FC Bayern München), born on April 10, 1986, while the oldest is Miguel Ángel Russo (CA Boca Juniors), born on April 9, 1956.

Across all of the participating clubs, over 200 players are home-grown talents, a figure that represents approximately 20% of the total player pool. This includes standout contributions from CA River Plate (16), SL Benfica (14) and CF Pachuca (14). It is no coincidence that River Plate and Benfica lead the way in their respective continental standings in this department, with both clubs recognised globally for their exceptional youth set-ups.

Most of the clubs involved in the showpiece event in the United States operate structured academy systems, with the formal development pathway typically beginning at U-13 level and progressing up to the senior side. This long-term investment in youth pathways continues to shape the identities and competitive models of many clubs. The youngest player in the competition is Takeshi Wada (Urawa Red Diamonds), born on June 5, 2009, while the oldest is Fábio (Fluminense FC), born on September 30, 1980.

In total, almost 1000 players are set to participate in the tournament. Over 350 of them have represented their national teams, with 60% of these players currently plying their trade at European clubs. In terms of the number of players who have competed in international football, Manchester City are top of the class, with 21 national-team players in their rank, i.e. 77% of their squad. The english giants are followed in these stakes by Internazionale Milano, with 63% of the Neroazzurri squad representing ther national teams (21 players). Among the UEFA-affiliated clubs, the average number of national-team players per squad is 17.

In terms of domestic-born talent, River Plate top the list, with 29 of their players born in the country in which the clubs are based.

With regard to the FIFA Club Benefits Programme for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, only four clubs – Mamelodi Sundowns, Fluminense FC, Botafogo and Auckland City FC – did not receive financial compensation for releasing players for the tournament.

Please note that the squad information is accurate as of 6 June 2025 and may change shortly before the tournament starts due to is dynamic data.

Players' Global Representation

Highlighting the global nature of the tournament, the FIFA Club World Cup will feature players from all six confederations and 81 countries. Among them are 22 nations — Albania, Armenia, Burkina Faso, Congo, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Luxembourg, Mali, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Palestine, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe — that have never before been represented at a FIFA World Cup.

FIFA World Cup Champions

No fewer than 13 members of Argentina's squad that lifted international football's biggest prize in Qatar in 2022 will take part in the tournament. Nine players from France's 2018 title-winning team will also feature, while Germany and Spain contribute two world champions each.

Spanish side Atlético de Madrid boast the most FIFA World Cup winners with six, followed by Argentinian giants CA River Plate with four.

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SQUAD AND COACH PROFILES

AVERAGE SQUAD AGE

26.1 years

YOUNGEST SQUAD
FC SALZBURG: 22.4

OLDEST SQUAD
CF MONTERREY: 28.4
FLUMINENSE FC: 28.4

ARGENTINIAN COACHING PROWESS

5 COACHES
GALLARDO, RUSSO, ANSELMI, SIMEONE, MASCHERANO
4 are former national-team players

ACADEMY PRODUCTS

ABOUT 200 HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
~20% OF THE PLAYER POOL

TOP-PERFORMING CLUBS
CA RIVER PLATE: 16
SL BENFICA: 14
CF PACHUCA: 14

PLAYER PROFILES

≈ 1000
players

> 350
national-team players
(> 1 in 3)

60%
of those national-team players play for European clubs.

MANCHESTER CITY
21 NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
(77% of squad)
FC INTERNAZIONALE MILANO
21 NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
(63% of squad)

YOUNGEST PLAYER:
Takeshi Wada, Urawa Red Diamonds (05/06/2009)
OLDEST PLAYER:
Fábio, Fluminense FC (30/09/1980)
YOUNGEST HEAD COACH:
Vincent Kompany, FC Bayern München (10/04/1986)
OLDEST HEAD COACH:
Miguel Ángel Russo, CA Boca Juniors (09/04/1956)

SQUAD NATIONALITIES

MOST DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
CA RIVER PLATE: 29

FEWEST DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
MANCHESTER CITY: 5

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™

28 OF THE 32 CLUBS
received compensation from FIFA.

TOP NATIONALITY OF PLAYERS

BRAZIL: 141
ARGENTINA: 103
SPAIN: 54
PORTUGAL: 49
MEXICO: 41

FIFA WORLD CUP WINNERS

ARGENTINA: 13
FRANCE: 9
GERMANY: 2
SPAIN: 2

MOST FIFA WORLD CUP WINNERS

ATLÉTICO DE MADRID: 6
CA RIVER PLATE: 4



Global snapshot

A global view of football's diverse economies

The financial profile of the 32 participating clubs reflects the considerable economic diversity within the global football ecosystem, with European giants competing alongside community-driven, amateur institutions.

The clubs' revenue levels vary greatly across the continents. In **Asia**, leading outfits such as **Al Hilal** have achieved impressive commercial maturity, with the club's revenue surpassing the **USD 290 million** mark. Meanwhile, the **African** clubs face financial limitations, typically generating between **USD 10 million and USD 50 million** per year.

The **South American** clubs would appear to be narrowing the gap with Europe. Top sides such as **CR Flamengo (USD 269 million)**, **SE Palmeiras (USD 259 million)** and **CA River Plate (USD 217 million)** operate within a range of between **USD 200 million and USD 300 million**, driven largely by massive fan bases and high matchday attendances.

Of the participating clubs from **Europe**, the majority report revenue figures of between **USD 200 million** and **USD 500 million**. The continent's historic powerhouses, such as **Real Madrid C. F. (USD 1 billion), FC Bayern München (USD 998 million), Paris Saint-Germain (USD 879 million)** and **Manchester City (USD 779m)**, lead the global revenue standings.

At the other end of the scale, OFC representatives **Auckland City FC**, who are an amateur outfit, operate with a budget of **under USD 1 million**, highlighting the broad range of operating models within the game.

Transfer market impact

Transfer activity is another key indicator of financial strength, and regional disparities are even more evident in this area.

The figures for the clubs' average annual transfer spend are listed below by confederation:

- **AFC**: between **USD 2 million and USD 10 million**
- **CAF**: between **USD 2 million and USD 10 million**
- **Concacaf**: between **USD 10 million and USD 30 million**
- **CONMEBOL**: between **USD 30 million** and **USD 100 million**
- **UEFA**: between **USD 50 million** and **USD 250 million**
- **OFC**: below **USD 1 million**

It is important to note that some European clubs do **not include transfer revenue** in their operating revenue, which can distort comparisons with those clubs that do.

Revenue breakdown

The contribution of each revenue stream to a club's overall revenue figure varies significantly depending on the region and the club structure

- In the CONMEBOL region, **matchday revenues** are key:
- In total, **51%** of **River Plate**'s overall revenue comes from ticketing and membership, with the corresponding figure for Boca Juniors standing at 52%.
- **TV rights** account for just over 5**%** of the clubs' revenue.
- In contrast, **TV rights** represent **20%-30%** of the revenue figure for the participating clubs based in Brazil and **30%-40%** of the corresponding figure amongst the majority of the sides from Europe, where the leagues negotiate lucrative domestic and international broadcast deals.
- **Commercial revenue** is a strategic pillar for the clubs participating in the tournament.
- It represents **85%** of **Auckland City**'s total revenue.
- Thanks to strong regional branding and partnerships, it accounts for approximately **49%** of Al Hilal's revenue.
- Amongst the AFC sides, it accounts for a significant **70%** of Ulsan HD's revenue and **56%** of Urawa Red Diamonds' revenue.
- Amongst the European clubs, commercial revenue typically accounts for **30-40%** of the total revenue, a figure that is boosted by global fan engagement and sponsorship deals.

Participating clubs at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™: contribution to total revenue by revenue stream

- **Matchday**: 19%
- **TV rights**: 19%
- **Commercial**: 35%
- **Transfers**: 7%
- **Other**: 20%

The commercial pillar – driven by each team's brand strength – remains one of the keys to ensuring the clubs' sustainable growth. The value of strong leagues and competitive media deals becomes evident in the share of revenue obtained from TV rights. For many clubs, matchday revenue and community support remain the lifeblood of their financial structure.

AVERAGE CLUB REVENUE BY CONFEDERATION

AFC	**Up to 290m**
CAF	**10m-50m**
Concacaf	**100m-200m**
CONMEBOL	**100m-300m**
OFC	**< 1m**
UEFA	**200m to > 500m**

AVERAGE CLUB TRANSFER INCOME BY CONFEDERATION

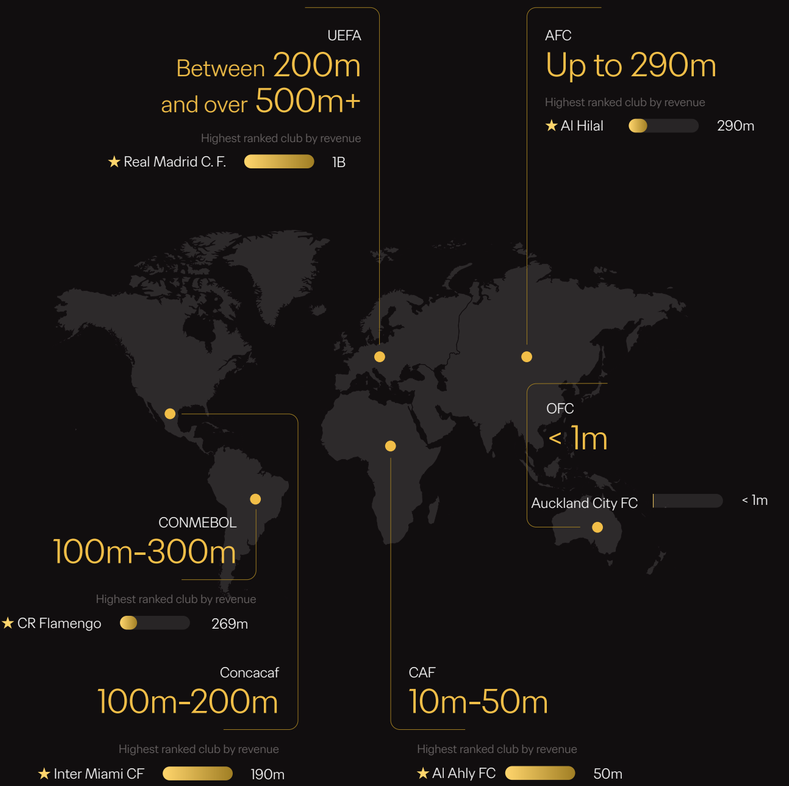
AFC	**2m-10m**
CAF	**2m-10m**
Concacaf	**10m-30m**
CONMEBOL	**30m-100m**
OFC	**0m**
UEFA	**50m-250m**

NB: Some European clubs do not include transfer income in their core financial reporting, which affects comparative analysis.

REVENUE BREAKDOWN ACROSS THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS

Matchday	**19%**
TV rights	**19%**
Commercial	**35%**
Transfers	**7%**
Others	**20%**

All monetary figures are in USD.



Group A Club profiles

- SE Palmeiras
- FC Porto
- Al Ahly FC
- Inter Miami CF









GROUP A

SE Palmeiras

MISSION

With a greener future in mind, the club's mission is to display a firm commitment to driving positive change off the pitch, strengthening the institution and advancing the transformation that it seeks to bring about through the active engagement of all stakeholders.

VALUES

Transparency
Sustainability
Excellence
Vanguardism
Respect
Inclusion
High performance

HISTORY

São Paulo heavyweights SE Palmeiras were founded by Italian immigrants in 1914 as *Palestra Itália*. The club subsequently changed its name to Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras in 1942. The team enjoyed a series of successes in the 1990s, including a maiden CONMEBOL *Copa Libertadores* triumph in 1999 – an achievement that played its part in Marcos getting the nod between the sticks in the Brazilian side that lifted a record fifth FIFA World Cup™ in 2002. The most decorated club in the history of the Brazilian top flight with 12 titles to their name, Palmeiras have also endured some tougher times. After the glory days in the 1990s came a torrid spell that included two seasons in the second tier (2003 and 2013). However, since 2020 and the appointment of Abel Ferreira, the club has enjoyed a resurgence. An admirer of Luiz Felipe Scolari, the Portuguese tactician has earned hero status at the São Paulo club after delivering a series of trophies. Aside from the back-to-back CONMEBOL *Libertadores* crowns secured in 2020 and 2021, the *Verdão* have won two Brazilian league titles under Ferreira's watch (in 2022 and 2023), as well as triumphing in the *Copa do Brasil* (in 2020), the *Supercopa do Brasil* (in 2023), the *Recopa Sudamericana* (in 2022) and twice in the *Campeonato Paulista* (in 2022 and 2023).

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

A dominant force on the South American scene since Ferreira was installed as head coach, Palmeiras won the *Libertadores* in the Portuguese's first season at the helm and successfully defended their crown the following year to earn a place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™. The second of those continental triumphs came courtesy of victory in a thrilling final against CR Flamengo in the Uruguayan capital of Montevideo. Raphael Veiga handed Palmeiras an early lead, only for Gabriel Barbosa, better known as *Gabigol*, to restore parity in the 72nd minute and force extra time. Sharpshooter Deyverson struck what proved to be the winner for *O Verdão* in the 95th minute, as the club clinched a third continental title, with the first having come under Scolari in 1999.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year proved to be a stellar one for Palmeiras in financial terms, with the club surpassing all projections to record a total revenue of BRL 1.207 billion (approximately USD 201 million) and a surplus of BRL 198.1 million (approximately USD 33 million). A significant share of these earnings came from player sales, which amounted to BRL 425.9 million (approximately USD 71 million), underscoring the club's success in developing and selling on its starlets. Notable transfers include Endrick's sale to Real Madrid C. F. for EUR 47.5 million, the EUR 37 million deal that took Vitor Reis to Manchester City and Estêvão Willian's EUR 34 million switch to Chelsea FC.

SE Palmeiras

CITY
São Paulo

COUNTRY
Brazil

CONFEDERATION
CONMEBOL

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Série A

NICKNAME(S)
The *Verdão*
The *Alviverde*

FOUNDED
1914

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Leila Pereira

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CONMEBOL *Libertadores* winners (2021)

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Sportingbet (betting)

WEBSITE
www.palmeiras.com.br

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
23.3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Ademir da Guia
Marcos
Dudu



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Abel Ferreira

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
29

AVERAGE AGE
25.9

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
21

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
4

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
10

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
368,664

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
12

DOMESTIC CUPS
5

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
1

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
3

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Allianz Parque

CAPACITY
43,700

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 31,000

OPENED
2014

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

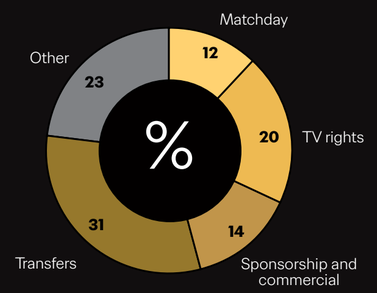
ANNUAL REVENUE
259m

TRANSFER INCOME
123m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
58m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP A

FC Porto

MISSION

The club is committed to developing and promoting youth talent, competing at the highest level domestically and on the continental stage and strengthening its global stature through responsible governance, long-term sustainability and the core values of loyalty, fair play, integrity and equality.

VALUES

Competence

Rigour

Ambition

Passion

HISTORY

On 28 September 1893, local wine merchant António Nicolau de Almeida founded FC Porto, named after the northern Portuguese city in which the club is based. Porto were the nation's first champions in 1922 and won the inaugural *Primeira Liga* crown in the 1934-35 season. After having enjoyed only seven trophy triumphs by the end of the 1970s, Porto entered a golden period in the mid-1980s that has witnessed them lift 23 league titles since the 1984-85 season, cementing their place as one of Portugal's big three along with Lisbon-based outfits SL Benfica and Sporting. Notably, they secured the UEFA European Cup in 1986-87 before going on to capture four titles, including the European Super Cup, in a massively successful 1987-88 campaign. However, the period that the club's fans cherish most dearly was the early 2000s, when legendary coach José Mourinho was at the helm. Under the stewardship of the Portuguese tactician, Porto won the UEFA Cup, the *Primeira Liga* and *Taça de Portugal* treble in 2002-03, followed by another league title and UEFA Champions League glory in 2003-04. Porto, who have never been relegated to the second tier, have 30 *Primeira Liga* titles and 20 *Taça de Portugal* crowns to their name.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Os Dragões sealed their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the UEFA ranking pathway. The club performed well in the standings on the back of some excellent showings in the UEFA Champions League over the course of the four-year period from 2021 to 2024.

DID YOU KNOW?

FC Porto are one of the few clubs in world football to have lifted the Toyota Cup twice (in 1987 and 2004). The Portuguese heavyweights have also captured the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League and the UEFA Super Cup, a trophy haul that makes the club one of the most decorated in the European game. Last year, Porto embarked on a transformative journey after securing a USD 70 million investment from a strategic partnership to revamp the iconic Estádio do Dragão, with a view to enhancing the fan experience and boosting commercial ventures over the next 25 years. From past glories to visionary projects, FC Porto continue to combine tradition with innovation to reinforce their place on the global football map.

CLUB WORLD CUP 25

FIFA

FC Porto

CITY
Porto

COUNTRY
Portugal

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Primeira Liga

NICKNAME(S)
Os Dragões

FOUNDED
1893

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
André Villas-Boas

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
New Balance

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Betano (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.fcporto.pt/en/

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
11.6m

CLUB LEGENDS
Fernando Gomes
João Pinto
Vítor Baía



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Martín Anselmi

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
34

AVERAGE AGE
23.9

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
16

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
13

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
10

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
1,711,917

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
30

DOMESTIC CUPS
25

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
24

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
2

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
2

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
2

STADIUM

NAME
Estádio do Dragão

CAPACITY
50,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 42,000

OPENED
2003

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

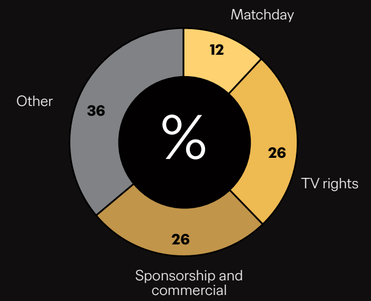
ANNUAL REVENUE
184m

TRANSFER INCOME
160m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
78m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP A

Al Ahly FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to support Egyptian charities, serve its community and nurture home-grown talents.

VALUES

Integrity

Excellence

Loyalty

Devotion

HISTORY

Egyptian giants Al Ahly FC were founded on 24 April 1907. The idea of forming a club to bring together young Egyptian intellectuals was put forward by Omar Lotfy Bek. The concept evolved into the creation of a sports club that would provide a setting for members to play sport and gather for social events. The club boasts the largest fan base in the Egyptian game and is one of the best-supported teams on the African continent.

The Al Ahly faithful have been treated to several periods of sustained success, with the club having secured silverware on a regular basis since its foundation. Indeed, the Cairo powerhouses have claimed 44 top-flight titles and 39 Egyptian Cups, as well as having reigned supreme on 12 occasions in Africa's premier club competition. The *Red Devils* are the most decorated team in each of the aforementioned competitions, holding a commanding lead over their nearest pursuers, domestic arch-rivals Zamalek, on all fronts.

Al Ahly were crowned CAF Club of the 20th Century.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Al Ahly punched their ticket for the 32-team extravaganza in the United States courtesy of their triumphs in three of the past four editions of the CAF Champions League. They defeated South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs to take the continental crown in 2020-21 before reigning supreme in the 2022-23 season, when they exacted revenge on the Wydad AC side who got the better of them in the 2021-22 showpiece. Al Ahly once again prevailed on the continental stage in 2023-24, a success that assured South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns FC and Tunisian titans Espérance of their places at the inaugural edition of the groundbreaking FIFA Club World Cup™ via the CAF ranking pathway.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, Al Ahly underwent a significant restructuring as part of the club's professionalisation efforts. The transformation resulted in an increase in revenue, with the club's budget amounting to USD 140 million in 2021, with the corresponding figure in 2014 having been USD 21 million. A key element of the overhaul is the construction of the club's own stadium. Al Ahly Stadium, to be located in Sheikh Zayed City, will be able to house 42,000 fans and will feature VIP suites and a club museum. The construction work on the stadium, the cost of which is estimated to amount to USD 180 million, began in February of this year and is expected to be completed by December 2028. In addition to the stadium, the project includes the construction of a university, a hospital and a mosque.

Al Ahly FC

CITY
Cairo

COUNTRY
Egypt

CONFEDERATION
CAF

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Egyptian Premier League

NICKNAME(S)
The *Reds*
The *Red Devils*

FOUNDED
1907

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Mahmoud El Khatib

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CAF Champions League winners (2020-21, 2022-23, 2023-24)

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
e&

WEBSITE
www.alahlyegypt.com/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING
56.6m

CLUB LEGENDS
Mahmoud Al Khatib
Mohamed Aboutrika
Ali Maâloul



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
José Riveiro

FIRST TEAM PLAYERS
28

AVERAGE AGE
27.8

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
21

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
7

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
15

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
420,679

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
45

DOMESTIC CUPS
65

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
15

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
12

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
5

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
8

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Cairo International Stadium

CAPACITY
75,000

MATCHDAY ATTENDANCE
15,000

OPENED
1960

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

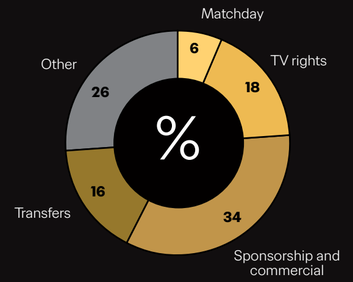
ANNUAL REVENUE
50m

TRANSFER INCOME
6.5m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2023

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
5m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP A

Inter Miami CF

MISSION

The club's mission is to inspire people to have the freedom to dream.

VALUES

Family
Passion
Togetherness
Local and international outlook

HISTORY

The origins of Inter Miami CF can be traced back to 2007, when Major League Soccer (MLS) franchise Los Angeles Galaxy secured the services of English icon David Beckham. A clause in Beckham's contract with MLS enabled the former Manchester United and Real Madrid C. F. flanker to purchase an expansion team in the league upon his retirement. A year after hanging up his boots in 2013, Beckham exercised that option and serves as the club's co-owner. Four years later, in 2018, Inter Miami were founded. The *Herons* contested their first match on 1 March 2020 and would go on to reach the MLS Cup play-offs in their inaugural season. After failing to qualify for the post-season competition in 2021 and suffering a round-one exit in 2022, Inter Miami made international headlines in 2023 by signing Argentinian ace and FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ winner Lionel Messi, along with Spanish stars Jordi Alba and Sergio Busquets. Messi debuted in the team's curtain-raiser in the 2023 Leagues Cup and went on to lead the team to the crown, earning the Miamians their first piece of silverware.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Inter Miami secured their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ by lifting the 2024 MLS Supporters' Shield – the trophy given to the team that top the regular-season standings – clinching the spot reserved for a club from the host nation. Having won the Leagues Cup – the mid-season tournament contested by all MLS and *Liga MX* sides – in 2023, Inter Miami are recognised as one of Concacaf's top sides.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since Messi checked in at Chase Stadium in the summer of 2023, Inter Miami have enjoyed explosive growth, both on and off the pitch. In the Argentinian's first year, the club's revenue jumped from USD 55 million to USD 127 million (a 131% increase) and reached USD 190 million last year, marking a total growth of 245%. Meanwhile, the value of the club more than doubled, rising from USD 585 million to USD 1.2 billion, making it the second most valuable franchise in MLS. The demand for tickets, sponsorship and global visibility have all surged, turning the Floridians into a commercial powerhouse in record time.

Inter Miami CF

CITY
Miami

COUNTRY
United States

CONFEDERATION
Concacaf

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Major League Soccer

NICKNAME(S)
The *Herons*

FOUNDED
2018

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Jorge Mas

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
Host nation slot

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Royal Caribbean Cruises (tourism)

WEBSITE
www.intermiamicf.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
38.6m

CLUB LEGENDS
Lionel Messi
Gonzalo Higuaín
Luis Suárez



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Javier Mascherano

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
29

AVERAGE AGE
26.4

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
7

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
7

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
7

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
114,979

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
0

DOMESTIC CUPS
0

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
0

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Chase Stadium

CAPACITY
21,500

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 20,000

OPENED
2020

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

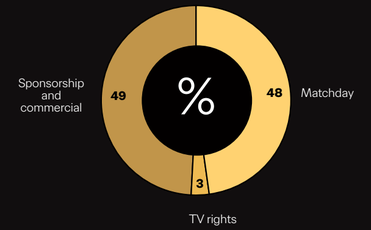
ANNUAL REVENUE
190m

TRANSFER INCOME
21m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
5m

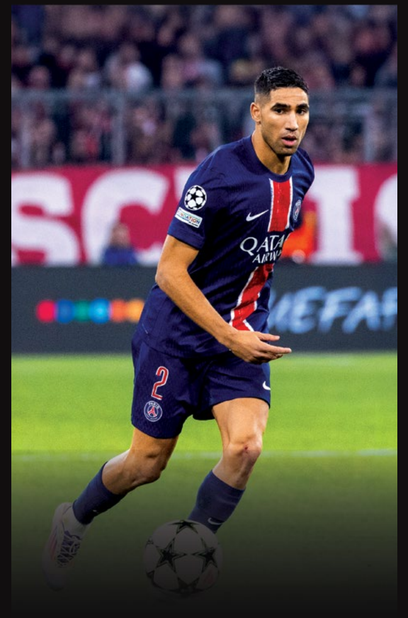
ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN

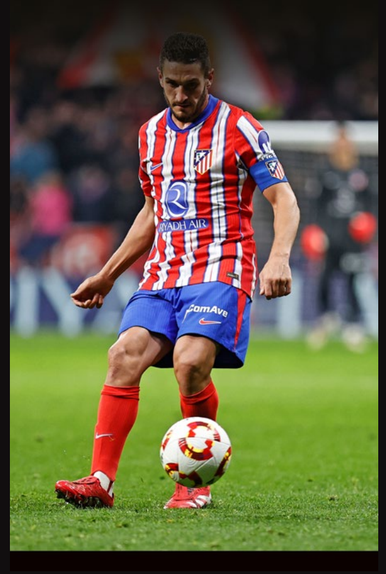


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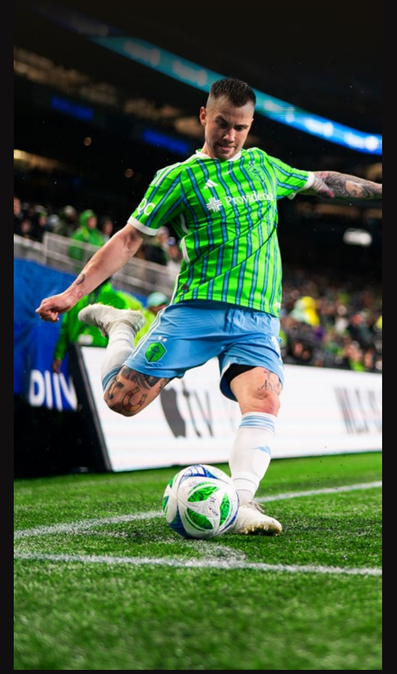
Group B Club profiles

- Paris Saint-Germain
- Atlético de Madrid
- Botafogo
- Seattle Sounders FC









GROUP B

Paris Saint-Germain

MISSION

The club's mission is to be an organisation that belongs to the new generation.

VALUES

Excellence
Innovation
Empowerment

HISTORY

In a bid to revive professional football in the French capital, Paris Saint-Germain were founded in 1970 following a merger between Paris Football Club and Stade Saint-Germain. PSG were quick to flourish, reaching the top flight in 1974, where they have been ever-presents. This record means that the Parc des Princes outfit have enjoyed a longer stay in the top tier than any other French side. Since the arrival of Qatar Sports Investments, led by its chairman Nasser Al Khelaifi, the French heavyweights' domestic honours have somewhat snowballed. The club's two *Ligue 1* titles have skyrocketed to 13, and its eight *Coupe de France* conquests have catapulted to 15.

On the continental stage, PSG lifted the 1995-96 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup crown courtesy of a 1-0 victory over Rapid Vienna. The capital club came close to tasting Champions League glory when they reached the final of the competition for the first time in 2019-20, but it was FC Bayern München who came out on top following a 1-0 success. *Les Rouge et Bleu* went one better in this season's edition of the continental competition, overcoming FC Internazionale Milano in a commanding 5-0 victory in Munich to take the coveted crown.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

PSG earned their berth at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ thanks to their performances on the European stage over the 2021-2024 period, which ensured that they qualified via the UEFA ranking pathway. *Les Parisiens* have reached the knockout stage of the UEFA Champions League in 13 consecutive seasons.

DID YOU KNOW?

Paris Saint-Germain have been owned by Qatar Sports Investments since 2011, during which time the club has grown into a multi-sport institution, excelling in men's and women's football, handball, judo and esports. With a global fan base exceeding 500 million and a combined social media following of over 220 million, the capital club has become a cultural icon, sitting at the intersection of sport, fashion and entertainment, thanks notably to its partnership with Jordan. Last year, the French outfit inaugurated the Paris Saint-Germain Campus, a state-of-the-art, USD 300 million facility.

Paris Saint-Germain

CITY
Paris

COUNTRY
France

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Ligue 1

NICKNAME(S)
Les Parisiens
Les Rouge et Bleu

FOUNDED
1970

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Nasser Al Khelaifi

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Nike

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Qatar Airways (aviation)

WEBSITE
en.psg.fr

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
185m

CLUB LEGENDS
Safet Sušić
Raí
Pauleta



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Luis Enrique

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
27

AVERAGE AGE
23.5

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
11

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
9

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
19

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
3,835,389

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
13

DOMESTIC CUPS
25

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
13

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Parc des Princes

CAPACITY
48,200

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 47,500

OPENED
1972

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

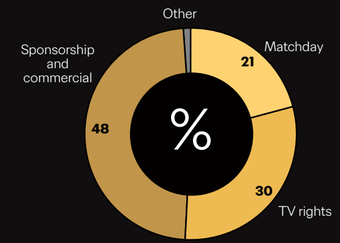
ANNUAL REVENUE
879m

TRANSFER INCOME
183m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
270m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP B

Atlético de Madrid

MISSION

The club's mission is to harness sport and its values as a vehicle to create a more equal, tolerant and inclusive society.

VALUES

Effort
Teamwork
Humility
Respect
Sacrifice
Perseverance

HISTORY

A group of Basque friends living in Madrid came together in 1903 to form Athletic Club Sucursal de Madrid, a branch of the Bilbao-based Athletic Club, which had been founded five years earlier. Four years later, the club became a separate legal entity. The team were renamed Club Atlético de Madrid in January 1947 and adopted a new crest that was similar to the one used in 1917. The mid-60s marked the beginning of Luis Aragonés's association with the club. He firstly represented the Madrid giants as a player before enjoying seven spells in the dugout. The iconic goal-getter would go on to become *Atleti*'s all-time leading marksman with 158 goals, a record that Antoine Griezmann has since claimed. His firepower propelled the team to a seventh league title in the 1972-23 campaign.

Another club icon who has starred both on the pitch and in the dugout is Diego Simeone, whose enduring relationship with *Los Colchoneros* began in the mid-1990s. The combative Argentinian midfielder was a member of the *La Liga* and *Copa del Rey* double-winning side in 1995-96. In late 2011, Simeone returned to the club as head coach. He led his charges to UEFA Europa League glory in both 2011-12 and 2017-18 before winning the subsequent UEFA Super Cup showdowns with Chelsea FC (4-1) and Real Madrid C. F. (4-2 after extra time) respectively. On the domestic scene, Simeone has delivered four titles: league honours in 2013-14 and 2020-21, the *Copa del Rey* in 2012-13 and the Spanish Super Cup in the 2014-15 campaign.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

While city rivals Real Madrid booked their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ by winning the 2021-22 UEFA Champions League, *Los Rojiblancos* qualified for the global showpiece via the UEFA ranking pathway on the strength of their consistent performances in the UEFA Champions League between 2021 and 2024.

DID YOU KNOW?

Atlético are pushing ahead with a project to build a new training ground, the first phase of which has been launched with an investment of EUR 350 million (approximately USD 378 million). This significant outlay will fund the development of state-of-the-art training facilities, modern sports infrastructure and community areas aimed at fostering local talent and elevating elite performance. By laying the groundwork for a comprehensive sports campus, the club is reinforcing its commitment to long-term development and innovation, setting the stage for enhanced player growth, increased fan engagement and a broader positive impact on the surrounding community.

Atlético de Madrid

CITY
Madrid

COUNTRY
Spain

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
La Liga

NICKNAME(S)
Los Colchoneros
Los Rojiblancos

FOUNDED
1903

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Enrique Cerezo

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Nike

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Riyadh Air (aviation)

WEBSITE
en.atleticodemadrid.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
79m

CLUB LEGENDS
Diego Simeone
Luis Aragonés
Fernando Torres



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Diego Simeone

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
34

AVERAGE AGE
26.6

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
17

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
13

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
19

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
3,232,203

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
11

DOMESTIC CUPS
12

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
2

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
0

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
3

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
4

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Estadio Metropolitano

CAPACITY
70,600

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 60,000

OPENED
2017

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

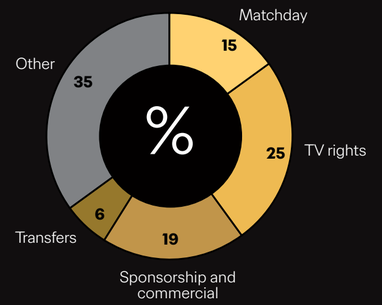
ANNUAL REVENUE
518m

TRANSFER INCOME
106m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
222m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP B

Botafogo

MISSION

The club's mission is to be a competitive and sustainable outfit that develops talent, wins silverware and revolutionises the Brazilian football industry.

VALUES

Ambition
Teamwork
Excellence
Creativity
Respect
Courage
Passion

HISTORY

Brazilian heavyweights Botafogo were founded as the result of a merger between two clubs in the Rio de Janeiro neighbourhood that bears the club's name. Firstly, Club de Regatas Botafogo was formed in the late 19th century as a rowing club, before Botafogo Football Club, originally known as Electro Club, came onto the scene in 1904. The two clubs competed against each other in various sports for 38 years before joining forces in 1942. By then, Botafogo had already enjoyed notable on-field success, including triumphant campaigns in the four editions of the *Campeonato Carioca* contested between 1932 and 1935. However, the club's heyday came in the 1950s and 1960s during the golden age of Brazilian football. With the breathtaking Maracanã completed, *O Glorioso*, together with Santos, supplied the majority of the members of the Brazilian squad that captured back-to-back FIFA World Cup™ titles in 1958 and 1962, with Garrincha and Pelé combining to terrorise opposition defences. The Rio giants were also well represented in the *A Seleção* side that swatted all pretenders to the crown aside at the 1970 FIFA World Cup Mexico™ under the stewardship of one of the club's biggest icons, Mário Zagallo. However, those peaks were followed by a trough, with the club enduring a trophy-less 20-year period up the until the 1989 edition of the *Campeonato Carioca*. The team would endure further struggles in the ensuing decades and were twice relegated to *Série B*. However, the *Estrela Solitária* have risen again and are back in contention at the top table of domestic and continental football. Indeed, they immediately followed up on last year's CONMEBOL *Libertadores* success by lifting the *Série A* trophy – their first league title since 1995.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Botafogo sealed their spot at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ by winning the CONMEBOL *Libertadores* 2024, a title triumph that was secured courtesy of victory over fellow Brazilians Atlético Mineiro in a pulsating final. Despite having to contend with a one-man disadvantage for almost the whole match, Botafogo performed excellently to secure a 3-1 win and take home a maiden continental crown.

DID YOU KNOW?

John Textor acquired Botafogo in March 2022, at a time when the club's debts amounted to over USD 166 million and 27 years on from the team's last league title. Botafogo capped off a remarkable turnaround last year by clinching both the league title and the *Libertadores* crown. The club has enjoyed considerable financial growth, with revenue increasing from USD 27 million in 2022 to USD 80 million the following year. The prize money obtained following the aforementioned domestic and continental successes (USD 10 million and USD 23 million respectively) contributed significantly to this growth. The club is currently valued at approximately USD 332 million.

Botafogo |



CITY
Rio de Janeiro

COUNTRY
Brazil

CONFEDERATION
CONMEBOL

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Série A

NICKNAME(S)
The *Fogão*
The *Estrela Solitária*

FOUNDED
1904

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Durcesio Mello

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CONMEBOL *Libertadores* winners (2024)

KIT SUPPLIER
Reebok

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Vbet (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.botafogo.com.br

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
7m

CLUB LEGENDS
Garrincha
Nílton Santos
Jairzinho

FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Renato Paiva

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
35

AVERAGE AGE
26.3

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
26

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
3

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
2

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
n/a

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
3

DOMESTIC CUPS
0

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Estádio Olímpico Nilton Santos

CAPACITY
46,900

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 25,000

OPENED
2007

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

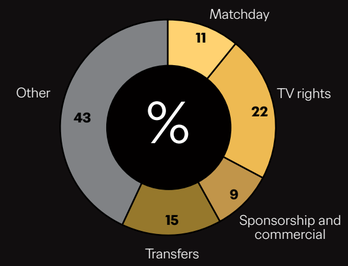
ANNUAL REVENUE
117m

TRANSFER INCOME
45m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
66m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP B

Seattle Sounders FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to create moments, enrich lives and to unify and uplift people through the sport.

VALUES

One club
Team-mates
Growth
Gritty
Inclusive
Extraordinary communicators
Soccer is fun

HISTORY

Although Major League Soccer (MLS) side Seattle Sounders FC were formed in 2007 and lined up for their first season in 2009, the history of the club spans five decades. The Seattle-based outfit were originally founded back in 1974 and competed in the North American Soccer League until 1983.

Another incarnation of Seattle Sounders was established in 1994 and played in the American Professional Soccer League, which was subsequently renamed the A-League. The club participated in the United Soccer League between 2005 and 2008 before joining the MLS ranks in 2009.

Since then, the Sounders have enjoyed unbridled success, including lifting the U.S. Open Cup in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014, tasting MLS Supporters' Shield glory in 2014 after topping the regular-season standings, clinching the MLS Cup in 2016 and 2019, and capturing the coveted Concacaf Champions League crown in 2022.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Seattle Sounders earned their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ with victory over Mexico's Pumas UNAM in the two-legged final of the 2022 Concacaf Champions League to claim one of the four spots allocated to teams from the region.

In the first leg in Mexico City, the boys from Seattle fought back from a 2-0 deficit to claim a 2-2 draw thanks to a Nicolás Lodeiro brace. In the return meeting, Raúl Ruidíaz struck twice to put the MLS side firmly in control before Lodeiro rounded off a 3-0 win. The victory secured the club's maiden Concacaf crown and was the first time in 22 years that a US outfit had reigned supreme on the continental stage.

DID YOU KNOW?

Seattle Sounders FC have unveiled an ambitious six-year growth plan that is aimed at strengthening the club's global presence and community impact. A key part of the plan is driven by the club's move to join forces with National Women's Soccer League outfit Seattle Reign and the development of a state-of-the-art multi-use sport and entertainment complex in Renton, which is set to be one of the biggest and most advanced training facilities in MLS. This project is aligned with Seattle's status as a Host City for next year's FIFA World Cup™.

Seattle Sounders FC

CITY
Seattle

COUNTRY
United States

CONFEDERATION
Concacaf

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Major League Soccer

NICKNAME(S)
The *Rave Green*

FOUNDED
1974

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Hugh Weber

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
Concacaf Champions Cup winners (2022)

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Providence (healthcare)

WEBSITE
www.soundersfc.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
1.9m

CLUB LEGENDS
Osvaldo Alonso
Nicolás Lodeiro
Stefan Frei



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Brian Schmetzer

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
26

AVERAGE AGE
27.3

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
14

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
7

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
8

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
826,757

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
2

DOMESTIC CUPS
4

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Lumen Field

CAPACITY
37,722

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 30,000

OPENED
2002

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

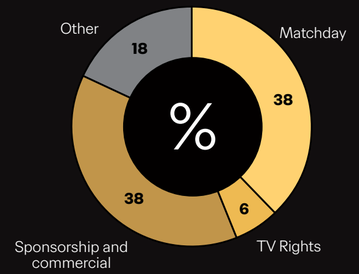
ANNUAL REVENUE
83m

TRANSFER INCOME
1.2m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
1.4m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN

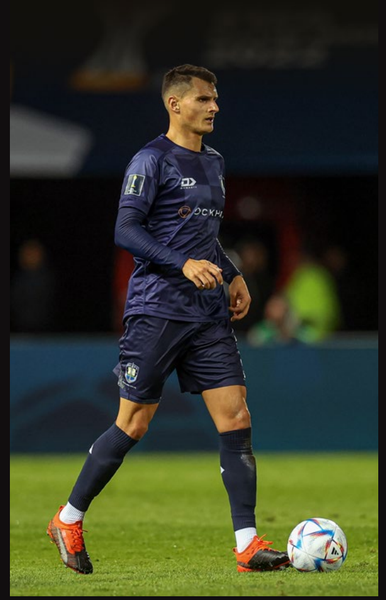


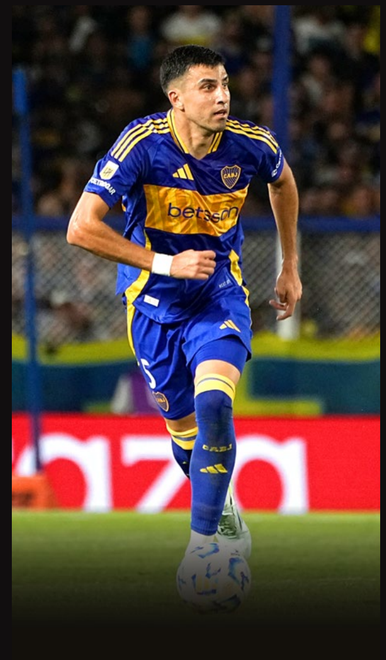
All monetary figures are in USD.

Group C Club profiles

- FC Bayern München
- Auckland City FC
- CA Boca Juniors
- SL Benfica









GROUP C

FC Bayern München

MISSION

The club's mission is to be a source of inspiration by delivering on-field success and outstanding fan experiences.

VALUES

Success
Inspiration
Commitment
Ambition

HISTORY

With roots in the football division of MTV München, FC Bayern München were founded in 1900. The most decorated club in the history of German football celebrated the first of their 34 league titles in 1932, well before the *Bundesliga* was established in 1963. Bayern lifted 11 consecutive league crowns between 2013 and 2023, before the Bayer Leverkusen side coached by Xabi Alonso brought the Bavarians' triumphant streak to an end in the 2023-24 season.

Die Roten are the most successful side in *DFB-Pokal* (German Cup) history, with 20 titles to their name, the latest of which came in 2020. Bayern's long track record of success extends to the continental and global stages, with the club's vast trophy cabinet including six European Cup/UEFA Champions League titles and a pair of Inter-confederation Cups/Toyota Cup crowns.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Die Roten clinched their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ as the best-ranked eligible team in the UEFA ranking. The club's strong performances in the UEFA Champions League over the four-year qualifying period (2021-2024), during which they reached at least the quarter-final stage in all four campaigns, assured them of a spot at the global bonanza.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past decade, Bayern have enjoyed remarkable financial growth, with the club's revenue having increased from approximately USD 581 million in the 2014-15 season to a record USD 1.019 billion in 2023-24 (an impressive rise of nearly 75%). That milestone marks the second-best financial year in the club's history and was supported by a 15% increase in pre-tax earnings, which amounted to USD 67 million. As part of its global expansion strategy, the club continues to strengthen its international presence. In 2022, the German giants inaugurated a state-of-the-art office in Bangkok, Thailand, to manage operations across much of Asia. The hub complements the club's broader international network, which features over 20 employees across offices in the Thai capital, New York and Shanghai.

FC Bayern München

CITY
Munich

COUNTRY
Germany

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Bundesliga

NICKNAME(S)
Die Roten

FOUNDED
1900

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Herbert Hainer

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
T-Mobile (telecommunications)

WEBSITE
fcbayern.com/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
143m

CLUB LEGENDS
Franz Beckenbauer
Gerd Müller
Lothar Matthäus



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Vincent Kompany

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
32

AVERAGE AGE
25.3

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
17

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
12

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
20

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
4,331,809

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
34

DOMESTIC CUPS
26

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
10

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
6

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
2

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
2

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
4

STADIUM

NAME
Allianz Arena

CAPACITY
75,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
75,000

OPENED
2005

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

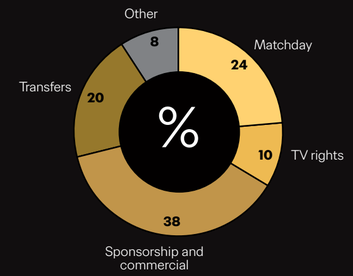
ANNUAL REVENUE
998m

TRANSFER INCOME
109m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
172m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP C

Auckland City FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to develop football at all levels, with an emphasis on promoting community values, volunteer involvement and accessible pathways for local talent.

VALUES

- High performance
- Strong volunteering spirit
- Multicultural inclusiveness
- Local roots

HISTORY

Formed in 2004 following the launch of the New Zealand Football Championship in the same year, Auckland City FC wasted little time in announcing themselves on the national stage, reigning supreme in the league's first season. A lengthy battle then ensued with the now-defunct Waitakere United, with the pair securing the following eight editions of the New Zealand Football Championship between them. Auckland City then asserted their domination, racking up eight straight league titles between 2013 and 2020. Even the introduction of a new-look competition, the New Zealand National League, could do little to halt the *Navy Blues*' juggernaut as they were crowned champions of the first three editions under the new format.

Keen to achieve more than just domestic success, the New Zealanders took their swashbuckling form onto the continental stage, triumphing in the OFC's premier club competition in 2006 and 2009 before securing a remarkable string of seven straight continental titles between 2011 and 2017. Having claimed the last four editions of the continental competition, it is hard to see this winning machine from New Zealand's North Island easing up any time soon.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

With the OFC's slot at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ determined by the ranking pathway, Auckland City already held an unassailable lead when the qualification criteria was determined in December 2023. The *Navy Blues*' sheer domination in the confederation's leading club competition is unrivalled in the history of world football. Indeed, an astonishing run of ten continental title triumphs in a 12-year period is a record that may well never be eclipsed. Last year's OFC Men's Champions League served up an Auckland City masterclass at both ends of the pitch, with the serial winners plundering 13 goals and conceding just twice in their five outings on Tahitian soil.

DID YOU KNOW?

Auckland City, the only amateur team in the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 line-up, are the most decorated club in Oceania, with no fewer than 13 continental titles, including a record seven consecutive successes between 2011 and 2017, to their name.

Auckland City FC

CITY
Auckland

COUNTRY
New Zealand

CONFEDERATION
OFC

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
National League

NICKNAME(S)
The *Navy Blues*

FOUNDED
2004

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Ivan Vuksich

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
OFC ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Dynasty

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSORS
Ockham (property)
Michelob ULTRA (beverage)

WEBSITE
www.aucklandcityfc.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
105k

CLUB LEGENDS
Keryn Jordan
Ivan Vicelich
Emiliano Tade



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FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Paul Posa

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
27

AVERAGE AGE
27.5

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
23

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
4

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
2

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
n/a

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
22

DOMESTIC CUPS
1

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
7

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
13

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Kiwitea Street

CAPACITY
5,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
1000

OPENED
1965

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

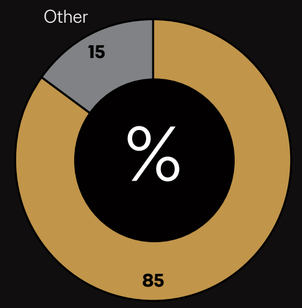
ANNUAL REVENUE
600k

TRANSFER INCOME
0

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
0

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP C

CA Boca Juniors

MISSION

The club's mission is to promote community spirit and unity among its members.

VALUES

Community
Identity
Passion
Inclusion

HISTORY

CA Boca Juniors are one of the most decorated teams in world football. The club's badge and home shirt are instantly recognisable the world over. Boca's winning pedigree, the passion of their fans, over a century of success and a long list of icons have propelled the club's name beyond the borders of Argentina and South America. The team, which was founded in 1905 in the La Boca district of Buenos Aires, claimed their first top-flight victory in 1913. The side's European tour in 1925 was key to the club's popularity, which only increased when their iconic La Bombonera home opened its doors in 1940. Boca earned the first of their six CONMEBOL *Copa Libertadores* titles in 1977, a feat that was followed by the signing of the legendary Diego Maradona four years later.

However, the club's golden period came at the start of the millennium under the tutelage of Carlos Bianchi, who guided his charges to continental glory in 2000, 2001 and 2003, as well as overseeing a memorable triumph over Real Madrid C. F. in the 2000 Toyota Cup, in which midfield maestro Juan Román Riquelme delivered a performance for the ages.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Although they did not feature in last year's edition of the CONMEBOL *Libertadores*, Boca's performance in the 2023 instalment, in which they lost to Brazilian side Fluminense FC in the final, gave them enough points to qualify for the groundbreaking tournament in the United States via the CONMEBOL ranking pathway. Uruguayan side Nacional were defeated by São Paulo in the round of 16 at this year's *Libertadores*, which assured *El Xeneize* of a place amongst the 32-team line-up at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since Riquelme took up a leadership role at Boca Juniors, no fewer than 41 academy players have been handed a first-team debut, reflecting the club's commitment to nurturing youth talent.

Boca's state-of-the-art Predio de Ezeiza training ground plays a key role in the club's efforts to rear the next generation of first-team stars. Boca Juniors have secured some significant transfer fees in recent years, pocketing a combined total of over USD 100 million from the sale of several of home-grown talents. Some notable sales include transactions for sums of between USD 20 million and USD 13 million. These player sales confirm Boca's youth set-up as a major revenue stream and a cornerstone of the club's on-field and financial strategies.

CA Boca Juniors

CITY
Buenos Aires

COUNTRY
Argentina

CONFEDERATION
CONMEBOL

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Liga Profesional de Fútbol

NICKNAME(S)
El Xeneize

FOUNDED
1905

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Juan Román Riquelme

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CONMEBOL ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Betsson (gambling)

WEBSITE
bocajuniors.com.ar

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
30m

CLUB LEGENDS
Diego Maradona
Juan Román Riquelme
Martín Palermo



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Miguel Ángel Russo

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
35

AVERAGE AGE
27.8

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
26

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
6

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
7

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
32,851

All monetary figures are in USD.

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
29

DOMESTIC CUPS
6

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
2

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
6

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
5

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
4

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
3

STADIUM

NAME
La Bombonera

CAPACITY
57,200

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
57,200

OPENED
1940

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

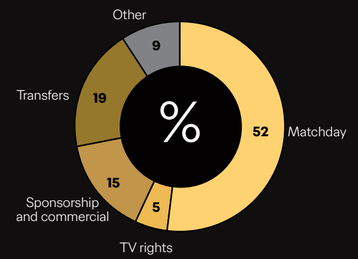
ANNUAL REVENUE
145m

TRANSFER INCOME
61m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
41m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



GROUP C

SL Benfica

MISSION

The club's mission is to instil ambition and unwavering commitment amongst all of its staff. Humility is fostered through conduct and indiscriminate solidarity, with the club keen to convey a culture of respect, education, ethics and fair play.

VALUES

Family
Responsibility
Team spirit
Fair play
Ethics
Passion
Resilience
Determination

HISTORY

Founded in 1904 as Sport Lisboa, SL Benfica won the second edition of the *Primeira Liga* in the 1935-36 season, which was the first of a run of six league triumphs in a decade. Since then, there has been no stopping the Lisbon giants, with the club claiming at least one league title in each of the past eight decades en route to a record 38 top-flight successes. Under the guidance of legendary Hungarian coach Béla Guttmann, Benfica saw off the formidable Barcelona and then Real Madrid C. F. to win back-to-back European Cups in 1961 and 1962. The latter came courtesy of a memorable 5-3 victory in Amsterdam, capped off by second-half brace from a 20-year-old Eusébio in his debut campaign at the club.

Since then, at least in continental tournaments, *As Águias* have failed to soar to those heights, suffering heartbreak in no fewer than five European Cup/UEFA Champions League finals and in three UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League showpieces.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Benfica punched their ticket to the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the UEFA ranking pathway, with the Portuguese side assured of their involvement after the criteria for the four-year cycle was released, given their performances in the UEFA Champions League between 2021 and 2024.

DID YOU KNOW?

Benfica boast what is arguably the leading youth set-up in world football. Indeed, 94 of the club's academy graduates are currently plying their trade in 49 of the top football leagues across the world. This gives the club an impressive training index, which measures the quality and impact of its development system. Over the past decade, the Portuguese powerhouses have registered a net transfer profit of approximately USD 802 million, and since the turn of the century, they have received over USD 1.08 billion in transfer fees. This remarkable track record cements Benfica's reputation as a formidable talent factory within the global game.

SL Benfica

CITY
Lisbon

COUNTRY
Portugal

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Primeira Liga

NICKNAME(S)
As Águias

FOUNDED
1904

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Rui Costa

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Emirates (aviation)

WEBSITE
www.slbenfica.pt

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
12m

CLUB LEGENDS
Eusébio
Mário Coluna
Rui Costa



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Bruno Lage

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
30

AVERAGE AGE
23.9

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
15

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
11

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
14

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
1,961,040

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
38

DOMESTIC CUPS
37

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
9

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
2

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Estádio da Luz

CAPACITY
64,600

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
60,100

OPENED
2003

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

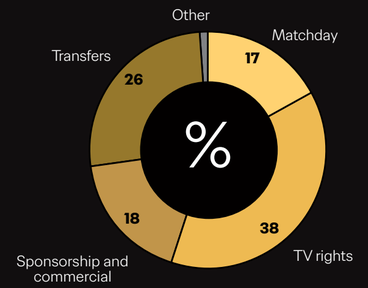
ANNUAL REVENUE
256m

TRANSFER INCOME
169m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
77m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

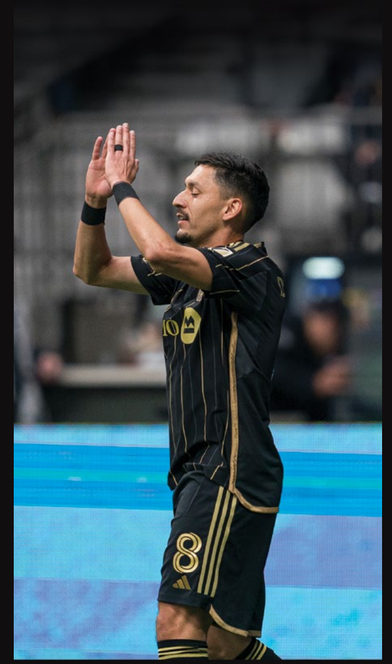
Group D Club profiles

- CR Flamengo
- Espérance
- Chelsea FC
- Los Angeles Football Club









GROUP D

CR Flamengo

MISSION

The club's mission is to establish itself as the leading force in Brazil and South America and to bring joy to its fans by displaying excellence and passion both on and off the pitch.

VALUES

Ethics
Responsibility
Respect
Unity
Teamwork
Responsiveness

HISTORY

CR Flamengo were founded in 1895 in Rio de Janeiro as a rowing club for young people from the Flamengo neighbourhood, with football only added to the club's activities in 1911. Although it took Flamengo several decades to announce themselves on the domestic scene, they did so in emphatic style, with the golden age of the 1980s proving to be well worth the wait. With the likes of Brazilian icons Zico, Léo Júnior and Leandro in their ranks, the *Rubro-Negro* captured the league title in 1980, 1982 and 1983. The club also secured the 1981 edition of the CONMEBOL *Copa Libertadores* and that year's Toyota Cup, in which they ran out 3-0 winners over Liverpool.

The 2000s and 2010s brought a number of highs and lows, including several seasons in which the squad lacked any star talents. However, Flamengo were crowned Brazilian champions in 2009 and managed to preserve their top-tier status throughout the period. Flamengo and São Paulo are the only two of the country's big hitters never to have been relegated from the top rung of Brazilian football. Towards the end of the last decade, the *Mengão* returned to the summit of the Brazilian and South American game after clinching two *Série A* titles (in 2019 and 2020) and a pair of *Libertadores* triumphs (in 2019 and 2022). Indeed, 2019 proved to be a dream year for the Flamengo faithful as the team enjoyed a near-perfect campaign in which they claimed a domestic and continental double.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Flamengo landed their third continental crown in 2022 courtesy of a 1-0 win over fellow Brazilians Athletico Paranaense in the tournament decider. That triumph secured the team's spot at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™. The final was contested as a single match, with Gabriel *Gabigol* Barbosa's strike enough to separate the teams. The Brazilian hotshot, who now plies his trade for Cruzeiro, has real pedigree on the continental stage, having struck a last-gasp brace in Flamengo's remarkable 2-1 comeback win over CA River Plate in the 2019 showpiece.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2023, Flamengo led the way in Brazilian football's revenue standings, generating in the region of USD 280 million. This figure places the Rio outfit amongst the world's top 30 biggest hitters in terms of revenue generation. The club's financial success boosted its value, which amounted to approximately USD 871 million last year, making Flamengo the most valuable club in the domestic game. Additionally, Flamengo are the Brazilian club with the highest player transfer earnings (approximately USD 315 million in recent years), contributing to a broader trend that saw Brazilian outfits earn around USD 1.9 billion from transfers over the past six years.

CR Flamengo

CITY
Rio de Janeiro

COUNTRY
Brazil

CONFEDERATION
CONMEBOL

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Série A

NICKNAME(S)
The *Mengão*
The *Rubro-Negro*

FOUNDED
1895

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Luiz Eduardo Baptista

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CONMEBOL *Libertadores* winners (2022)

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Pixbet (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.flamengo.com.br

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
67.2m

CLUB LEGENDS
Zico
Zizinho
Léo Júnior



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Filipe Luís

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
35

AVERAGE AGE
26

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
27

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
10

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
13

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
883,335

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
7

DOMESTIC CUPS
7

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
3

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
3

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
2

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Maracanã

CAPACITY
73,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 54,000

OPENED
1950

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

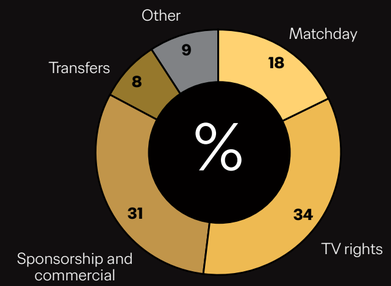
ANNUAL REVENUE
269m

TRANSFER INCOME
20m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
27m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP D

Espérance

MISSION

The club's mission is to promote the practice of sport – especially football – while contributing to the physical, moral and social development of its members and community.

VALUES

Excellence
Community
Integrity
Youth development
Tradition

HISTORY

Tunisian titans Espérance were founded in 1919 in a café in the Bab Souika neighbourhood nestled in the medina of Tunis. Frenchman Louis Montassier, secretary to the Tunisian central government, was the first president of a club that went by the name of Espérance de Tunis. The capital side began to make waves on the domestic scene in 1936, when they contested the Tunisian Cup final for the first time in the club's history, narrowly losing out to their fiercest foes, the now-defunct Stade Gaulois.

In 1956, Tunisia declared independence from France, and EST started to assert their dominance on the domestic scene. *Les Sang et Or* lifted the Tunisian Cup in 1957 before securing back-to-back league titles in 1959 and 1960.

After subsequently establishing themselves as the country's biggest hitters, the club embarked on a quest for continental glory in the 1990s. The Tunisians secured their maiden triumph in the African Cup of Champions Clubs (now known as the CAF Champions League) in 1994, a success that they built on in the following year by capturing both the CAF Super Cup and the Afro-Asian Club Championship.

The club's trophy cabinet is bursting at the seams and contains a record-breaking 33 league titles, 15 Tunisian Cups and four CAF Champions League crowns, a haul that makes Espérance one of the most decorated teams in the African game.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

The elder statesmen of Tunisian football, Espérance, who were edged out by Al Ahly in the 2023-24 CAF Champions League showpiece, clinched their spot at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the CAF ranking pathway thanks to their consistently impressive performances in Africa's elite club competition between 2021 and 2024. Indeed, the Tunis powerhouses have racked up no fewer than 14 consecutive campaigns in the CAF Champions League proper.

DID YOU KNOW?

The ambitious Taraji Land building project is central to Espérance's long-term development strategy. The plans involve the construction a modern, multifunctional complex that will be home to a high-performance training centre, a hotel (to accommodate teams carrying out training camps), commercial spaces, facilities for club members and state-of-the-art medical services. Backed by Taraji Holding, the initiative aims to establish the club as a benchmark in the field of sports infrastructure across North Africa and to create sustainable revenue streams, as well as enhancing the professional environment for players and staff alike.

Espérance

CITY
Tunis

COUNTRY
Tunisia

CONFEDERATION
CAF

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Ligue Professionnelle 1

NICKNAME(S)
Mkachkha (the *Smiling One*)
Ghoul Afrikya (the *Beast of Africa*)

FOUNDED
1919

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Hamdi Meddeb

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CAF ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Kappa

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Délice Danone (food and beverage)

WEBSITE
e-s-tunis.com/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
2.5m

CLUB LEGENDS
Khaled ben Yahia
Radhi Jaïdi
Tarak Dhiab



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Maher Kanzari

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
32

AVERAGE AGE
25.1

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
24

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
12

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
14

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
525,620

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
34

DOMESTIC CUPS
16

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
7

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
4

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
2

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Stade Olympique de Radès

CAPACITY
60,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
n/a

OPENED
2001

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

ANNUAL REVENUE
n/a

TRANSFER INCOME
1m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
n/a

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
2m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP D

Chelsea FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to play its part in ensuring that all those associated with it do the right things in life. The club guides their choices and actions and communicates to the world what it stands for.

VALUES

Here to win
Be brave
Do the right thing
Play your part
Many teams, one club

HISTORY

Chelsea FC were founded in 1905 after English businessman Gus Mears acquired the Stamford Bridge athletics stadium in Fulham with a view to turning it into a football ground. Following a successful spell in the 1990s, the club embarked on a transformative era at the beginning of the new millennium. The arrival of new ownership in 2003 brought a wave of investment as the West Londoners quickly set about securing the services of some of the biggest names in the game in a bid to propel themselves to the pinnacle of domestic and European football.

Under José Mourinho's stewardship, the *Blues* lifted their second top-flight title in their centenary year. The Portuguese tactician led Chelsea to the title after they amassed a then-record 95 points, before the team successfully defended their crown in the following season. Perhaps the greatest night in the club's history came on 19 May 2012, when Roberto Di Matteo's troops lifted the UEFA Champions League for the first time. Following a rollercoaster run to the final, which included a stunning comeback win over Napoli and a dramatic victory against Barcelona, a heavily depleted side stunned FC Bayern München on their own patch following a nail-biting penalty shoot-out. Chelsea would lift the trophy for a second time in 2021, when Thomas Tuchel masterminded a 1-0 success over Pep Guardiola's Manchester City in Porto thanks to a Kai Havertz strike.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Chelsea secured their place – one of the 12 UEFA berths – at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ courtesy of their victory over Manchester City in the 2020-21 UEFA Champions League showpiece.

DID YOU KNOW?

Chelsea are one of the leading clubs in world football. The *Blues* triumphed on the global stage in 2022, when they overcame Brazilian side SE Palmeiras in Abu Dhabi. Founded in 1905, Chelsea is London's most central football club, based at the iconic 40,100-capacity Stamford Bridge.
The Londoners lifted the UEFA Champions League for the first time in 2012, and their trophy haul includes five Premier League titles, eight FA Cup crowns, five League Cup trophies and two UEFA Europa League triumphs. The club continues to invest in its future with the state-of-the-art training ground in Cobham, Surrey, with a number of academy players having made their first-team debuts this season.

Chelsea FC

CITY
London

COUNTRY
England

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
English Premier League

NICKNAME(S)
The *Blues*

FOUNDED
1905

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Todd Boehly

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA Champions League winners (2020-21)

KIT SUPPLIER
Nike

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
DAMAC Properties (property)

WEBSITE
www.chelseafc.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
149.8m

CLUB LEGENDS
Frank Lampard
Didier Drogba
Gianfranco Zola



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Enzo Maresca

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
28

AVERAGE AGE
23.1

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
10

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
5

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
16

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
3,255,016

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
6

DOMESTIC CUPS
15

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
4

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
2

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
5

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
2

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Stamford Bridge

CAPACITY
40,100

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 40,000

OPENED
1877

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

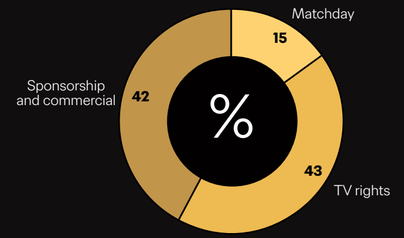
ANNUAL REVENUE
636m

TRANSFER INCOME
171m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
310m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP D

Los Angeles Football Club

MISSION

The club's mission is to unite the world's city through the world's game by building a world-class football club that reflects the diversity, energy and spirit of Los Angeles – on and off the pitch.

VALUES

Integrity
Authenticity
Inclusivity

HISTORY

Los Angeles Football Club were established in 2014 and joined the Major League Soccer (MLS) ranks four years later. In their inaugural top-flight season, LAFC made an immediate impact by securing a play-off spot, becoming only the fifth expansion team in MLS history to achieve the feat. The club has since enjoyed significant success, including winning the Supporters' Shield in 2019 and 2022, a year in which they also lifted the MLS Cup crown. The *Black and Gold* graced the Concacaf Champions League final in both 2020 and 2023.

Last year, they contested the Leagues Cup decider and captured the U.S. Open Cup courtesy of an after-extra-time victory over Sporting Kansas City. Since their inception, LAFC have attracted and developed some top talents, with the likes of Carlos Vela, Gareth Bale, Giorgio Chiellini, Cristian Arango and Denis Bouanga all playing key roles in raising the club's profile.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

LAFC clinched their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ by virtue of their runners-up finish in the 2023 Concacaf Champions League, which enabled them to compete for a spot in the tournament. The BMO Stadium-based outfit bagged their berth by defeating Mexico's Club América in a one-off play-in match. The MLS heavyweights reached the 2023 continental showpiece following impressive victories over Alajuelense, Vancouver Whitecaps and Philadelphia Union in a tournament campaign in which Denis Bouanga, Carlos Vela and Ilie Sánchez shone brightly.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since its first season in 2018, LAFC have scored more goals, won more games and earned more regular-season points than any other club in MLS. Off the pitch, the Los Angeles-based outfit became the first club in league history to be valued at over USD 1 billion (by Forbes in 2023). The value of the club increased last year, when it was named the most valuable club in MLS for the second straight year and the 15th-most valuable club in the world (by Forbes). The club's ability to leverage its location in Los Angeles, which is a global hub for entertainment, technology and sport, has played a crucial role in attracting high-profile investors and corporate partners.

Los Angeles Football Club

CITY
Los Angeles

COUNTRY
United States

CONFEDERATION
Concacaf

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Major League Soccer

NICKNAME(S)
The *Black and Gold*

FOUNDED
2014

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENTS
John Thorrington
Larry Freedman

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
Concacaf Champions Cup runners-up (2023)

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
BMO (banking)

WEBSITE
www.lafc.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
2.7m

CLUB LEGENDS
Denis Bouanga
Giorgio Chiellini
Carlos Vela



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Steve Cherundolo

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
31

AVERAGE AGE
26.4

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
11

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
3

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
6

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
764,705

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
1

DOMESTIC CUPS
1

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
0

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
BMO Stadium

CAPACITY
22,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
22,000

OPENED
2018

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

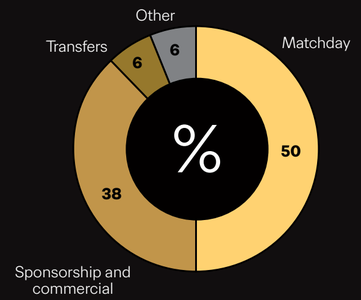
ANNUAL REVENUE
155m

TRANSFER INCOME
24m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
8m

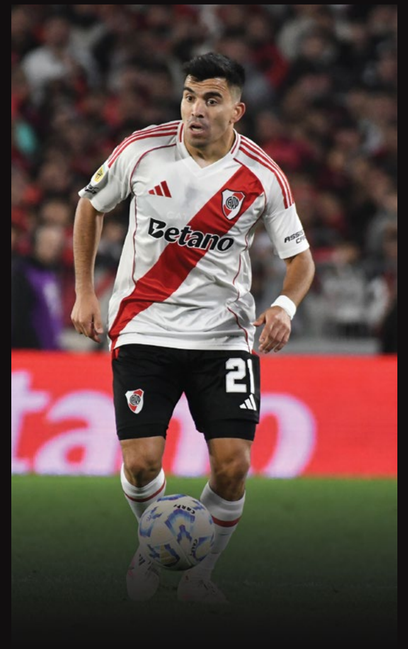
ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN

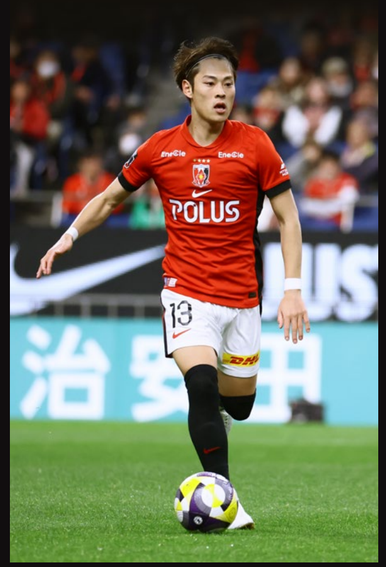


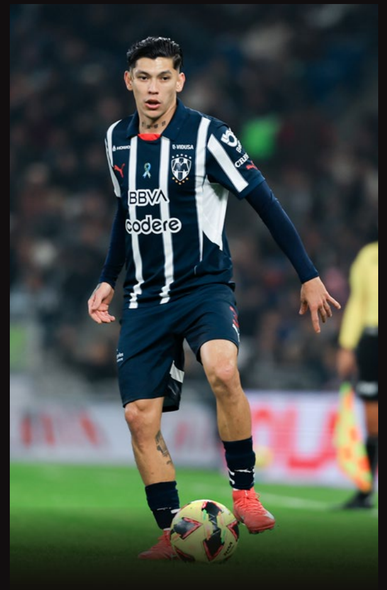
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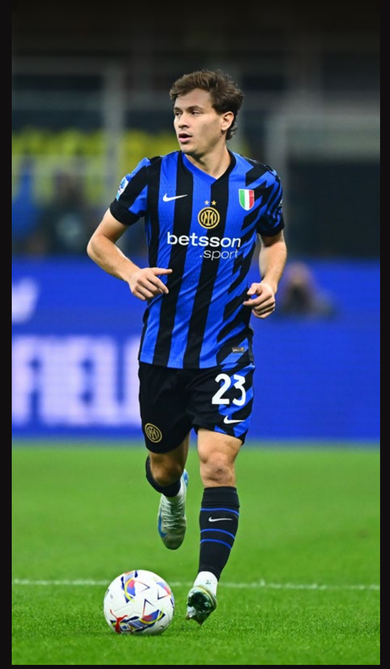
Group E Club profiles

- CA River Plate
- Urawa Red Diamonds
- CF Monterrey
- FC Internazionale Milano









GROUP E

CA River Plate

MISSION

The club's mission is to promote its values in all that it does with a view to fostering the sporting, educational, cultural and social development of the members of its community.

VALUES

Identity
Tradition
Commitment
Solidarity
Teamwork
Integrity
Pride
Loyalty

HISTORY

CA River Plate are one of the most formidable forces in South American football. The club was founded in Buenos Aires in 1901, and the team contested their first *Superclásico* against cross-city rivals CA Boca Juniors 12 years later, snaring the local bragging rights courtesy of a 2-1 victory. Over the ensuing years, River Plate picked up a plethora of domestic titles, and they moved to their current home, the Estadio Monumental, in 1938. The Argentinian outfit enjoyed a trophy-laden period during the 1950s that yielded five league titles. They then collected a further eight pieces of silverware in the 11-year spell between 1975 and 1986 that was capped off by the club's first-ever CONMEBOL *Copa Libertadores* crown and Toyota Cup glory in 1986.

River added a second continental title to their trophy cabinet in 1996 after a star-studded side featuring the likes of Enzo Francescoli and current head coach Marcelo Gallardo led them to glory. Gallardo's first spell in charge of his boyhood club, which began in June 2014, brought a real upturn in fortunes, with River establishing themselves as the leading lights in the South American game. Indeed, *Los Millonarios* lifted the *Copa Libertadores* crown in 2015 before repeating the feat in 2018, when they ran out 3-1 winners over eternal foes Boca in the second leg at Madrid's Santiago Bernabéu to claim a 5-3 aggregate triumph.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

River booked their ticket to the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the CONMEBOL ranking pathway. The Matchday 5 win over Paraguay's Libertad in last year's edition of the CONMEBOL *Libertadores* secured *El Más Grande*'s spot in the knockout phase of the continental competition and guaranteed them a place among the 32 teams that will vie to be crowned in the inaugural instalment of the FIFA Club World Cup™ in the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

After renovation work took the capacity of River Plate's Estadio Monumental to 84,600, the arena became the most attended stadium in the world, registering 66 consecutive sell-outs from November 2021. This was driven by a sharp rise in membership figures, which surpassed 350,000 by late 2023. The increase in fan numbers boosted revenue, leading to back-to-back record financial results: a USD 52.3m profit in 2022-23 and a figure just shy of USD 62m in 2023-24. River lead the way in terms of matchday attendances globally, ahead of *Bundesliga* pair Borussia Dortmund and FC Bayern München.

CA River Plate

CITY
Buenos Aires

COUNTRY
Argentina

CONFEDERATION
CONMEBOL

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Liga Profesional de Fútbol

NICKNAME(S)
Los Millonarios
El Más Grande

FOUNDED
1901

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Jorge Brito

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CONMEBOL ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Betano (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.cariverplate.com.ar/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
29.5m

CLUB LEGENDS
Enzo Francescoli
Omar Sívori
Ángel Labruna



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Marcelo Gallardo

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
34

AVERAGE AGE
28.3

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
29

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
16

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
9

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
1,204,547

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
37

DOMESTIC CUPS
10

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
5

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
4

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
3

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
5

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Estadio Monumental

CAPACITY
84,600

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
84,600

OPENED
1938

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

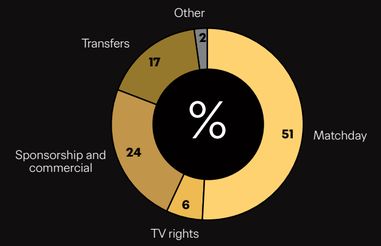
ANNUAL REVENUE
217m

TRANSFER INCOME
23m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
45m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP E

Urawa Red Diamonds

MISSION

The club's mission is to share the excitement and joy of the game, to foster a culture in which sport is a part of everyday life and to create a rich community for future generations.

VALUES

Authenticity
Harmony
Innovation
Tradition
Integrity
Business viability

HISTORY

Founded in the port city of Kobe in 1950 as Central Japan Heavy Industries SC, the club was renamed New Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Kobe SC two years later before relocating to Tokyo in 1964, when it became Mitsubishi Heavy Industries SC. Urawa Reds were one of the founding members of the Japan Soccer League (the precursor to the J.League) in 1965 and competed in the competition until its final season (the 1991-92 campaign), winning four league titles – one of which was part of a historic treble in 1978 that included success in the Emperor's Cup and the Japan Soccer League Cup – and amassing more points than any other team during the amateur era of the Japanese domestic league. The side from Saitama, one of the ten-team line-up in the inaugural J.League season in 1993, adopted the name of Urawa Red Diamonds in 1996 and captured their first – and only – league title a decade later. The *Reds* have contested their home matches at the iconic Saitama Stadium 2002 since 2003 and are widely regarded as one of Asia's best-supported teams. In 2007, they clinched their first AFC Champions League title, beating IR Iran's Sepahan 3-1 over two legs. Urawa lifted the J.League Cup in 2016 and have twice hoisted the Emperor's Cup aloft (in 2018 and 2021), and further AFC Champions League triumphs (in 2017 and 2022) cemented their status as a force to be reckoned with on the continental stage. With three Asian club titles to their name, the Japanese titans lie level with Korea Republic's Pohang Steelers and trail only Al Hilal (five) in the tussle to be the continent's most decorated team.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Urawa provide a rare example of a club that has enjoyed far more success on the continental stage than domestically, having won the J.League just once (in 2006) but having prevailed on the continental stage on three occasions (in 2007, 2017 and 2022). It was the most recent of those continental crowns that earned the *Reds* their ticket to the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™. The Japanese titans finished second in their group before a series of impressive knockout-stage wins assured them of a spot in the tournament decider against Al Hilal. Shinzo Koroki's equaliser earned a 1-1 draw in Riyadh, before Urawa secured the title with a 1-0 win in front of just over 53,000 fans back on home turf.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the years since the COVID-19 pandemic, Urawa have enjoyed significant financial growth, which has been driven by their on-field success. The team's campaign in the 2022 edition of the AFC Champions League brought in USD 5 million in ticket sales as fans flocked to support the side's quest for continental glory. Merchandise sales hit record-breaking levels, amounting to USD 11.3 million, as the club capitalised on its growing popularity. Revenue rose by USD 15.5 million to USD 74.1 million, with advertising revenue growing by USD 1.3 million. Despite rising operational costs, Urawa recorded a profit of USD 2.2 million and maintained strong net assets of USD 11.5 million, reflecting the club's solid financial base and successful management model.

Urawa Red Diamonds



CITY
Saitama

COUNTRY
Japan

CONFEDERATION
AFC

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
J1 League

NICKNAME(S)
The *Reds*

FOUNDED
1950

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Makoto Taguchi

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
AFC Champions League winners (2022)

KIT SUPPLIER
Nike

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Polus Group (management of group operating companies)

WEBSITE
www.urawa-reds.co.jp

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
833k

CLUB LEGENDS
Shūsaku Nishikawa
Nobuhisa Yamada
Yuki Abe

FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Maciej Skorża

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
32

AVERAGE AGE
26.7

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
27

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
6

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
4

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
282,886

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
4

DOMESTIC CUPS
12

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
5

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
3

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Saitama Stadium 2002

CAPACITY
63,700

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 37,000

OPENED
2001

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

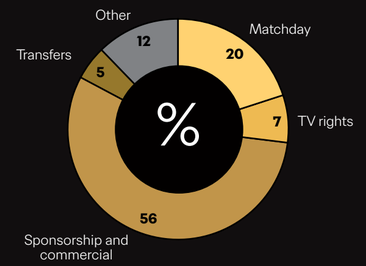
ANNUAL REVENUE
73m

TRANSFER INCOME
2m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
2m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP E

CF Monterrey

MISSION

The club's mission is to recognise its fans and community as its raison d'être, with its principles and values reflecting this objective.

VALUES

Engagement
Belonging
Community spirit
Innovation
Self-sustainability

HISTORY

CF Monterrey were founded on 28 June 1945, but it was not until 1986 that the team secured their first league honours. The Mexican side have enjoyed an upturn in fortunes since the turn of the century, having been crowned domestic champions on four occasions since 2003.

However, it is on the continental stage that Monterrey have really made their mark. Indeed, *Los Albiazules* captured three consecutive Concacaf Champions League titles (now known as the Concacaf Champions Cup) in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The Nuevo León-based outfit went on to clinch another two Concacaf titles, first in 2019 when they saw off local rivals Tigres in a memorable two-legged final, and in 2021 when they edged past Club América. The *Liga MX* giants have previously competed on the FIFA global club stage on five occasions.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Monterrey bagged one of the four berths reserved for Concacaf teams at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ thanks to their victory over domestic rivals Club América in the final of the 2021 edition of the Concacaf Champions League.

Striker Rogelio Funes Mori, who has since departed for Pumas UNAM, put *Rayados* in the box seat in the ninth minute, and no further goals were forthcoming as Monterrey secured a fifth Concacaf club crown in front of their fans.

DID YOU KNOW?

Monterrey's home ground, the Estadio BBVA, opened its doors in 2015 following an outlay of approximately USD 200 million. The 53,500-capacity arena features 324 suites, 37 food and beverage kiosks and over 900 screens. For special events such as concerts the stadium's capacity can be increased to 70,000. In preparation for the matches that the venue will host at the FIFA World Cup 26™, between USD 5 million and USD 6 million has been spent on renovation work, including the installation of a state-of-the-art LED lighting system.

CF Monterrey

CITY
Monterrey

COUNTRY
Mexico

CONFEDERATION
Concacaf

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Liga MX

NICKNAME(S)
Los Albiazules

FOUNDED
1945

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
José Antonio Noriega

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
Concacaf Champions Cup winners (2021)

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSORS
BBVA (banking)
Codere (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.rayados.com/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
6.3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Humberto Suazo
Rogelio Funes Mori
Mario de Souza Bahía



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Domènec Torrent

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
30

AVERAGE AGE
28.4

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
20

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
7

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
5

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
1,168,958

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
5

DOMESTIC CUPS
3

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
5

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
BBVA Stadium

CAPACITY
53,500

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
42,700

OPENED
2015

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

ANNUAL REVENUE
n/a

TRANSFER INCOME
28m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
n/a

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
22m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP E

FC Internazionale Milano

MISSION

The club's mission is to constantly improve and to continue to excite fans of all ages around the world while remaining financial sustainable.

VALUES

Innovation
Inclusion

HISTORY

FC Internazionale Milano were founded on 9 March 1908 by a group of players who broke away from the club now known as AC Milan to form their own team. The *Nerazzurri* are the only Italian club to have spent every season since their formation in *Serie A*. One of the most decorated sides in the history of Italian football, Internazionale have 20 league titles, nine *Coppa Italia* crowns and eight *Supercoppa Italiana* triumphs to their name. The latest of the league honours was secured in the 2023-24 season, and it gave the club the right to add a second star to its crest (one is awarded for every ten Italian league titles). Inter have also been major players on the European scene during their glorious history, winning three European Cup/UEFA Champions League titles and a trio of UEFA Cups.

The Milan giants claimed an unprecedented treble in 2009-10, clinching glory in *Serie A*, the *Coppa Italia* and Europe's premier club competition, the latter after overcoming FC Bayern München 2-0 in the final in Madrid. On football's global club stage, the San Siro-based outfit have triumphed on three occasions and have no intention of stopping there, with their sights now set on increasing that tally at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Inter's strong performances on the continental stage during the four-year qualification period (2021-2024) assured them of a spot at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 via the UEFA ranking pathway. The Italian heavyweights' standout campaigns in the UEFA Champions League include the run to the 2022-23 final, in which they were edged out 1-0 by Manchester City.

DID YOU KNOW?

Inter are moving closer to undertaking a transformative renovation project at the club's San Siro home. The plans, which involve an outlay of USD 1.08 billion, have already been submitted, and the project is set to be completed in 2030. The club aims to break ground on the new stadium in 2027, with the revamped venue to feature a capacity of approximately 71,500, including 13,000 dedicated corporate and hospitality seats. The ambitious project, developed in conjunction with leading professionals and industry experts, reflects the strategic vision of the club's owners and is poised to become an international benchmark, while delivering significant benefits to the city of Milan and its residents.

FC Internazionale Milano

CITY
Milan

COUNTRY
Italy

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Serie A

NICKNAME(S)
The *Nerazzurri*

FOUNDED
1908

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Giuseppe Marotta

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Nike

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Betsson (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.inter.it/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
69.3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Giuseppe Meazza
Javier Zanetti
Giuseppe Bergomi



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Cristian Chivu

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
33

AVERAGE AGE
26.7

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
14

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
11

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
21

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
2,295,028

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
20

DOMESTIC CUPS
9

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
8

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
3

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
3

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
3

STADIUM

NAME
San Siro/Stadio Giuseppe Meazza

CAPACITY
75,800

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 72,000

OPENED
1926

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

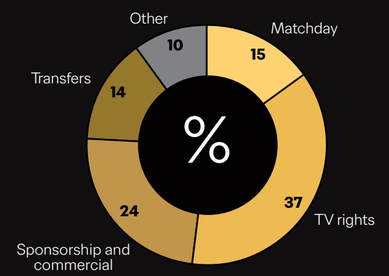
ANNUAL REVENUE
516m

TRANSFER INCOME
14m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
90m

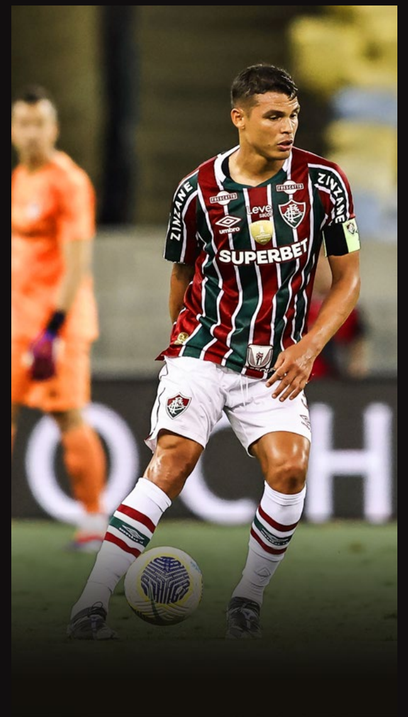
ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN

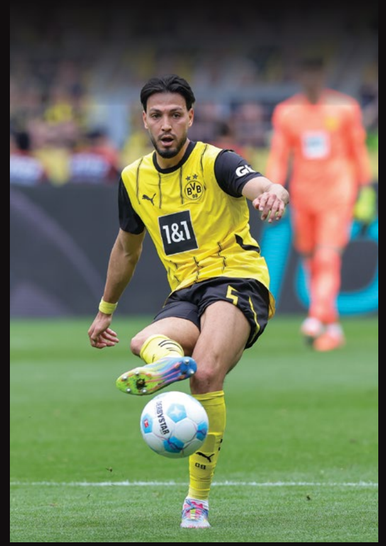


All monetary figures are in USD.

Group F Club profiles

- Fluminense FC
- Borussia Dortmund
- Ulsan HD
- Mamelodi Sundowns FC









GROUP F

Fluminense FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to develop well-rounded players who are role models both on and off the pitch.

VALUES

Courage
Confidence
Respect
Team spirit
Commitment

HISTORY

The Latin word *flumen* means "river", which explains why those born in the state of Rio de Janeiro are known as *Fluminenses*. However, the word has long since had another meaning, since 21 July 1902 to be exact, when Oscar Cox founded Fluminense FC. The Rio-based club's first two decades brought great success, and the team went on to win the *Torneio Rio-São Paulo* twice during the 1950s and 1960s. The *Tricolor das Laranjeiras* were the toast of the nation in later years, with a number of national-team icons, including Rivellino, strutting their stuff for *Flu* in the 1960s and 1970s. The team secured a host of trophies in the following decade, including three consecutive *Campeonato Carioca* titles between 1983 and 1985 and the league crown in 1984.

The one major trophy missing from the trailblazing club's haul was the CONEMBOL *Libertadores*, and after suffering final heartbreak at the hands of Ecuadorian outfit LDU Quito in 2008, the Brazilian giants secured the coveted crown in 2023. Under the leadership of Fernando Diniz, who was in his second spell at the helm, and thanks to the goalscoring prowess of Germán Cano, Fluminense swept all competitors aside to take the continental prize.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Fluminense qualified for the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ as winners of the 2023 edition of the *Libertadores* and will be one of six CONMEBOL representatives vying for glory on US soil. In the continental final against Argentina's CA Boca Juniors, Cano handed Fluminense a half-time lead, only for the boys from Buenos Aires to equalise in the second period through Luis Advíncula. However, an extra-time effort from John Kennedy ensured that Fluminense ran out 2-1 winners.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2023, Fluminense achieved a historic milestone by winning their first-ever *Libertadores* crown, which significantly boosted the club's coffers. During the course of the year, the club generated USD 98 million in revenue, with broadcasting rights amounting to USD 57 million – a total that placed the club in fourth spot in the TV broadcasting revenue rankings in the Brazilian game. The continental triumph earned Fluminense EUR 17.3 million in prize money, contributing to a total of EUR 25.87 million in earnings from the competition. Additionally, revenue from the Rio-based outfit's membership programme and ticket sales increased by 155%, and revenue pertaining to broadcasting rights rose by 83%, reflecting the positive impact that on-field success has had on the club's finances.

Fluminense FC

CITY
Rio de Janeiro

COUNTRY
Brazil

CONFEDERATION
CONMEBOL

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Série A

NICKNAME(S)
The *Tricolor (das Laranjeiras)*
Fluzão

FOUNDED
1902

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Mário Bittencourt

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CONMEBOL *Libertadores* winners (2023)

KIT SUPPLIER
Umbro

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Superbet (gambling)

WEBSITE
www.fluminense.com.br

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
9.3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Preguinho
Fred
Carlos Castilho



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Renato Gaúcho

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
32

AVERAGE AGE
28.4

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
22

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
5

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
2

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
n/a

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
4

DOMESTIC CUPS
1

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Maracanã

CAPACITY
73,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 32,000

OPENED
1950

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

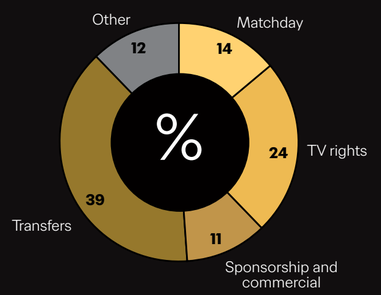
ANNUAL REVENUE
127m

TRANSFER INCOME
44m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
19m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP F

Borussia Dortmund

MISSION

The club's mission is to promote youth development, inclusion and social responsibility.

VALUES

Passion
Tradition
Community spirit

HISTORY

Formed in 1909, Borussia Dortmund are one of Germany's most decorated and well-supported clubs. The North Rhine-Westphalia-based side claimed the first of their eight *Bundesliga* titles in 1956, and their latest league crown was secured in 2012 under Jürgen Klopp's watch. They have lifted the *DFB-Pokal* (German Cup) on five occasions, the latest of which was in 2021. The German giants have also tasted glory on the continental stage, most notably in 1997, when they ran out 3-1 victors over Juventus FC in Munich to lift the UEFA Champions League.

The team followed up on that success later on in the year by seeing off Cruzeiro to claim the Toyota Cup. *Die Schwarzgelben* came mighty close to winning European club football's most coveted crown again in 2013 and last year, only to lose out in the final on both occasions.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

The 2023-24 UEFA Champions League runners-up secured their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ in March of last year via the UEFA ranking pathway based on their performances in the continental competition between 2021 and 2024. Dortmund will be joined in the competition line-up by fellow *Bundesliga* representatives FC Bayern München.

DID YOU KNOW?

BVB operate under the *Bundesliga*'s 50+1 model, which ensures that the club's members hold the majority control over decisions, thereby limiting the influence of external investors. However, unlike other outfits that operate purely under private ownership, the club is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the name Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co. KGaA, which enables investors to purchase shares in the club. Dortmund boast one of the highest stadium occupancy rates in European football, with almost all of their outings at their Westfalenstadion home throughout last term being sell-outs. The club's strong following provides significant revenue from ticket sales, which generate over EUR 70 million.

Borussia Dortmund

CITY
Dortmund

COUNTRY
Germany

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Bundesliga

NICKNAME(S)
Die Schwarzgelben

FOUNDED
1909

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Reinhard Rauball

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
1&1 (telecommunications)

WEBSITE
www.bvb.de/de/en.html

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
59.5m

CLUB LEGENDS
Michael Zorc
Dedé
Marco Reus



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Niko Kovač

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
30

AVERAGE AGE
24

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
13

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
7

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
17

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
2,472,060

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
8

DOMESTIC CUPS
5

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
6

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Westfalenstadion

CAPACITY
81,300

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
81,300

OPENED
1974

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

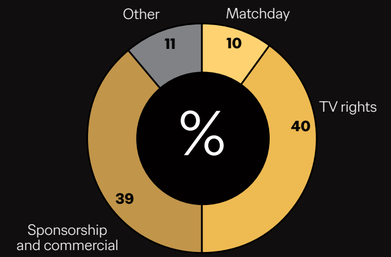
ANNUAL REVENUE
555m

TRANSFER INCOME
68m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
95m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP F

Ulsan HD

MISSION

The club's mission is to develop home-grown talents, deliver on-field success and engage with its fans.

VALUES

Professionalism
Fan engagement
Entertainment

HISTORY

Ulsan HD were founded as Hyundai Horang-i FC in 1983, the year in which Korea Republic's K League was launched. The club joined the top-tier competition in 1984 before relocating to Ulsan in 1990. In the following year, Cha Bum-kun, the first Korea Republic-born player to ply his trade in the German *Bundesliga*, was appointed head coach and quickly set about turning Ulsan into domestic powerhouses. Although Cha failed to deliver any silverware during his tenure, the former frontman laid the foundations for the club to go on and clinch the Korean League Cup in 1995 and their maiden K League crown in 1996 after edging past Suwon Samsung Bluewings over two legs. Ulsan landed a second league title in 2005, when national-team stars Yoo Sang-chul and Lee Chun-soo returned to the club where it all began for them to help the *Tigers* roar past Incheon in a 6-3 aggregate success in the K League decider. Ulsan subsequently lifted the Korean League Cup in 2007 and 2011 to cement the club's cup pedigree. During the 2010s, the team firmly established themselves as a force to be reckoned with on the continental stage, securing a maiden AFC Champions League crown in 2012. After lifting the Korean FA Cup in 2017, Ulsan went on to reclaim the AFC Champions League crown in 2020 on the back of an unbeaten tournament campaign. Following Hong Myung-bo's appointment as head coach in 2021, Ulsan tasted K League glory in back-to-back seasons (2022 and 2023) before retaining their crown under Kim Pan-gon's tutelage in 2024.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Ulsan bagged a berth at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the AFC ranking pathway, with their position in the standings owing to some eye-catching showings on the continental stage over the course of the four-year period between 2021 and 2024. The Korea Republic-based outfit claimed semi-final finishes in the 2020-21 and 2023-24 editions of the AFC Champions League and punched their ticket for the inaugural instalment of the global bonanza on US soil thanks to their 1-0 first-leg win in last season's final-four bout against Yokohama F. Marinos.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ulsan have enjoyed impressive growth both on and off the pitch in recent years. Last season, the club's 19 home outings attracted a record-breaking 353,615 spectators, which equates to an average gate of 18,611 per match. The 2023 campaign was also a record-breaking one in terms of attendances, with a total of 345,990 fans attending the team's 19 home fixtures. The side's consistent on-field success has resulted in substantial financial growth. The club's revenue amounted to USD 33.4 million last year, which was a 17% increase on the previous year. Additionally, Ulsan have boosted their self-generated revenue, with merchandise sales contributing around USD 6.26 million and food and beverage sales adding a further USD 1.4 million to the club's coffers.

Ulsan HD

CITY
Ulsan

COUNTRY
Korea Republic

CONFEDERATION
AFC

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
K League 1

NICKNAME(S)
The *Tigers*

FOUNDED
1983

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Kim Kwang-kug

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
AFC ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
HD Hyundai Heavy Industries (shipbuilding and major heavy equipment manufacturer)

WEBSITE
uhdfc.com/eng/main.php

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
273k

CLUB LEGENDS
Kim Hyun-seok
Yoo Sang-chul
Joo Min-kyu



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Kim Pan-gon

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
29

AVERAGE AGE
27.6

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
23

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
11

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
8

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
755,580

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
5

DOMESTIC CUPS
6

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
1

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
2

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Ulsan Munsu Football Stadium

CAPACITY
44,400

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
18,600

OPENED
2001

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

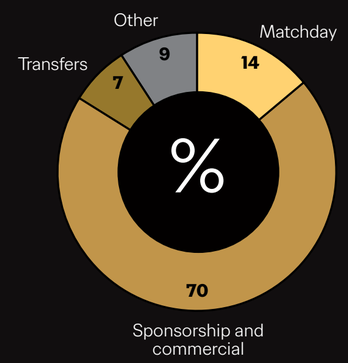
ANNUAL REVENUE
30m

TRANSFER INCOME
1.5m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2023

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
2.8m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP F

Mamelodi Sundowns FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to lift the spirits of those connected to it and to represent South Africa with pride by striving for excellence in all that it does.

VALUES

Humility
Excellence
Respect

HISTORY

Initially established in the 1960s by a group of youngsters residing in the Marabastad area of Pretoria as Marabastad Sundowns, the club joined South Africa's Federation of Professional Soccer League in 1967. The team are known as the *Brazilians* on account of their yellow and green kit and their on-field swagger, while their *Bafana ba Style* moniker is a nod to the side's flamboyant playing style.

Following a decade in South Africa's top flight, Sundowns were relegated in 1980 and spent the next five years in the second tier until Zola Mahobe, better known as *Mr Cool*, took up the reins and led the side back to the promised land. By 1986, the Pretoria-based outfit had regained a seat at the top table of South African football after edging past Jomo Cosmos in a 1-0 victory to lift the Mainstay Cup (now known as the Nedbank Cup).

A year after acquiring the South African giants in 2023, Patrice Motsepe renamed the outfit Mamelodi Sundowns in reference to "the club's home in Mamelodi". The *Brazilians* have captured 12 league titles this century, with the club's finest hour coming in 2016, when Pitso Mosimane led his charges to a league and CAF Champions League double.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Mamelodi Sundowns landed a place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the CAF ranking pathway. Their status as ever-presents in the CAF Champions League in the four-year qualifying period (from 2021 to 2024), during which they reached the quarter-finals and last four on two occasions apiece, assured them of a spot at the tournament to be contested in the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

Known as the *Brazilians* not only on account of their iconic yellow and green kit, but also because of their easy-on-the-eye playing style, Sundowns are widely regarded as one of the leading lights in the African game. The club's on-field success owes much to the large sums invested in the playing squad. Indeed, the Pretoria powerhouses top the CAF charts for transfer fee expenditure, as noted in the **FIFA Global Transfer Report**. The *Downs* triumphed in the maiden – and only – edition of the African Football League in 2023, adding another piece of silverware to their collection and cementing their status as a leading force on the continental stage.

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Mamelodi Sundowns FC



CITY
Pretoria

COUNTRY
South Africa

CONFEDERATION
CAF

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
South African Premiership

NICKNAME(S)
The *Brazilians*
The *Yellow Nation*
Bafana ba Style (the *Stylish Guys*)

FOUNDED
1970

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Tlhopie Motsepe

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CAF ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Ubuntu-Botho (financial services)

WEBSITE
sundownsfc.co.za

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
5.8m

CLUB LEGENDS
Raphael Chukwu
Peter Ndlovu
Themba Zwane

FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Miguel Cardoso

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
35

AVERAGE AGE
27.8

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
28

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
2

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
16

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
n/a

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
18

DOMESTIC CUPS
14

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Loftus Versfeld Stadium

CAPACITY
51,700

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
15,000

OPENED
1923

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

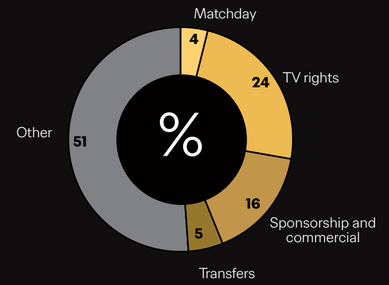
ANNUAL REVENUE
10m-50m

TRANSFER INCOME
0m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
3.2m

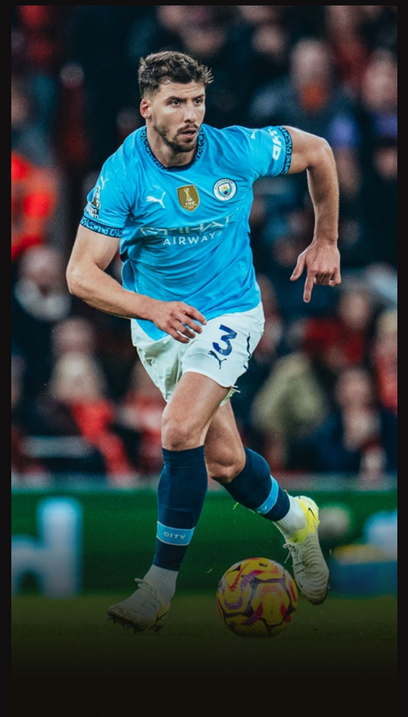
ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

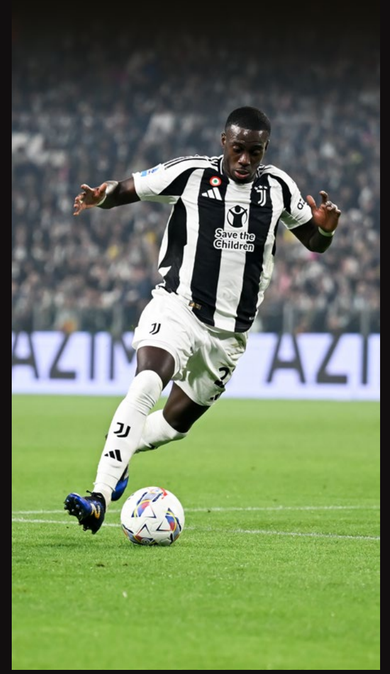
Group G Club profiles

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- Al Ain FC
- Juventus FC









GROUP G

Manchester City

MISSION

The club's mission is to empower better lives through football while striving to be the best sports entertainment organisation worldwide, on and off the pitch.

VALUES

Social responsibility
Community impact
Sustainability
Fan experience
Sports entertainment

HISTORY

The club currently known as Manchester City was originally formed in 1880 following the creation of a football team by members of St Mark's Church, which became Ardwick Association Football Club in 1887 and then Manchester City Football Club in 1894. The latest chapter in the *Cityzens'* rich history began in 2008, when the Abu Dhabi United Group purchased the club, marking the beginning of a period of unprecedented success that yielded a multitude of silverware. Arguably the most iconic of those triumphs came in May 2012, when City scored twice in additional time to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat against Queens Park Rangers to lift their maiden English Premier League title and a first top-flight crown in 44 years, courtesy of Sergio Agüero's unforgettable winner in the dying moments.

Following the appointment of former Barcelona and FC Bayern München head coach Pep Guardiola in the summer of 2016, City have become one of the most eye-catching and dominant teams in the history of English football. They were crowned European champions for the first time in June 2023 after clinching a 1-0 victory over FC Internazionale Milano.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

City sealed their place and one of the 12 UEFA berths at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ with victory over Inter in the 2022-23 UEFA Champions League final. Spanish midfield linchpin Rodri slotted home the only goal of a tense and dramatic contest in Istanbul, in which Guardiola's side had Brazilian goalkeeper Ederson to thank for two impressive late saves that secured a 1-0 victory and the Eastland outfit's first-ever success in Europe's premier club competition.

DID YOU KNOW?

Manchester City were initially founded as St Mark's West Gorton in 1880. Renamed Manchester City FC in 1894, the club secured its first major trophy in 1904. It has since enjoyed success on both domestic and international fronts, most notably completing an outstanding UEFA Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup treble in 2023.

The club's brand is ranked as the most valuable in the Premier League by Brand Finance.

Manchester City

CITY
Manchester

COUNTRY
England

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
English Premier League

NICKNAME(S)
The *Blues*
The *Cityzens*

FOUNDED
1880

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Khaldoon Al Mubarak

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA Champions League winners (2022-23)

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Etihad (aviation)

WEBSITE
www.mancity.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
168m

CLUB LEGENDS
Colin Bell
Sergio Agüero
Bert Trautmann



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Pep Guardiola

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
27

AVERAGE AGE
26

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
5

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
4

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
21

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
4,596,445

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
10

DOMESTIC CUPS
15

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
7

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
1

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

OME STADIUM
City of Manchester Stadium

CAPACITY
55,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
53,300

OPENED
2002

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

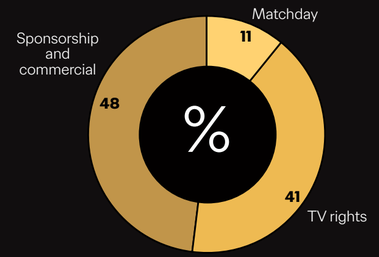
ANNUAL REVENUE
779m

TRANSFER INCOME
199m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
268m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP G

Wydad AC

MISSION

The club's mission is to develop a pioneering model that combines on-field and financial success with a passion for the game. The club seeks to build trust amongst its stakeholders and empower the African football ecosystem.

VALUES

Trust
Honour
Humility
Resilience
Passion

HISTORY

Moroccan giants Wydad AC were founded in Casablanca on 8 May 1937 by a seven-strong group led by Mohamed Benjelloun Touimi. Given that all of its founders were part of the national movement for independence, the club was nicknamed *Wydad of the Nation*. In the more than 80 years since the club's inception, Wydad have enjoyed unbridled success both domestically and on the continental scene. Indeed, they were the most decorated African team in terms of both domestic and continental titles in the 20th century. The club's trophy cabinet features a record 22 Moroccan league trophies and nine Moroccan Throne Cups.

With regard to other silverware, the Casablanca-based outfit have tasted glory in Africa's premier club competition on three occasions and have lifted one CAF Super Cup, one African Cup Winners' Cup, one Afro-Asian Club Championship title, one Mohammed V Cup, three North African Championship crowns and a North African Cup.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

In 2022, five years after having last lifted the continental crown, Wydad reclaimed their spot at the summit of African football by winning the CAF Champions League for a third time, securing qualification for the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ in the process.

The final, which took place at the *Red Devils'* Stade Mohammed V, pitted the Moroccans against Al Ahly. A brace from Zouhair El Moutaraji secured a 2-0 victory for Wydad over their long-standing rivals and wrestled the title back from the Egyptian giants.

When the two sides renewed acquaintances in the 2022-23 CAF Champions League decider, Al Ahly claimed revenge courtesy of a 3-2 aggregate win.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wydad AC are a role-model club in African football, not only on account of the team's on-field success, which has yielded multiple continental titles, but also because of its structural and institutional influence within Morocco.

Wydad are entering a transformative era. Amongst the most noteworthy developments are a first-team training centre, which is a project that reflects the club's long-term vision. At the heart of the Casablanca-based outfit's performance strategy is a commitment to data, innovation and technology. The club's forward-thinking approach is guided by three core principles: a growth mindset, the pursuit of marginal gains and the development of mental dominance.

This progressive outlook reflects Wydad's strategic importance not only within Moroccan football but also across the continent's sporting and economic landscapes.

Wydad AC

CITY
Casablanca

COUNTRY
Morocco

CONFEDERATION
CAF

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Botola Pro

NICKNAME(S)
The *Red Castle*
The *Red Devils*
Wydad of the Nation

FOUNDED
1937

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Hicham Ait Menna

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
CAF Champions League winners (2021-22)

KIT SUPPLIER
Macron

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Ingelec (low-voltage electrical appliance manufacturer)

WEBSITE
www.wydadac.ma/

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
6.2m

CLUB LEGENDS
Ezzaki Badou
Noureddine Naybet



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Mohamed Amine Benhachem

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
29

AVERAGE AGE
26.9

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
17

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
2

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
3

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
1,405,305

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
22

DOMESTIC CUPS
9

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
3

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
1

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
1

STADIUM

NAME
Stade Mohammed V

CAPACITY
67,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
45,000

OPENED
1955

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

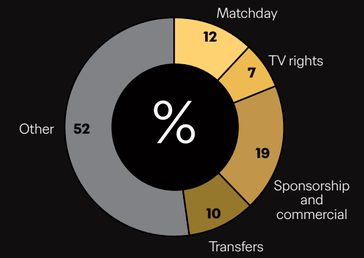
ANNUAL REVENUE
9m

TRANSFER INCOME
1m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
2m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP G

Al Ain FC

MISSION

The club's mission is to ensure that all of its teams give 100% and compete impressively in all competitions. The Abu Dhabi-based outfit strive to represent the United Arab Emirates with pride and to promote a strong sporting culture in the local community.

VALUES

Identity
Excellence
Fair play
The environment
Teamwork
Community spirit

HISTORY

The club was established in the city of Al Ain in 1968. Although a group broke away to form Al Tadhamun three years later, the two sides merged in 1974 under the name of Al Ain Sports Club, who competed in the UAE Football League for the first time in the 1975-76 season and went on to secure the first of their 14 league titles a year later.

The beginning of the 21st century ushered in a golden age for Al Ain, with the Emirati giants claiming a record three consecutive league triumphs between 2001 and 2004. The crowning moment of that successful period was the club's first AFC Champions League title, which was secured under the tutelage of the late Bruno Metsu in 2003.

Although the team continued to pick up domestic honours on a regular basis in the ensuing years, the club's fans were made to wait a whole 21 years before being able to toast continental success again. Last season, the UAE Pro League powerhouses beat the likes of Al Nassr and Al Hilal en route to the AFC Champions League showpiece, where they faced Yokohama F. Marinos. After falling to a 2-1 first-leg defeat, the Emiratis bounced back to swat the Japanese outfit aside in a 5-1 win as they clinched the title on home soil.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Al Ain secured their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ by winning the 2023-24 edition of the AFC Champions League, a triumph secured courtesy of a 6-3 aggregate victory over Yokohama F. Marinos. The Garden City club became the fourth and final AFC representatives to qualify for the inaugural edition of the global club showpiece.

DID YOU KNOW?

Al Ain Sports and Cultural Club is made up of three entities: Al Ain Football Club Company, which runs the football club; Al Ain Club Sports Games Company, which oversees sports activities; and Al Ain Club Investment Company, which is responsible for investments, marketing and event management. This structure supports sustainable growth and comprehensive development. Al Ain play their home matches at the Hazza bin Zayed Stadium, a state-of-the-art venue that opened its doors in 2014 and is part of a 500,000m² complex that features commercial, residential and entertainment areas.

Al Ain FC



CITY
Abu Dhabi

COUNTRY
United Arab Emirates

CONFEDERATION
AFC

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
UAE Pro League

NICKNAME(S)
Al Zaeem (the *Leader*)

FOUNDED
1968

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Mohamed bin Zayed

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
AFC Champions League winners (2023-24)

KIT SUPPLIER
Nike

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
First Abu Dhabi Bank (banking)

WEBSITE
alainclub.ae/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
1.6m

CLUB LEGENDS
Ahmed Abdullah
Omar Abdulrahman

FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Vladimir Ivić

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
33

AVERAGE AGE
24.9

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
8

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
7

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
7

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
65,702

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
14

DOMESTIC CUPS
12

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
5

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
2

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Hazza bin Zayed Stadium

CAPACITY
25,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
n/a

OPENED
2014

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

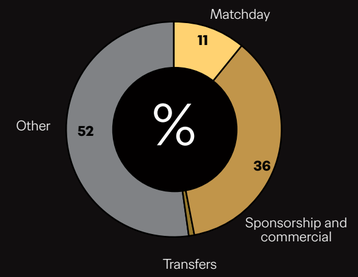
ANNUAL REVENUE
n/a

TRANSFER INCOME
0

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
4.6m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP G

Juventus FC

MISSION

The club's mission, which is to be pursued through an approach that promotes fair play, is to strive for on-field excellence with a view to meeting its supporters' expectations. The club promotes the ethical and social values of the sport and fosters conduct that is in line with the club's tradition.

VALUES

Humility
Courage
Collaboration

HISTORY

Juventus FC's name means "youth" in Latin and owes to the fact that the club was founded by students. The founders, who formed the club in 1897, adopted the nickname *La Vecchia Signora* (the *Old Lady*) in the 1930s in a nod to Juve's preference to field experienced players in a bid to secure success. The Turin giants are the most decorated club in Italian football and boast a record number of league titles (36), *Coppa Italia* crowns (15) and *Supercoppa Italiana* (nine) triumphs. The team have also enjoyed numerous victories on the continental/global stage that have contributed to the club's reputation as one of the most iconic in world football. Juventus have won two European Cup/UEFA Champions League titles, the first in 1984-85, in which Michel Platini and Paolo Rossi starred, and the second in 1995-96, when they defeated Ajax on penalties in Rome.

On top of those two successes, the Turin titans have won a trio of UEFA Cup titles (1976-77, 1989-90 and 1992-93), a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, two European/UEFA Super Cup crowns, a pair of Toyota Cup titles and an UEFA Intertoto Cup. Between the 2011-12 season and the 2019-20 campaign, the Italian heavyweights strung together the longest-ever streak of *Serie A* triumphs, claiming nine league titles in a row.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Juventus earned their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ via the UEFA ranking pathway. Their involvement in the UEFA Champions League throughout the four-year qualifying period (2021-2024), during which they reached the round of 16 twice, ensured that they are part of the line-up for the competition to be held on US soil.

DID YOU KNOW?

Juve are significantly expanding their global footprint through a diverse portfolio of state-of-the-art facilities. Key assets include the iconic Allianz Stadium and the club's headquarters, along with a strategic office in Hong Kong, China that underscores its international reach. The club boasts cutting-edge infrastructure at its Juventus Training Centre Continassa and leads innovation at the Juventus Creator Lab. With regard to athletic development, the Juventus Training Center in Vinovo is a game-changing facility, and the Juventus Museum preserves the club's storied legacy. Additionally, specialised projects such as J|Medical, J|College, and J|Hotel create comprehensive platforms that enhance both player support and fan engagement, reinforcing the Turin outfit's commitment to excellence on and off the pitch.

Juventus FC

CITY
Turin

COUNTRY
Italy

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Serie A

NICKNAME(S)
La Vecchia Signora
The *Bianconeri*

FOUNDED
1897

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Gianluca Ferrero

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Allianz (financial services provider)

WEBSITE
www.juventus.com/en

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
170m

CLUB LEGENDS
Giampiero Boniperti
Gaetano Scirea
Alessandro Del Piero



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Igor Tudor

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
35

AVERAGE AGE
24.7

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
15

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
10

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
16

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
3,048,783

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
36

DOMESTIC CUPS
15

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
9

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
2

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
4

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
2

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
2

STADIUM

NAME
Juventus Stadium

CAPACITY
41,500

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 40,500

OPENED
2011

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

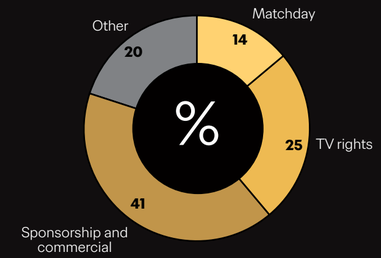
ANNUAL REVENUE
441m

TRANSFER INCOME
142m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
243m

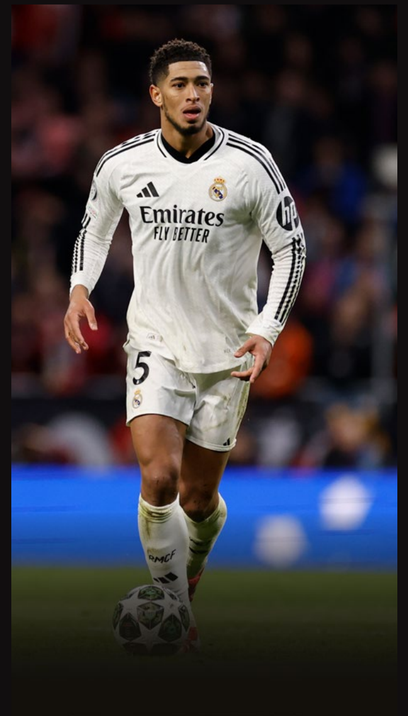
ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

Group H Club profiles

- Real Madrid C. F.
- Al Hilal
- CF Pachuca
- FC Salzburg









GROUP H

Real Madrid C. F.

MISSION

The club's mission is to be an open and a multicultural organisation that is respected throughout the world for its sporting success and the values that it shares, which, through the pursuit of excellence on and off the pitch, contribute to fulfilling the expectations of its members and supporters.

VALUES

Winning spirit
Fair play
Excellence
Quality
Team philosophy
Development
Social responsibility
Financial responsibility

HISTORY

Real Madrid C. F. were founded by Juan Padrós in 1902, and the team wasted little time in carving out a reputation as serial trophy winners. Between 1905 and 1908, the capital club won four consecutive editions of the competition now known as the *Copa del Rey*. This success was followed by domestic league titles, the first of which came in the 1931-32 season following the launch of the *Primera División* in 1929. *Los Blancos* then established themselves as continental heavyweights by winning the first five editions of the European Cup in the mid-to-late 1950s, with Alfredo Di Stéfano and Paco Gento at the forefront of that star-studded Real Madrid side. Although the team continued to pick up domestic league and cup titles, the club experienced three barren decades in UEFA's top club competition before a second era of continental domination was ushered in with victory over Juventus FC in the final of the 1997-98 UEFA Champions League.

Further continental silverware was secured in 2000 and 2002 under Vicente del Bosque's tutelage, with the likes of Iker Casillas, Roberto Carlos and Raúl shining in final victories over Valencia (3-0) and Bayer Leverkusen (2-1) respectively. The club won six more European titles between 2014 and 2024, with the trophies lifted in 2017, 2022 and 2024 of particular note, as they were part of top-flight and Champions League doubles. The three consecutive European crowns captured between 2016 and 2018 are highlights in the club's impressive history, with Zinedine Zidane in the dugout and stars like Cristiano Ronaldo, Karim Benzema, Toni Kroos, Sergio Ramos and Luka Modrić working their magic on the pitch. *Los Merengues* capped off a stellar 2023-24 season by bagging the club's 15th European title, which was secured thanks to a 2-0 win over Borussia Dortmund, with Dani Carvajal and Vinícius Júnior on target at Wembley.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

The Spanish giants earned their spot at the inaugural instalment of the FIFA Club World Cup™ by winning the 2021-22 edition of the UEFA Champions League, edging past Liverpool in the final in Paris on 28 May 2022. That success yielded the club's 14th European title in a triumphant campaign that featured unforgettable knockout-stage victories over Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea FC and Manchester City. In the final against the *Reds*, Brazilian attacker Vinícius Júnior scored the only goal of the game to extend the club's love affair with the continental competition.

DID YOU KNOW?

Real Madrid have been ranked as the club with the highest revenue in the world, becoming the first team in history to surpass USD 1 billion in annual revenue. The Chamartín-based outfit generated around USD 1.13 billion in the 2023-24 season, which represents an increase of USD 231 million compared to the previous campaign. The renovation work on the Santiago Bernabéu has transformed the stadium into a truly unique venue. The completion of the work had a direct financial impact, with matchday revenue having doubled to approximately USD 268 million, while commercial revenue rose by 20%, jumping from USD 435 million to USD 520 million.

Real Madrid C. F.

CITY
Madrid

COUNTRY
Spain

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
La Liga

NICKNAME(S)
Los Blancos
Los Merengues

FOUNDED
1902

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Member-owned association

PRESIDENT
Florentino Pérez

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA Champions League winners (2021-22 and 2023-24)

KIT SUPPLIER
adidas

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Emirates (aviation)

WEBSITE
www.realmadrid.com/en-US

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
455.8m

CLUB LEGENDS
Alfredo Di Stéfano
Cristiano Ronaldo
Zinedine Zidane



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Xabi Alonso

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
34

AVERAGE AGE
25.1

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
15

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
13

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
19

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
3,836,302

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
36

DOMESTIC CUPS
22

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
13

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
15

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
2

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
6

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
9

STADIUM

NAME
Estadio Santiago Bernabéu

CAPACITY
78,200

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 72,000

OPENED
1947

CLUB-OWNED?
Yes

FINANCIAL PROFILE

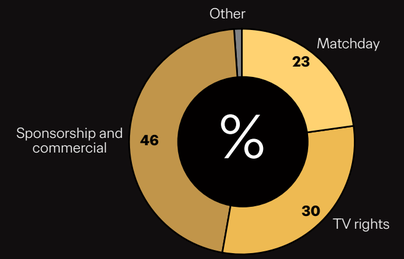
ANNUAL REVENUE
1.045m

TRANSFER INCOME
16m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2024

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
49m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP H

Al Hilal

MISSION

The club's mission is to ensure that its fans are its beating heart and to seek excellence in all that it does.

VALUES

Respect
Pride
Success
Community spirit

HISTORY

Al Hilal owe their existence to Abdul Rahman bin Saeed, the club's first president, who founded Olympic Club in 1957. A year later, King Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud granted the club its current name by royal decree. The Riyadh-based outfit won the inaugural edition of the predecessor to the Saudi Pro League – the Saudi Premier League – in 1976-77 and have since gone on to enjoy considerable success. Indeed, Al Hilal's 19 league titles make them the most decorated club in the Saudi top flight, from which they have never been relegated. The club's first taste of continental success came during the 1990s, with the Asian Club Championship (now known as the AFC Champions League Elite) secured in 1991. They built on that maiden triumph on the continental stage by lifting both the Asian Cup Winners' Cup and the Asian Super Cup in 1997.

Al Hilal's success on the Asian continent continued into the new millennium, with the side capturing the Asian Club Championship and the Asian Super Cup in 2000 before clinching the Asian Cup Winners' Cup in 2002. Despite having enjoyed sustained domestic success, it was some time before the *Blue Power* faithful were able to toast further continental glory after the competition was rebranded as the AFC Champions League in 2002, with the team eventually claiming the Asian title again in 2019. In 2021, the Saudi giants claimed a record-breaking fourth continental crown.

Al Hilal are one of four teams set to fly the flag for Asia at the global showpiece in the United States. The Saudis punched their ticket for the tournament by winning the 2021 edition of the AFC Champions League, seeing off Korea Republic's Pohang Steelers 2-0 in the final at Riyadh's King Fahd Sports City Stadium. Al Hilal came racing out of the blocks, with Nasser Al Dawsari putting them ahead in the first minute before Moussa Marega doubled their advantage midway through the second half. No further goals were forthcoming as the Saudi heavyweights lifted their fourth AFC Champions League trophy to extend their record as the tournament's most decorated club.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most successful clubs in Saudi Arabia and Asia, Al Hilal have enjoyed significant growth since the Saudi Public Investment Fund acquired a 75% stake in the club in 2023. Last season, the Riyadh giants, who boast more domestic titles than any other Saudi side and a record number of continental crowns, became the first outfit in the country outfit to surpass SAR 1 billion (approximately USD 266 million) in revenue, driven by a 105% increase in commercial revenue thanks to sponsorship deals and matchday revenue. The club is investing heavily in infrastructure and plans to open a 40,000-plus-capacity stadium in partnership with Qiddiya Investment Company and to build state-of-the-art training facilities.

Al Hilal

CITY
Riyadh

COUNTRY
Saudi Arabia

CONFEDERATION
AFC

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Saudi Pro League

NICKNAME(S)
The *Blue Waves*
The *Blue Power*

FOUNDED
1957

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Fahad bin Nafel

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
AFC Champions League winners (2021)

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Savvy Games Group (gaming)

WEBSITE
alhilal.com

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
36.3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Yousuf Al Thunayan
Sami Al Jaber
Mohamed Al Deayea



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Simone Inzaghi

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
35

AVERAGE AGE
26

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
25

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
13

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
18

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
2,135,334

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
19

DOMESTIC CUPS
32

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
5

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
4

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
2

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
2

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Kingdom Arena

CAPACITY
27,000

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
21,800

OPENED
2024

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

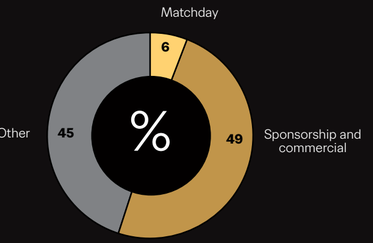
ANNUAL REVENUE
290m

TRANSFER INCOME
15m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
2023

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
104m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP H

CF Pachuca

MISSION

The club's mission is to be a unique, cutting-edge organisation that is guided by its values, with a special focus on social, sporting, academic, cultural and commercial aspects.

VALUES

Passion
Innovation
Integrity

HISTORY

Founded by British miners in 1892, CF Pachuca were initially called Pachuca Football Club before adopting the name of Pachuca Athletic Club three years later following a merger with two local cricket clubs. The Hidalgo-based outfit were one of the founder members of the Mexican league in 1902 and clinched their maiden title in the 1904-05 season. Following the collapse of the mining industry, the club was inactive until 1950. The team were subsequently renamed Club de Fútbol Pachuca in 1960 after another period of inactivity. *Los Tuzos* returned to the top flight ahead of the 1991-92 season and secured their first title in the professional ranks of the Mexican game in the 1999 *Invierno* competition under Javier Aguirre's tutelage. In 2001, Alfredo Tena led his troops to the club's second league title with a squad boasting the talents of Argentinian attacker Walter Silvani, Colombian goalkeeper Miguel Calero and Mexican ace Sergio Santana. Pachuca's first continental success came in 2002, when they won the Concacaf Champions Cup, edging past domestic rivals Morelia in the tournament decider. Since then, they have continued to be a dominant force both domestically and on the continental stage. Indeed, they became the first Mexican side to taste glory in a CONMEBOL competition when they prevailed in the 2006 edition of the *Copa Sudamericana* after claiming a 3-2 aggregate victory over Chile's Colo-Colo in the showpiece. Pachuca got their hands on a sixth continental crown in last year's Concacaf Champions Cup to draw level with Cruz Azul as the second-most decorated club in the competition's history.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Pachuca secured their spot at the global showpiece on the back of their 3-0 victory over Columbus Crew in the final of last year's Concacaf Champions Cup. Veteran Venezuelan virtuoso Salomón Rondón bagged a brace in the title showdown, with Emi Rodríguez also on target for the Mexican titans.

DID YOU KNOW?

The *Liga MX* giants are part of Grupo Pachuca, which has invested in various organisations that contribute to the development of football and sport in general. Notable initiatives include the specialised academic sports programmes offered by the group's Universidad del Fútbol y Ciencias del Deporte (University of Football and Sports Science) and the Centro Interactivo Mundo Futbol (Interactive Football World Centre), which is a museum located in Pachuca that educates visitors about the history and culture of the game. The group also manages the Salón de la Fama del Fútbol Mundial (World Football Hall of Fame), a space devoted to international aces, and the Centro de Excelencia Médica en Altura (High-altitude Centre of Medical Excellence), a FIFA-endorsed facility that specialises in high-altitude sports medicine and athlete performance.

CF Pachuca

CITY
Pachuca

COUNTRY
Mexico

CONFEDERATION
Concacaf

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Liga MX

NICKNAME(S)
Los Tuzos

FOUNDED
1892

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Armando Martínez

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
Concacaf Champions Cup winners (2024)

KIT SUPPLIER
Charly

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSORS
Cementos Fortaleza (construction)
Play Do It (gambling)

WEBSITE
tuzos.com.mx

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Miguel Calero
Franco Jara



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Jaime Lozano

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
30

AVERAGE AGE
26.7

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
19

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
14

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
3

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
580,373

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
7

DOMESTIC CUPS
0

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
0

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
6

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
1

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Estadio Hidalgo

CAPACITY
25,900

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 12,000

OPENED
1993

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

ANNUAL REVENUE
n/a

TRANSFER INCOME
14m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
n/a

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
500k

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

GROUP H

FC Salzburg

MISSION

The club's mission is to be the football of tomorrow.

VALUES

Bullish
United
Confident
Passionate

HISTORY

FC Salzburg were founded in 1933 as SV Austria Salzburg and earned promotion to the Austrian top flight in 1953. However, the club's fans were made to wait until the 1990s to celebrate the team's first piece of silverware: the league title in 1994. The Austrian giants have graced one European final to date – the 1994 UEFA Cup final, in which they lost out to FC Internazionale Milano over two legs. Salzburg's trophy haul features 17 league titles (including ten in a row between 2014 and 2023), nine ÖFB-Cup (Austrian Cup) crowns and a trio of ÖFB-Supercup successes.

The club has often acted as a springboard for world-class international talents, particularly in recent years. Erling Haaland, Sadio Mané and Dayot Upamecano are just some of the iconic names who have worn the club's colours before going on to greater things.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

The Austrian *Bundesliga* outfit earned their place at the FIFA Club World Cup 2025™ in April of last year via the UEFA ranking pathway after FC Bayern München knocked Arsenal out of the 2023-24 UEFA Champions League at the quarter-final stage. Salzburg's performances in the continental competition between 2021 and 2024 handed the Austrian giants the 12th and final European spot.

DID YOU KNOW?

The club has 17 domestic league titles to its name, including all ten editions contested between 2013-14 and 2022-23. In the 2024-25 season, the Salzburg-based side qualified for a sixth straight edition of the UEFA Champions League. They rewrote the history books in the 2021-22 season of Europe's premier club competition by becoming the only Austrian team to have graced the round of 16. In another feat on the continental stage, Salzburg have topped their UEFA Europa League group on five occasions. Known for nurturing top talent, including the likes of Haaland and Dominik Szoboszlai, the club promotes youth development. Indeed, they became the first Austrian outfit to taste glory on the European scene when they lifted the UEFA Youth League in the 2016-17 season.

FC Salzburg

CITY
Salzburg

COUNTRY
Austria

CONFEDERATION
UEFA

DOMESTIC LEAGUE
Austrian *Bundesliga*

NICKNAME(S)
Die Roten Bullen

FOUNDED
1933

LEGAL STRUCTURE
Public limited sports company

PRESIDENT
Harald Lürzer

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ QUALIFICATION ROUTE
UEFA ranking

KIT SUPPLIER
Puma

FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSOR
Red Bull (food and beverage)

WEBSITE
www.redbullsalzburg.at

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
3m

CLUB LEGENDS
Christoph Leitgeb
Jonathan Soriano
Andreas Ulmer



FIRST TEAM

HEAD COACH
Thomas Letsch

MEMBERS OF SQUAD
28

AVERAGE AGE
22.4

DOMESTIC-BORN PLAYERS
9

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS
3

NATIONAL-TEAM PLAYERS
10

FIFA CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME: QATAR 2022™
1,297,626

HONOURS

DOMESTIC LEAGUE TITLES
17

DOMESTIC CUPS
9

DOMESTIC SUPER CUPS
3

TOP-TIER CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
0

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
0

CONTINENTAL SUPER CUPS
0

INTER-CONFEDERATION CUPS
0

STADIUM

NAME
Red Bull Arena

CAPACITY
30,100

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
> 12,000

OPENED
2004

CLUB-OWNED?
No

FINANCIAL PROFILE

ANNUAL REVENUE
100m-150m

TRANSFER INCOME
43m

LATEST ACCOUNTS
n/a

TRANSFER EXPENDITURE
35m

ANNUAL REVENUE: BREAKDOWN



All monetary figures are in USD.

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ CLUB REPORT | GROUP H: CLUB PROFILES

Qualification pathways

CONFEDERATION

TOP-TIER COMPETITION
UEFA Champions League

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS
36

COMPETITION FORMAT
League stage and knockout system

INAUGURAL EDITION
1955

SLOTS
- **Four highest-ranked leagues**: **England, Italy, Spain, Germany**
  Four teams from each league qualify automatically for the group stage.
- **Fifth- and sixth-ranked leagues (France, Portugal)**
  - France: Three teams qualify (two automatically and one via qualifying).
  - Portugal: Two teams qualify (one automatically and one via qualifying).
- **Leagues ranked seventh to tenth (Netherlands, Scotland, Austria, Serbia)**
  Typically two teams qualify (one automatically and one via qualifying).
- **Leagues ranked 11th and below**
  One team may qualify automatically (depending on the ranking).
  Additional teams secure their place via qualifying.
- **Additional slots**
  Two places are awarded to associations with the best overall performance in UEFA competitions during the previous season.

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS
- **Champions path**
  For domestic league champions from lower-ranked associations via the knockout qualifying rounds
- **League path**
  For runners-up and the third-place team from higher-ranked associations via a separate qualifying route

COMPETITION FORMAT
- **Thirty-six teams** compete in a **league phase**.
- Each team contests **eight matches** (four at home and four away) against **eight opponents**, drawn based on seeding.
- The **top eight teams** qualify automatically for the round of 16.
- The teams ranked **ninth to 24th** compete in a **two-legged play-off** to secure their path to the last 16.
- From the round of 16 onwards:
  - **Home-and-away** ties through to the semi-finals
  - **Single-match final** contested at a neutral venue

FORMAT OF FINAL
Single match

COMPETITION PERIOD
From September to June

MOST DECORATED CLUB
Real Madrid C. F.
15

MOST DECORATED COUNTRY
Spain
20

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
- UEFA Europa League
- UEFA Conference League

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
USD 2.71bn

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS
USD 27.8m

PRIZE MONEY: BREAKDOWN
Winners: USD 27.8m
Runners-up: USD 20.5m
Semi-finalists: USD 16.6m
Quarter-finalists: USD 13.9m
Qualification for round of 16: USD 12.2m
Qualification for knockout phase play-off: USD 1.1m
League-phase win: USD 2.3m
League-phase draw: USD 777,883

Disclaimer: The current competition format began in the 2024-25 season. The competition previously featured 32 teams divided into eight groups of four, with each team contesting six group-stage matches. The top two teams from each group advanced to the round of 16, which was followed by a knockout system through to the final.

CONFEDERATION

TOP-TIER COMPETITION
CONMEBOL *Libertadores*

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS
32

COMPETITION FORMAT
Group stage and knockout system

INAUGURAL EDITION
1960

SLOTS
- **Brazil and Argentina**
  Five teams from each country qualify automatically for the group stage.
- **Other countries**: **Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela**
  Two teams from each country qualify automatically for the group stage.

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS
- **First stage**
  One team from each of the following countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
- **Second stage**
  - One team from each of the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
  - Two teams from each of the following countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia

COMPETITION FORMAT
- **Thirty-two teams** compete in the **group stage**, which features **eight groups of four teams**.
- The group stage involves a **home-and-away round-robin format**.
- The **top two teams from each group** qualify for the round of 16.
- From the **round of 16 onwards**:
  - **Home-and-away knockout ties** through to the semi-finals
  - **Single-match final** contested at a neutral venue

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FORMAT OF FINAL
Single match

COMPETITION PERIOD
From February to November

MOST DECORATED CLUB
Independiente de Avellaneda
7

MOST DECORATED COUNTRY
Argentina
25

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS
CONMEBOL *Sudamericana*

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
USD 226m

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS
USD 23m

PRIZE MONEY: BREAKDOWN
Winners: USD 23m
Runners-up: USD 7m
Semi-finalists: USD 2.3m
Quarter-finalists: USD 1.7m
Qualification for round of 16: USD 1.25m
Group stage (per match): USD 1m USD 330k per win
First stage (per match): USD 400k
Second Stage (per match): USD 500k
Third Stage (per match): USD 600k

CONFEDERATION

Concacaf

TOP-TIER COMPETITION

Concacaf
Champions Cup

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

27

COMPETITION FORMAT

Knockout system

INAUGURAL EDITION

1962

SLOT ALLOCATION

North America

- **Mexico (*Liga MX*)**: six teams
- **United States and Canada (Major League Soccer)**: five teams
- **Canada (Canadian Premier League)**: two teams
- **U.S. Open Cup winners**
- **Canadian Championship winners**
- **Leagues Cup**: three teams (winners, runners-up, third-place team)

Central America

- **Concacaf Central American Cup**: six teams (winners, runners-up, semi-finalists and two play-off winners)

Caribbean

- **Concacaf Caribbean Cup**: three teams (winners, runners-up, third-place team)

Entry stages

- **Automatic qualification for round of 16**: winners of the following competitions: MLS, *Liga MX* Leagues Cup, Central American Cup and Caribbean Cup
- **First round**: all other qualified teams enter at this stage

COMPETITION FORMAT

- **First round**: Twenty-two teams contest home-and-away knockout ties.
- **Round of 16**: The five teams that have automatically qualified join the 11 first-round winners and contest ties in a home-and-away knockout format.
- **Quarter-finals and semi-finals**: two-legged knockout ties
- **Final**: single-match final contested at a neutral venue

FORMAT OF FINAL

Single match

COMPETITION PERIOD

From February to June

MOST DECORATED CLUB

Club América

7

MOST DECORATED COUNTRY

Mexico

40

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS

- Concacaf Central American Cup
- Concacaf Caribbean Cup

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY

USD 5m

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS

USD 5m

PRIZE MONEY: BREAKDOWN

Winners: USD 5m

CONFEDERATION

AFC
ASIAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

TOP-TIER COMPETITION

AFC Champions
League Elite

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

24

COMPETITION FORMAT

League stage and
knockout system

INAUGURAL EDITION

1967

SLOTS

- Member associations are allocated slots based on their performance in continental competitions and on other AFC criteria: strength of the league, professional structure, marketability and financial stability.
- Each association is granted up to **four slots**, but no more than **a third** of the clubs in its top-tier competition are eligible to qualify (rounded down).
- Teams from **12 associations** participate in the competition.

West region (six associations)

- Saudi Arabian Football Federation, Qatar Football Association, Islamic Republic of Iran Football Federation, United Arab Emirates Football Association, Uzbekistan Football Association, Iraqi Football Association

East region (six associations)

- Japan Football Association, Korea Football Association, Chinese Football Association, The Football Association of Thailand, Football Australia, Football Association of Malaysia

COMPETITION FORMAT

- **League stage**
  Twenty-four teams are divided into **east and west** regional leagues (12 teams in each league).
  Each team contests **eight matches** (four at home and four away) against opponents from their league under the **"Swiss model"** format.
- **Knockout stage**
  The top eight teams from each league advance to the **round of 16**, in which ties are contested over two legs.
  The **quarter-finals**, **semi-finals** and **final** are contested as **single-leg matches** at a **centralised venue in Saudi Arabia**.

Disclaimer: This format has been in place since the 2024–25 season. The AFC Champions League previously featured a traditional group-stage format, with eight groups of four teams, followed by home-and-away knockout rounds.

FORMAT OF FINAL

Single match

COMPETITION PERIOD

From September to May

MOST DECORATED CLUB

Al Hilal

4

MOST DECORATED COUNTRY

Korea Republic

12

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS

- AFC Champions League Two
- AFC Challenge League

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY

USD 42m

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS

USD 10m

PRIZE MONEY: BREAKDOWN

Winners: USD 10m
Runners-up: USD 4m
Semi-finalists: USD 600k
Quarter-finalists: USD 400k
Qualification for round of 16: USD 200km
Group stage:
Participation: USD 800k per team (24 teams)
Group-stage win: USD 50k

CONFEDERATION



TOP-TIER COMPETITION

CAF Champions League

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

16

COMPETITION FORMAT

Group stage and knockout system

INAUGURAL EDITION

1964

SLOTS

The slots for the **CAF Champions League** are allocated on the basis of the performance of member associations in previous continental competitions.

- The **top 12 associations** in the CAF five-year ranking are eligible to enter **two teams** in the competition:
  - Egyptian Football Association, Moroccan Football Association, Algerian Football Association, South African Football Association, Tunisian Football Association, Tanzania Football Federation, Congo DR Football Association, Angolan Football Association, Sudan Football Association, Libyan Football Federation, Ivorian Football Association, Nigeria Football Federation
- Other associations are eligible to enter **one team**.

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COMPETITION FORMAT

- **Group stage**
  Sixteen teams are divided into **four groups of four teams**.
  The group stage involves home-and-away round-robin matches.
- **Knockout stage**
  A knockout system applies from the **round of 16** (home-and-away ties) through to the **final** (home-and-away tie).

FORMAT OF FINAL

Home and away

COMPETITION PERIOD

From November to May

MOST DECORATED CLUB

Al Ahly FC

12

MOST DECORATED COUNTRY

Egypt

19

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS

- CAF Confederation Cup

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY

USD 17.6m

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS

USD 4m

PRIZE MONEY: BREAKDOWN

Winners: USD 4m
Runners-up: USD 2m
Semi-finalists: USD 1.2m
Quarter-finalists: USD 900k
Third-place finish in group stage: USD 700k
Fourth-place finish in group stage: USD 700k
Qualifcation for preliminary round:
USD 50k per club

CONFEDERATION



TOP-TIER COMPETITION

OFC Men's Champions League

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

8

COMPETITION FORMAT

Group stage and knockout system

INAUGURAL EDITION

1987

SLOTS

- **Group stage (automatic qualification)**
  One team qualifies from each of the following associations:
  Fiji Football Association, New Caledonian Football Association, New Zealand Football, Papua New Guinea Football Association, Solomon Islands Football Federation, Tahitian Football Association, Vanuatu Football Federation
- **Preliminary competition**
  One team qualifies from among the following associations:
  Football Federation American Samoa, Cook Islands Football Association, Football Federation Samoa, Tonga Football Association

COMPETITION FORMAT

- **Group stage**
  The **winners** of the preliminary stage join the **teams that have qualified automatically**, bringing the total number of teams in the group stage to **eight**.
  The eight teams are divided into **two groups of four teams**.
  The group stage features a **round-robin format**.
  Matches are typically held at **centralised venues** within the OFC region.
- **Knockout stage**
  - **Semi-finals**: The **top two teams** in each group advance to the semi-finals.
  - **Final**Please remove the emboldening on the colons.The semi-final **winners** meet in a **single-match final** to determine the competition winners.

Disclaimer: Starting from the 2026 season, the OFC will introduce the **OFC Professional League**. The new league will consist of six mini-tournaments featuring a double round-robin regular phase and a final play-off stage. A minimum of eight teams will compete in the competition, with each team contesting 14 regular-season matches, followed by play-offs to determine the competition winners.

FORMAT OF FINAL

Single match

COMPETITION PERIOD

May

MOST DECORATED CLUB

Auckland City FC

13

MOST DECORATED COUNTRY

New Zealand

16

OTHER CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS

n/a

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY

USD 325k

PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS

USD 175k

PRIZE MONEY: BREAKDOWN

Winners: USD 175k
Runners-up: USD 75k
Third-place finish: USD 50k
Fourth-place finish:
USD 25k

Tournament organisation

The **organisation of the tournament** involves a comprehensive approach that prioritises the **player experience**, **sporting considerations** and **operational efficiency**. Given that the competition features **32 teams and 63 matches, which are to be contested at 12 venues across 11 Host Cities**, one of the main challenges that we faced was to put together a match schedule that would enable the players to perform to their best. From an organisational and a logistical perspective, our priority was to ensure that all teams had at least three rest days between matches, with a view to supporting recovery and enhancing on-field performance. During the group stage, the teams will contest all of their matches in a single region – either the East Coast or the West Coast – meaning that they do not have to travel across the United States. Only in the play-offs will teams based on the West Coast move to the East Coast, helping to reduce fatigue associated with long-distance travel in the tournament's early phase.

The **match schedule** was carefully crafted to **optimise the fan experience and tournament logistics**. With up to **four matches per day**, the fixtures are strategically distributed across various time slots and regions to avoid any overlaps within the same zone. This approach not only meets the needs of international partners and broadcasters, but also enhances the **in-stadium experience and the impact on the Host Cities**. Additionally, simulations and scenario analyses were conducted to anticipate possible matches, movement patterns and logistical decisions.

The **geographical** design of the competition enables fans to travel between nearby venues within each region – whether in the north-east, south or west of the United States. The **Host Cities** were selected to ensure optimal **connectivity between matches**, minimising travel time and **enabling fans to enjoy multiple fixtures without having to travel large distances**. This approach ensures a smooth and an enjoyable experience for supporters looking to make the most of their time at the tournament.

The pitches at many of the **stadiums**, which are primarily used for American football and feature artificial turf, were replaced by state-of-the-art **natural-grass** playing surfaces. The objective of this was to replicate the stadium conditions at the teams' **training facilities** so as to ensure that players are offered a consistent experience across training sessions and matches.

In regard to the **Team Base Camps**, extensive work went into identifying locations that offer privacy, quality accommodation and easy access to both the stadiums and training facilities. Every detail was taken into account, from bus travel times to the quality of rest and the recovery infrastructure. Some teams prefer to stay away from urban areas, while others seek to immerse themselves in the tournament atmosphere. The model that we implemented enables the experience to be tailored to those preferences. Each team will have **access to a 360° service covering all of their operational and sporting needs**. The objective is to enable players and coaching staff to focus solely on performance without having to think about logistical matters.

This **integrated approach** to tournament organisation reflects not only a focus on athletic performance, but also a **global event** vision. The competition will offer an immersive experience for players, staff, media representatives and fans. Every match will bring together multiple layers of production, from broadcasting to stadium experience, hotel logistics, urban mobility and facility readiness. All of this will be delivered with the **standards of excellence** expected of a top-tier tournament, making it a key benchmark against which to evaluate future competitions.

Manolo Zubiria
FIFA Director of Competitions

"The Club World Cup is also a benchmark for the evolution of football worldwide. It's not just about winning – it's about proving that you can compete at the highest level."

Tournament groups

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
SE Palmeiras	Paris Saint-Germain	FC Bayern München	CR Flamengo
FC Porto	Atlético de Madrid	Auckland City FC	Espérance
Al Ahly FC	Botafogo	CA Boca Juniors	Chelsea FC
Inter Miami CF	Seattle Sounders FC	SL Benfica	Los Angeles Football Club

GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
CA River Plate	Fluminense FC	Manchester City	Real Madrid C. F.
Urawa Red Diamonds	Borussia Dortmund	Wydad AC	Al Hilal
CF Monterrey	Ulsan HD	Al Ain FC	CF Pachuca
FC Internazionale Milano	Mamelodi Sundowns FC	Juventus FC	FC Salzburg

Match schedule

	GROUP STAGE												
	14 JUNE SATURDAY	15 JUNE SUNDAY	16 JUNE MONDAY	17 JUNE TUESDAY	18 JUNE WEDNESDAY	19 JUNE THURSDAY	20 JUNE FRIDAY	21 JUNE SATURDAY	22 JUNE SUNDAY	23 JUNE MONDAY	24 JUNE TUESDAY	25 JUNE WEDNESDAY	26 JUNE THURSDAY	27 JUNE FRIDAY
ATLANTA MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM			6 15.00 CHE v. LAF			18 15.00 MIA v. POR			32 21.00 MCI v. AIN					
CHARLOTTE BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM									30 15.00 RMA v. PAC		38 15.00 SLB v. BAY			
CINCINNATI TQL STADIUM		2 12.00 BAY v. AKL			16 18.00 PAC v. SAL			25 12.00 MSU v. BVB				41 15.00 BVB v. UHD		
LOS ANGELES ROSE BOWL STADIUM* (PT ET -1)		3 12.00 PSG v. ATM		12 18.00 CFM v. INT		20 18.00 PSG v. BOT		28 18.00 RIV v. CFM		34 12.00 ATM v. BOT		44 18.00 URD v. CFM		
MIAMI HARD ROCK STADIUM	1 20.00 AHL v. MIA		7 18.00 BOC v. SLB		14 15.00 RMA v. HIL		24 21.00 BAY v. BOC			35 21.00 MIA v. PAL		42 15.00 MSU v. FLU		
NASHVILLE GEODIS PARK* (CT ET -1)							23 17.00 LAF v. EST				37 14.00 AKL v. BOC		47 20.00 HIL v. PAC	
NEW YORK NEW JERSEY METLIFE STADIUM		4 18.00 PAL v. POR		9 12.00 FLU v. BVB		17 12.00 PAL v. AHL		27 18.00 FLU v. UHD		36 21.00 POR v. AHL				
ORLANDO CAMPING WORLD STADIUM											39 21.00 LAF v. FLA		45 15.00 JUV v. MCI	
ORLANDO INTER&CO STADIUM				11 18.00 UHD v. MSU			21 12.00 SLB v. AKL							
PHILADELPHIA LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD			8 21.00 FLA v. EST		13 12.00 MCI v. WAC		22 14.00 FLA v. CHE		29 12.00 JUV v. WAC		40 21.00 EST v. CHE		48 21.00 SAL v. RMA	
SEATTLE LUMEN FIELD* (PT ET -1)		5 19.00 BOT v. SEA		10 12.00 RIV v. URD		19 15.00 SEA v. ATM		26 12.00 INT v. URD		33 12.00 SEA v. PSG		43 18.00 INT v. RIV		
WASHINGTON, D.C. AUDI FIELD					16 21.00 AIN v. JUV				31 18.00 SAL v. HIL				46 15.00 WAC v. AIN	

	ROUND OF 16					QUARTER-FINALS				SEMI-FINALS				FINAL
	28 JUNE SATURDAY	29 JUNE SUNDAY	30 JUNE MONDAY	1 JULY TUESDAY	2 JULY WEDNESDAY	3 JULY THURSDAY	4 JULY FRIDAY	5 JULY SATURDAY	6 JULY SUNDAY	7 JULY MONDAY	8 JULY TUESDAY	9 JULY WEDNESDAY	10 JULY THURSDAY	11 JULY FRIDAY	12 JULY SATURDAY	13 JULY SUNDAY
		51 12.00 1B v. 2A		56 21.00 1F v. 2E				59 12.00 W51 v. W52								
	50 16.00 1C v. 2D		53 15.00 1E v. 2F		REST DAY	REST DAY			REST DAY	REST DAY			REST DAY	REST DAY	REST DAY	
		52 16.00 1D v. 2C		55 15.00 1H v. 2G												
								60 16.00 W55 v. W56			61 15.00 W57 v. W58	62 15.00 W59 v. W60				
			54 21.00 1G v. 2H				57 15.00 W53 v. W54									
	49 12.00 1A v. 2B						58 21.00 W49 v. W50									

All kick-off times are local time. Kick-off times are subject to change.
*All Host Cities are on ET except Nashville: CT (ET -1), Seattle and Los Angeles: PT (ET -3).



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Chelsea FC (CHE)
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GROUP G
Manchester City (MCI)
Wydad AC (WAC)
Al Ain FC (AIN)
Juventus FC (JUV)

GROUP H
Real Madrid C. F. (RMA)
Al Hilal (HIL)
CF Pachuca (PAC)
FC Salzburg (SAL)

Stadiums

SEATTLE
LUMEN FIELD



CINCINNATI
TQL STADIUM



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Prize money

SPORTING PERFORMANCE PILLAR

475m

STAGE/RESULT	PER CLUB
WINNERS	40.0m
RUNNERS-UP	30.0m
SEMI-FINALS	21.0m
QUARTER-FINALS	13.125m
ROUND OF 16	7.5m
GROUP-STAGE WIN	2.0m
GROUP-STAGE DRAW	1.0m

All figures are in USD.

PARTICIPATION PILLAR

525m

CONFEDERATION	PER CLUB
UEFA	12.81m-38.19m*
CONMEBOL	15.21m
Concacaf	9.55m
AFC	9.55m
CAF	9.55m
OFC	3.58m

* The amount is to be determined based on sporting and commercial criteria.


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