

# Chinese Super League breaks records

The Chinese Super League set a new spending record of €389m (£331m) in the winter transfer window despite pleas to limit outlay on foreign players and curb substantial wage bills

**Oscar**  
Shanghai SIPG  
Completed  
move to  
China at  
start of  
year



**Carlos Tevez**  
Shanghai Shenhua  
Rumoured to be  
world's highest-paid  
player after joining CSL

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## MOST EXPENSIVE SUPER LEAGUE PLAYERS

Oscar Brazil 2017

Chelsea to Shanghai SIPG €60.0m (£51.0m)



Hulk Brazil 2017

Zenit St. Petersburg to Shanghai SIPG €55.8m (£47.4m)

Alex Teixeira Brazil 2016

Shakhtar to Jiangsu Suning €50.0m (£42.5m)

Jackson Martinez Colombia 2016

Atletico Madrid to Guangzhou Evergrande €42.0m (£35.7m)

Ramires Brazil 2016

Chelsea to Jiangsu Suning €28.0m (£23.8m)

Odion Ignalo Nigeria 2017

Watford to Changchun €23.3m (£19.8m)

Zhang Chengdong China 2017

B. Guoan to Hebei CFFC €20.4m (£17.4m)

Axel Witsel Belgium 2017

Zenit to Tianjin €20.0m (£17.0m)

Failed bids include reported €300m coup for Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, and pursuit of Man Utd's Wayne Rooney

## WINTER TRANSFER WINDOW 2017

Total Super League expenditure outstripped Premier League for second successive season\*

\*CSL window 28 days longer

China €389m (£331m)

England €253m (£215m)

France €153m (£130m)

Germany €100m (£85m)

Italy €94m (£80m)

Spain €23m (£20m)

