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Boumsong and Ederson sign with OL

New milestone in the OL Land project

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Acquisition of Jean-Alain Boumsong and Ederson Honorato Campos

Olympique Lyonnais has confirmed the arrival of French international defender Jean-Alain Boumsong and the promising young Brazilian player Ederson Honorato Campos, transferred from Juventus Turin and OGC Nice, respectively.

Jean-Alain Boumsong, 28, has signed a three-and-a-half year contract with OL. The overall amount of the transfer is €3.3 million (excl. tax) under French GAAP. His arrival will strengthen manager Alain Perrin's side on a part of the pitch that has recently been weakened by the injury to Cléber Anderson.

The young Brazilian midfielder Ederson Honorato Campos, 22, is one of the rising stars in the French Ligue 1 and was courted by numerous European clubs including some of the most prestigious. He also preferred Olympique Lyonnais, signing a four-and-a-half year contract. The overall amount of the transfer was €15.2 million (excl. tax) under French GAAP. He will finish out the season at OGC Nice, under a loan arrangement, before joining OL on 1 July.

"With the arrival of Marc Crosas, Cesar Delgado, and now Jean-Alain Boumsong and Ederson Honorato Campos, Olympique Lyonnais has a very high quality team combining talented young internationals such as Karim Benzema and Hatem Ben Arfa, with experienced players like Grégory Coupet, Juninho and Sidney Govou. Alain Perrin's squad is getting off to an ambitious start to the second half of the season, which will include, in a few weeks' time, the Champions League's first knockout round against Manchester United," said Jean-Michel Aulas, CEO of OL Groupe.

Separately, Czech striker Milan Baros has been loaned to the English club Portsmouth until the end of the season, with a purchase option. Similarly, Loïc Remy, who has extended his contract with OL for two years, i.e. until 30 June 2012, has been loaned to Racing Club de Lens until the end of the season, with a purchase option.

Lastly, Sandy Paillot, who has extended his contract with OL for one year, i.e. until 30 June 2011, has been loaned to the Grenoble club.



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Support from the Greater Lyon Community (Grand Lyon) for the OL Land project

The OL Land project achieved another milestone on Monday 21 January, when the Greater Lyon Community (Grand Lyon) approved, in a near-unanimous vote, the first amendment to the city of Decines zoning plan, with a view towards the realisation of the new stadium.

This decision, which follows the concertation period from 1 October to 19 December 2007, opens the way for a public interest study and is in line with the timetable set out by OL Groupe.



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