

## 《中国神秘财团买走AC米兰》

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Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi says he has sold the soccer club AC Milan to a Chinese consortium.

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Berlusconi, who owns the Serie A team, made the remarks to local newspapers on Tuesday.

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He said they will be paying at least 400m euro (220m pound) over the next two years, which may value the club at up to 750m euro including debt.

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"Milan has now embarked on this path towards China," he said without disclosing the identity of the buyers.

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However other media outlets, citing their own sources, said the terms of the deal are still being finalised.

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Berlusconi, 79, has served as prime minister four times but was convicted of tax fraud and bribery.

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His family holding company Fininvest reportedly entered into exclusive talks with the Chinese investor group in May.

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The consortium is looking to buy 80% of the club immediately before eventually taking over the remainder.

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The deal could even result in the soccer club being listed in China, according to Reuters news agency.

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Asian investors

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AC Milan is one of Europe's most successful clubs but is seeking new capital to enable it to better compete against other well-funded rivals.

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It posted a loss of 93.5m euro (\$104m) last year.

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Berlusconi came close to selling a majority stake in AC Milan to a Thai businessman last year but changed his

mind.

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Many European teams are now owned or bankrolled by wealthy Asian or Middle Eastern investors or companies.

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Local rival Inter Milan was sold to Chinese electronics retailer Suning Commerce Group last month.

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And last month Chinese businessman Dr Tony Xia completed his 76m pound takeover of Championship club Aston Villa.

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Football is a popular sport in China and the government has pledged to develop its local industry to become a world "superpower."

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