

**CLAUDE PUEL NAMED MANAGER OF OL****Lyon, 18 June 2008**

OL Groupe today signed Claude Puel as Manager of the club. He has signed a four-year contract and will replace Alain Perrin.

In accordance with the strategic direction indicated by the Board of Directors of OL Groupe in their meeting on 2 June 2008, Jean-Michel Aulas has assigned Claude Puel an expanded role, which will include not only management of the professional squad and the training academy but also responsibility for recruiting policy, under the authority of Chairman Jean-Michel Aulas and in liaison with Bernard Lacombe.

A former professional player with Monaco, Claude PUEL was manager of the Principality's club, then of Lille over the past six seasons. He was named best Ligue 1 manager with each club, in 2000 with Monaco and in 2006 with Lille.

Claude Puel will be seconded by Patrick Collot, his assistant manager at Lille for the past two seasons, and has decided to keep the existing OL technical staff intact, including Bruno Genesio (coach), Joël Bats (goalkeeping coach) and Robert Duverne (conditioning coach).

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