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## **OL SIGNS FERNANDO MARÇAL**

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Olympique Lyonnais has signed Brazilian defender Fernando Marçal from Benfica for a transfer fee of €4.5 million.

Trained at Brazilian club Gremio, Fernando Marçal began his professional career with Guaratingueta. He came to Europe at the age of 20, signing a contract with Portuguese club Torreense. Eighteen months later he joined the Nacional de Madère side, with whom he would become one of Portugal's best full-backs.

Now 28 years old, Fernando Marçal was one of last season's revelations with Guingamp where he had been lent by Benfica. With seven assists (ranked 8<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> among defenders), he was considered the second-best left-back of the season and was courted by several clubs, both in France and abroad.

Olympique Lyonnais is delighted to welcome Fernando Marçal, who has signed a four-year contract with the club.

*Florian Maurice said, "Marçal is a very attractive player, with a complete set of defensive and technical skills and able to contribute enormously on offense. In fact, he was one of the French Ligue 1's best passers last year. We are very pleased that Marçal has chosen Olympique Lyonnais, given the many solicitations he had received."*

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