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Introduction

Welcome to the 20th edition of the Deloitte Football Money League in which we profile the highest earning clubs in the world’s most popular sport. Published just eight months after the end of the 2015/16 season, the Money League is the most contemporary and reliable analysis of the clubs' relative financial performance.

There are a number of metrics, both financial and non-financial, that can be used to compare clubs, including attendance, worldwide fan base, broadcast audience and on-pitch success. In the Money League we focus on clubs’ ability to generate revenue from matchday (including ticket and corporate hospitality sales), broadcast rights (including distributions from participation in domestic leagues, cups and European club competitions) and commercial sources (including sponsorship, merchandising, stadium tours and other commercial operations), and rank them on that basis.

Fantastic
The ever-changing financial landscape of football over the past 20 years has been both extraordinary and fascinating in equal measure.

When the Deloitte Football Money League was first published covering the 1996/97 season, Manchester United topped the table with revenue of £88m. Fast forward 20 years to this 2017 edition, and United have regained top spot from Real Madrid following 11 years of Spanish dominance, with revenue nearly six times greater than in 1997.

In the 20 editions of our Money League to date, there have been 42 different teams from 11 different leagues across the world taking a place in the top 20, with only ten teams managing to remain ever-present in the top 20. Whilst clubs from outside the ‘big five’ European leagues have made occasional appearances in the Money League top 20, the dominance of clubs from England, France, Germany, Italy and Spain has become more apparent, particularly in the most recent editions.

This dominance reflects the growing trend of polarisation, common not only in our Money League, but across much of the football world. The revenue ratio between the top earning and bottom earning club in the top 20 in 1997 was 3.2:1. It is 4:1 in this year’s edition. Even the biggest clubs in Europe outside the ‘big five’ leagues struggle to break into our top 20, and this year we have considered some of the trends seen outside Europe, assessing the possibility of a non-European club gaining a spot in the Money League in our ‘Planet Football’ section.

Make it big
The 20th edition sees the €600m revenue barrier broken for the first time, and by three clubs, with Manchester United, Barcelona and Real Madrid all achieving the feat. Manchester United’s strong commercial growth coupled with a return to UEFA Champions League football sees them take the Money League crown, with Barcelona winning in the Money League ‘El Clásico’ by pipping Real Madrid to second position by the smallest of margins.

For the third consecutive year, the top ten contains the same clubs, but five of the top ten have changed position. As well as Real Madrid and Manchester United swapping places, Paris Saint-Germain slip two places to sixth, with Bayern Munich jumping a place to fourth and Manchester City also climbing one place to fifth, their highest ever position. There was only one debutant in the top 20, with Premier League champions Leicester City making their first appearance in the Money League, a fitting way to end an incredible year.

As predicted in last year's edition, the total revenue for the top 20 is another record and is the first time the combined revenue of the top 20 has exceeded €7 billion, totalling €7.4 billion. This is a 12% increase on the previous year's top 20. Of the total uplift of €0.8 billion, 49% is broadcast revenue, 42% commercial revenue with only 9% of the increase due to matchday revenue.
Matchday Broadcast Commercial

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Despite a widely held perception of English club financial dominance, Manchester City’s climb to fifth place makes this the first time that England has had two clubs in the top five since 2011/12. Not only do City find themselves amongst the top five clubs globally for the first time, they also become one of only six clubs to have ever generated in excess of £500m in revenue. Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool retain their positions of seventh, eighth and ninth respectively. Arsenal achieved the largest revenue increase of the three. Tottenham Hotspur remain in 12th position, whilst West Ham United are in 18th with revenue of £144m.

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2014/15 and 2015/16 composition of total revenue splits (€m)

![Chart 1: Revenue of 20th placed clubs; Deloitte Football Money League (€m)](source: Deloitte analysis.)

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The number of English clubs in the top 20 has again equalled the record of eight, but the number of English clubs in the top 30 has reduced from a record 17 in the previous edition to 12 owing to impressive revenue growth at other European clubs. However, given the record domestic broadcast deal coming into effect for the the 2016/17 season, there remains a distinct possibility that a record number of Premier League clubs will feature in the top 30 in the next edition.
Across the 20 editions of the Money League, eight Italian clubs have featured in the top 20 and as recently as 2004/05, there were two clubs (AC Milan and Juventus) in the top five. This year, there are four clubs from Italy in the top 20, three of whom have been present in all 20 editions.

Juventus have retained tenth position with revenue growing by 5%. Juventus have led the way in Italy, developing their own stadium and performing strongly on the pitch which has allowed them to maintain their top ten position. Juventus were even able to hold on to their Money League status throughout the 20 editions despite relegation to Serie B for the 2006/07 season. For the first ten editions, they were always in the top five, and for three years between 2000 and 2003 were in second position.

AS Roma are ranked above AC Milan in the Money League for the first time, in 15th position. This is as a result of increased distributions following a successful Champions League campaign which saw them reach the knockout phase of the competition. Internazionale climbed one place to 19th.

Outside
Paris Saint-Germain remain the only French club in the top 20 this year, but have slipped to sixth place from fourth in 2016. The club has also lost its claim to having the highest commercial revenue of any Money League club, losing this title to Manchester United.

In an improvement from recent years, this 2017 edition sees another French club in the top 30, Olympique Lyonnais, who have been in the Money League top 20 on ten occasions, as recently as 2011/12 and as high as 11th in 2005/06, saw revenue increase after returning to the Champions League and are 24th this year. France had three clubs in the Money League in 2011/12, but with the Ligue 1 broadcast deal the lowest of the ‘big five’ leagues, the chances of France having three clubs in the Money League top 20 again appear slim for the forseeable future.

Matchday revenue growth in Italian football is still constrained by lack of widespread investment in stadia, reflected by the fact that three of the four Italian clubs are in the bottom quartile of the top 20 for matchday revenue. Despite individual efforts to change this, there is a possibility that Internazionale or AC Milan, or even both, will drop out of the top 20 in the next edition, as the new broadcast deals in the Premier League take effect.

Faith
Bayern Munich posted the second largest overall revenue increase of any top 20 club, and are the only German club to have held a permanent position as a Money League club throughout the 20 editions.

Borussia Dortmund retain 11th position, their 13th time as a Money League club. For all Bundesliga clubs, international broadcast rights revenue increased in the 2015/16 season. However, at Borussia Dortmund this amount was offset by reduced UEFA distributions after failing to qualify for the Champions League. Schalke 04 also retained their position in the top 20, achieving 14th place, making this the 14th
Atlético de Madrid are the only club to move up three places in the Money League to 13th. Their growth in revenue was primarily due to their run to the Champions League final. The 2015/16 season was the first in which Spanish clubs benefitted from the new collective selling of broadcast rights. The 2016/17 season will see clubs benefit from a further improved domestic broadcast deal. It is likely that La Liga will be seen to have already overtaken the Bundesliga as the second highest revenue generating league globally once revenue figures for 2015/16 and 2016/17 are fully available. As the revenue of individual clubs increases we would expect to see more Spanish clubs challenging for places in the Money League.

In the 20 editions to date, only four Spanish clubs have appeared in the Money League top 20, something that could change if the value of the collective arrangements continues to grow.

“A Different Corner”

FC Zenit Saint Petersburg hold their position as a Money League club, rising one place from 18th to 17th, after broadcast revenue almost doubled. Zenit’s place in the Money League is largely due to their commercial revenue, which is the ninth highest in the Money League and accounts for 74% of their total. They are currently in the process of developing their new 68,000 seater Krestovsky Stadium, a stadium which will host FIFA World Cup matches in 2018. This provides an opportunity to generate the increased matchday revenue needed to again appear in the top 20. Zenit remain the only Russian club to appear in the Money League and whilst the hosting of the World Cup in 2018 may provide a boost to other Russian clubs it is unlikely that any of them will challenge for a position in the Money League.

“Edge of Heaven”

Real Madrid became Europe’s Champion club for a record 11th time in 2015/16, beating domestic rivals Atlético de Madrid in the final on penalties, but have been knocked from the top spot in our Money League by Manchester United after 11 years at the top, despite a 7% revenue increase. They also slip just below arch-rivals FC Barcelona to third, their lowest position since 2002/03.

FC Barcelona have managed to retain second place in the Money League, pipping Real Madrid by the smallest of margins. The club won their 24th domestic league title in 2015/16 and saw revenue increase by 11% in the year, driven by commercial revenue increases.

“The Final”

We expect this record year, driven by increased broadcast and commercial revenues, to be eclipsed next year. New domestic broadcast deals starting in 2016/17 for Premier League and La Liga clubs (as well as international broadcast deals for the Premier League), mean the 21st edition will see the €8 billion barrier broken. The weakened Pound will help ensure a close three-way fight between Real Madrid, FC Barcelona and Manchester United for top spot.

Whilst European football dominates financially, and has done for the first 20 years of the Money League, the landscape may change considerably in the longer term, with attractive and emerging football markets looking to become the next football powerhouse. In our ‘Planet Football’ section we provide a snapshot of some of the world’s ‘other’ football leagues and provide our assessment of whether by 2030, there is a chance that we might see a club from a country outside Europe in the Money League.

We provide profiles of each of the top 20 clubs in this edition. The Deloitte Football Money League was compiled by Dan Jones, Timothy Bridge, Samuel Boor, Matthew Green, Chris Hanson and Christopher Winn. Our thanks go to those who have helped assist us, inside and outside the Deloitte international network. We hope you enjoy this edition.

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## Ups and downs

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The development and increased interest in club football over the last 12 months, particularly in China, has led us to take a look beyond the frontiers of current Money League territory.

We have assessed the chances of clubs from countries around the world gaining a place in the Money League by 2030, alongside providing some KPIs from those leagues, to act as reference points. Here we provide a snapshot of Planet Football.

USA and Canada

FIFA ranking: USA – 28th, Canada – 117th
Top professional division: Major League Soccer
Promotion/relegation: No
Number of teams: 20 (17 USA/3 Canada)
Revenue range: €10m-€30m
Average attendance: 21,700
DFML 2030 Outlook: 

Brazil

FIFA ranking: 2nd
Top professional division: Campeonato Brasileiro Série A
Promotion/relegation: Yes
Number of teams: 20
Revenue range: €7m-€84m
Average attendance: 15,700
DFML 2030 Outlook:

DFML 2030 outlook:

Highest chance of DFML 2030 club representation

Lowest chance of DFML 2030 club representation
Over the past 20 years, Deloitte’s Sports Business Group has advised leagues, federations and clubs from over 40 countries, including around 50 governing bodies and over 15 international governing bodies.
1. Manchester United

For the first time since 2003/04 and for the ninth time in the 20 editions, Manchester United top our Money League. Phenomenal growth, particularly in commercial revenue, in recent years has outweighed any impact of a decline in on-pitch performance.

Predictions
Despite not qualifying for the UEFA Champions League in 2016/17, United report that they expect revenues to reach at least £530m which will put the Red Devils in contention to retain their position as the world’s leading revenue generating club.

Majority ownership (nationality): USA
Head coach: Louis Van Gaal, Netherlands

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Manchester United: 2016 Revenue profile (£m)

- **Matchday (1)**: €137.5m (£102.8m) 20%
- **Broadcast (7)**: €187.7m (£140.4m) 27%
- **Commercial (1)**: €363.8m (£272.1m) 53%

**DFML 2016 position**
- 3rd

**DFML total appearances**
- 20

**Domestic league position 2015/16**
- 5th

**Average league match attendance**
- 75,327

**UEFA Champions League performance Group**
- R16

**UEFA Europa League performance**
- R16

**Shirt sponsor**
- Chevrolet

**Technical kit supplier**
- adidas

**Twitter followers**
- 9.8m (3)

**Facebook likes**
- 72.2m (3)

**Instagram followers**
- 15.4m (3)
FC Barcelona retain second spot in the Money League thanks in part to revenue increases from a higher average league match attendance, but mainly due to improved and new commercial partner contracts. Use of the club’s Camp Nou stadium for a Bruce Springsteen concert and the final of the Top 14 Rugby competition also generated additional revenue.

**Prediction**
Barça have publicly stated their desire to be the first club to generate €1 billion in total revenue and have forecast further healthy revenue growth for 2016/17. There is a possibility that FC Barcelona may become only the third club to ever top our Money League in the 2018 edition, but they will face strong challenges from both Manchester United and Real Madrid.
3. Real Madrid

After 11 consecutive years at the top of the Money League, Real Madrid fall two places to third behind Manchester United and FC Barcelona in this edition. Their victory in the Champions League, their 11th European Cup success, and lucrative tours of China and Australia led to a 7% revenue increase but they have been unable to match the increase of either of their great rivals.

### Prediction

Whilst Real Madrid will be disappointed to lose top spot, their position as one of the leading sports clubs globally led to a recently reported world record kit deal with adidas. This and other commercial opportunities will enable Madrid to challenge Manchester United and FC Barcelona for the top spot again in future editions.

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### Major Ownership (nationality)

Spain

### Head Coach

Zinedine Zidane, France

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### European Cups

- **UEFA Champions League**
  - Winners
  - DFML 2016 position: 1st
  - DFML total appearances: 20
  - Average league match attendance: 71,280

- **UEFA Europa League**
  - n/a

### Technical Kit Supplier

adidas

### Shirt Sponsor

Emirates

### Social Media Followers

- **Twitter followers**: 21.7m (1)
- **Facebook likes**: 94.1m (2)
- **Instagram followers**: 42.6m (2)
4. Bayern Munich

Impressive revenue growth of 25% sees Bayern climb the Money League to fourth, making this the ninth consecutive edition that they have been one of the top five revenue generating clubs globally. Bayern benefitted from increased distributions from the central international broadcast contracts agreed by the Bundesliga, and also new and improved deals with commercial partners.

Prediction
Whilst Bayern have grown revenue impressively, the financial strength of the Premier League and the two Spanish clubs makes it challenging for them to climb further in the Money League.

Majority ownership (nationality): Germany
Head coach: Pep Guardiola, Spain

Bayern Munich: 2016 Revenue profile (€m)

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5. Manchester City

2015/16 was a season of firsts for Manchester City as they reached the Champions League semi-final and consequently also enter the Money League top five. Matchday revenue remains relatively the weakest revenue stream compared to peers. Despite expansion of the Etihad Stadium, and a 19% increase in City’s average home league attendance, they have only the ninth highest matchday revenue in the Money League.

**Prediction**
The increased Premier League broadcast revenue from 2016/17 means that City’s revenue will grow for the next edition of the Money League. This gives them an excellent chance of retaining a top five position in the 2018 edition.

### Manchester City: 2016 Revenue profile (€m)

- **Matchday (9)**: €70.2m (£52.5m)  
  13%
- **Broadcast (2)**: €215.8m (£161.4m)  
  41%
- **Commercial (6)**: €238.9m (£178.7m)  
  46%

## Key Statistics

- **DFML 2016 position**: 6th
- **DFML total appearances**: 12
- **Domestic league position 2015/16**: 4th
- **Average league match attendance**: 54,013
- **UEFA Champions League performance**: Semi-final
- **UEFA Europa League performance**: n/a
- **Shirt sponsor**: Etihad Airways
- **Technical kit supplier**: Nike
- **Twitter followers**: 3.9m (9)
- **Facebook likes**: 22.6m (11)
- **Instagram followers**: 4.2m (9)

### Majority ownership (nationality): Abu Dhabi
**Head coach**: Manuel Pellegrini, Chile
Deloitte Football Money League 2017 | Top 20 clubs
6. Paris Saint-Germain

Despite an 8% rise in revenue, PSG drop out of the top five of the Money League for the first time since 2011/12. Their increased revenue is largely due to an uplift in UEFA distributions, ticket price increases and, in particular, an expansion of their Corporate Hospitality facilities. The Parc des Princes now offers 4,400 hospitality seats, an increase from 3,500 in 2014/15.

**Prediction**
The on-pitch dominance in the French league enjoyed by PSG in recent years has so far not been replicated in 2016/17, and a failure to qualify for the Champions League would have a damaging impact to PSG’s hope of regaining a top five position in the Money League in the near future.
7. Arsenal

Arsenal remain in seventh spot in the Money League after a 6% increase in revenue, which was largely due to increased distributions received from UEFA for their participation in the Champions League. They also fall behind Manchester United in this edition as the second highest matchday revenue generating club globally.

Prediction
Arsenal, like all Premier League clubs, are set to benefit financially from the increased Premier League broadcast revenues in 2016/17. Despite having the second highest matchday revenue in the Money League, Arsenal would need to grow commercial revenue significantly to challenge for a place amongst the top five Money League clubs.
8. Chelsea

An inconsistent season on the pitch for Chelsea saw them finish tenth in the Premier League and reach the Round of 16 of the Champions League. This resulted in revenue increasing by 5%, as an increase in amounts received from UEFA was largely offset by reduced merit payments from the Premier League, meaning broadcast revenue increased by only £7.3m. Commercial revenue increased by £8.9m as the club entered the first year of its shirt front sponsorship with Yokohama Tyres.

**Prediction**

With no Champions League football in 2016/17, Chelsea may come under some pressure in trying to stay ahead of Liverpool in next year’s Money League. In the medium term, a continuation of their strong performances in the 2016/17 season to date and progress on the development of Stamford Bridge will further secure and strengthen Chelsea’s top ten position.
Deloitte Football Money League 2017 | Top 20 clubs
9. Liverpool

Liverpool’s revenue grew slightly in 2015/16 as the club reached the UEFA Europa League final but suffered reductions in matchday attendance as the Main Stand at Anfield operated at a reduced capacity as redevelopment work took place. Commercial revenue ranks eighth, despite Money League rivals being able to offer Champions League exposure to potential partners.

**Prediction**

With the newly expanded Anfield now operating at full capacity, Liverpool will generate a considerable increase in matchday revenue in 2016/17 which, alongside the increased distributions from the Premier League, should result in a significant revenue increase overall. Despite this, no European football means Liverpool may not quite manage to overtake Chelsea in the Money League in next year’s edition.
10. Juventus

Despite seeing reductions in both matchday and broadcast revenue, Juventus recorded 5% growth in overall revenue thanks to a near €30m increase in commercial revenue. The club’s move to adidas as kit supplier, and an extension to their shirt front sponsorship with Jeep, were the driving factors.

**Prediction**
Despite the loss of key players for the 2016/17 season, Juventus are on course to maintain their top ten position in the Money League, having already qualified for the Round of 16 in the Champions League and sitting top of Serie A at the winter break.
Deloitte Football Money League 2017 | Top 20 clubs
11. Borussia Dortmund

Whilst other German clubs saw healthy revenue increases thanks to the growth in central distributions paid by the Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund’s failure to qualify for the Champions League and the consequent reduction in their UEFA distribution offset this gain almost entirely, as revenue only increased marginally, by 1%.

Prediction
Dortmund’s return to the Champions League in 2016/17 will provide a timely boost to revenue but they will likely slip down the Money League as Tottenham Hotspur benefit from Champions League football and the new Premier League broadcast deal.
12. Tottenham Hotspur

Spurs remain in 12th position in the Money League after a promising season. Their third placed finish was their highest ever in the Premier League era and delivered improved broadcast revenue, as did their run to the Round of 16 of the Europa League.

**Prediction**
The future appears bright for Tottenham with a boost to revenues from new broadcast deals and Champions League football in 2016/17. Current plans are for a season away from White Hart Lane in 2017/18, potentially at Wembley Stadium, before a move to the newly developed 61,000 seater stadium in 2018/19. This should provide the revenue boost required to give the club a regular Money League top ten position.

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**Tottenham Hotspur: 2016 Revenue profile (€m)**

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**Majority ownership (nationality):** UK

**Head coach:** Mauricio Pochettino, Argentina

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**2016 Revenue**

- **£279.7m (€209.2m)**

**2015 Revenue**

- **£257.5m (€195.9m)**

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**Domestic league position 2015/16**

- **3rd**

**DFML total appearances**

- **20**

**UEFA Champions League performance**

- n/a

**UEFA Europa League performance**

- R16

**Shirt sponsor**

- AIA

**Technical kit supplier**

- Under Armour

**DFML 2016 position**

- 12th

**DFML position**

- 14

**Broadcast (10=)**

- €147.6m (£110.4m) 53%

**Commercial (15)**

- €77.5m (£58m) 28%

**Matchday (11)**

- €54.6m (£40.8m) 19%

**Average league match attendance**

- 35,839

**Twitter followers**

- 1.8m (14)

**Facebook likes**

- 8.2m (15)

**Instagram followers**

- 1m (16)
13. Atlético de Madrid

Atlético de Madrid become the first Spanish club in the Money League to benefit from the move to a centralised broadcast rights selling model. A 29% increase in overall revenue was entirely thanks to a €53m increase in broadcast revenue, of which we estimate the new arrangements benefitted them by c.€25m in 2015/16, with the balance earned through the club’s run to the Champions League final.

**Prediction**

With Atleti in the process of building a new stadium and the uplift in revenue that can be expected from increased attendances and an improved corporate hospitality offering, the club will aspire to challenge for a top ten position in the Money League in future editions. However, the gap may prove too wide to bridge in the short to medium term.
14. Schalke 04

Despite not competing in the Champions League, Schalke retain their position as a top 20 Money League club for the 14th consecutive year. Schalke have the second highest number of Money League appearances of the German clubs.

**Prediction**
With Schalke 04 missing out on qualification for the Champions League for 2016/17, they will be looking for a strong run in the Europa League to generate increased revenue, but the club is more likely to slip down than rise up the Money League in the near future.

**Schalke 04: 2016 Revenue profile (£m)**

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**DFML position**
- DFML 2016 position: 13th
- Domestic league position 2015/16: 5th
- UEFA Europa League performance: R32
- Average league match attendance: 61,076
- Technical kit supplier: adidas
- Shirt sponsor: Gazprom
- UEFA Champions League performance n/a
- Matchday (12) revenue: €51.2m (£38.3m)
- Broadcast (19) revenue: €75m (£56.1m)
- Commercial (14) revenue: €98.3m (£73.5m)
- Twitter followers: 0.5m (20)
- Facebook likes: 2.9m (18)
- Instagram followers: 0.3m (18=)
15. AS Roma

AS Roma climb above their Italian counterparts AC Milan for the first time in the history of the Money League to 15th, their highest position since 2010/11. Roma’s run to the Round of 16 of the Champions League led to an increase in broadcast revenue of €40m, which was the main factor behind a 22% revenue increase overall.

Prediction
Participation in the Champions League remains crucial to Roma’s position in the Money League. In the near term, as they currently are playing without a shirt front sponsor, the club clearly has scope for increased commercial revenue, as well as the longer term potential of a planned new stadium.
16. AC Milan

The Money League ever-presents fall to their lowest ever position after only a small increase in revenue in 2015/16. The club reached the final of the Coppa Italia and played two more home games than in 2014/15 leading to a small increase in matchday revenue, but keeping pace with the rate of new revenue generation of other major European clubs is proving challenging for one of the game’s most famous clubs.

**Prediction**
We have highlighted the relative financial decline of Italian clubs over recent years, which is particularly evident for the Milan clubs. With the surge of the English clubs to be expected in 2016/17, and the fact that AC Milan have not qualified for the 2016/17 Champions League, there is a very real possibility that we will see a first Money League without the Italian giants in the near future.
17. FC Zenit Saint Petersburg

FC Zenit maintain their position as a Money League club and indeed remain the only Russian club ever to have a place in the top 20. Revenue grew by €28.7m largely due to broadcast revenue almost doubling. Despite this FC Zenit have the lowest broadcast and matchday revenue of any club in the Money League.

**Prediction**
FC Zenit’s position in the Money League is under threat in 2018 after their failure to qualify for the Champions League in 2016/17. In order to safeguard a position in the Money League in years where UEFA distributions are reduced, the club would need to see a significant increase in matchday revenue.

**Note:** 2016 financial results are in respect of the calendar year to December 2015.
18. West Ham United

West Ham United make only their third appearance in the Money League in 18th, their highest ever position. 2015/16 was their last season at the Boleyn Ground stadium and a strong performance in the FA Cup helped their matchday revenue increase. Both broadcast and commercial revenue also grew as the club benefitted from increased Premier League payments after finishing seventh (compared with 12th in 2014/15) and as Betway were announced as the club’s new shirt front sponsor.

**Prediction**

The move to the London Stadium for 2016/17 with its increased capacity should increase West Ham’s matchday revenue significantly and alongside the increase in Premier League distributions should see them climb even further up the Money League.
**19. Internazionale**

The Money League perennials Internazionale move up one position in this year’s Money League to 19th thanks to a €9.5m increase in commercial revenue. Inter generated more from advertising and sponsorship arrangements and also earned more from playing friendly matches abroad, leveraging their position as one of the most famous clubs in world football.

**Majority ownership (nationality): Indonesia**

**Head coach:** Roberto Mancini, Italy

**Weekend results**

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**Internazionale: 2016 Revenue profile (€m)**

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**Matchday (18)**

- Commercial (16)
  - €54.9m (£41.1m)
  - 31%
- Broadcast (16)
  - €98.6m (£73.7m)
  - 55%
- Matchday (18)
  - €25.7m (£19.2m)
  - 14%

**Prediction**

The 21st edition of the Money League may be the first without Inter in the top 20 as the new Premier League broadcast contracts give their English competitors currently positioned 20th and below a significant revenue boost.
20. Leicester City

A fantastic 2015/16 Premier League winning season for Leicester City sees them take a place amongst the top 20 revenue generating clubs globally after seeing 23% growth in revenue, a percentage growth rate only bettered by Manchester United, Bayern Munich and Atlético de Madrid.

**Prediction**

Whilst Leicester look unlikely to repeat their title winning success in 2016/17, they seem sure to maintain a Money League position in our next edition as they gain the windfall from competing in the Champions League and also the increased Premier League television money. We may even see Leicester take a top 15 spot in the next edition.
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Revenue excludes player transfer fees, VAT and other sales related taxes. In a few cases we have made adjustments to total revenue figures to enable, in our view, a more meaningful comparison of the football business on a club by club basis.

Information is derived from audited financial statements or information sourced directly from individual clubs. Based on the information made available to us in respect of each club, to the extent possible, we have split revenue into three categories – being revenue derived from matchday, broadcast and commercial sources. Clubs are not wholly consistent with each other in the way they classify revenue. In some cases we have made reclassification adjustments to the disclosed figures to enable, in our view, a more meaningful comparison of the financial results.

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Information in respect of the leagues presented in this publication in the ‘Planet Football’ section (pages 8-9) relates to the football season ending in 2016. ‘Revenue range’ refers to the actual or estimated annual revenue of the clubs in a league. A country’s FIFA ranking is as at December 2016. ‘DFML 2030 outlook’ refers to the perceived chance of a club from a league, relative to the other leagues presented in ‘Planet Football’, appearing in the Deloitte Football Money League by 2030.

Key performance indicators shown for each Money League club relate to the football season ending in 2016, unless otherwise stated. ‘Majority ownership’ refers to the nationality of the majority owner(s) of a club as at May 2016, and does not reflect any subsequent change. ‘Head coach’ is the person in charge of the club’s first team for the final domestic league game of the season ending in 2016, and does not reflect any subsequent change. UEFA Champions League and Europa League performances shown include participation from the final play-off round only. ‘Shirt sponsor’ and ‘Technical kit supplier’ refers to the club’s first team home kit for the season ending in 2016. Figures in respect of Twitter, Facebook and Instagram are as at 11 January 2017. For a club with multiple language accounts, only the most liked/followed account has been included.

For the purpose of the international comparisons, unless otherwise stated, all figures for the 2015/16 season have been translated at the average exchange rate for the year ending 30 June 2016 (£1 = €1.3371; €1 = TRY3.2194; €1 = RUB67.2676). Comparative figures have been extracted from previous editions of the Deloitte Football Money League, or from relevant annual financial statements or other direct sources. For comparability, reference to UEFA distributions have been extracted from UEFA’s ‘Distribution to clubs 2015/16’ report.

There are many ways of examining the relative wealth or value of football clubs and Deloitte can help potential investors or sellers do just that. However, for an exercise such as this, there is insufficient public information to do that. Here, in the Deloitte Football Money League, we use revenue as the most easily available and comparable measure of financial wealth.