



## Arsenal Summer Transfers 2026: Hincapié Permanent, Eze Arrives and the Álvarez Chase Heats Up

### Description

Arsenal's **summer 2026 transfer window** is well and truly under way, and Mikel Arteta is wasting no time reshaping his squad for the Champions League challenge ahead. With the Gunners celebrating their first Premier League title in 22 years, expectation at the Emirates has never been higher – and the business being done this summer reflects that unmistakable ambition. Arsenal summer transfers 2026 already tell a story of a club determined to go one better in Europe.

### Hincapié Confirmed: A Statement of Defensive Intent

The biggest piece of confirmed business so far is the permanent signing of **Piero Hincapié**. The Ecuador international, who joined on loan from Bayer Leverkusen last summer, has made the move official – Arsenal activating the €52 million purchase option built into his contract. After 39 appearances in all competitions last season, Hincapié proved himself an integral part of a defensive unit that conceded the fewest goals in three consecutive Premier League campaigns. At just 24, he is already among the finest left-sided centre-backs in European football.

Arteta made no secret of his desire to retain the Ecuadorian beyond the loan, and the deal was rubber-stamped on 1 July. It provides a bedrock of defensive stability as the squad prepares to compete on four fronts – Premier League, Champions League, FA Cup and League Cup. The Gunners lost to PSG on penalties in Budapest in last season's UCL semi-final, and that wound has clearly shaped the ambition of this summer's business.



Piero Hincapié has completed his permanent move to Arsenal from Bayer Leverkusen.  
Source: Arsenal FC official website (arsenal.com)

## Eze's Emirates Welcome and the New Attack Taking Shape

Hincapié is not the only confirmed arrival. Arsenal have also welcomed **Eberechi Eze** to the Emirates, with the exciting winger officially introduced to supporters as the latest addition to Arteta's squad. Eze brings creativity, direct running and a natural ability to beat defenders in tight spaces – precisely the profile Arteta has sought to complement Viktor Gyökeres' physicality up front. The signing signals a broader shift in how Arsenal intend to attack in Europe: with more variety, more unpredictability, and more ways to hurt opponents.





Arsenal's newest arrival is introduced to fans at the Emirates. Source: Arsenal FC official website (arsenal.com)

Meanwhile, **Leandro Trossard's** five-year stay at the Emirates has come to an end. The Belgian contributed eight goals and six assists to last season's title charge, but with the squad's attacking

depth growing, the 31-year-old departs on his own terms to BeÅ?iktaÅ? on a permanent deal. He leaves with a Premier League winnerâ??s medal â?? a fitting send-off for a player who delivered when it mattered most.

## The Ã•lvarez Chase: Arsenalâ??s â?–100m Gamble

For all the excitement around confirmed deals, it is the pursuit of **JuliÃ?n Ã•lvarez** that is generating the most heat in north London. Arsenal have opened direct talks with AtlÃ©tico Madrid over the Argentine forward, with Arteta identifying him as the number one attacking target to take the teamâ??s Champions League ambitions to the next level.

The negotiations are complicated, to put it mildly. AtlÃ©tico are holding firm above Â£100 million and point to a â?–500 million release clause as the opening position. Arsenal are understood to be willing to stretch to around Â£90 million, leaving a significant gap that both clubs are attempting to bridge ahead of the 20 July pre-season return. The clock is ticking, and Arsenal know it.

Ã•lvarez, 26, has also drawn interest from Barcelona and PSG, and his stated preference for remaining in Spain adds a further layer of intrigue. Yet Arsenalâ??s project â?? Champions League football, Artetaâ??s proven attacking system, and a clear pathway to a central role â?? remains genuinely compelling. Sources close to the negotiations suggest the Gunners are more confident than the noise around Barcelona would indicate.

There is further activity in the pipeline too. Winger **Jeremy Monga** from Leicester City is reportedly in advanced talks, offering the kind of explosive wide threat that could redefine Arsenalâ??s left-wing options in Europe. At 21, he represents the future. Arteta is building for now and for what comes next.

As [Liverpool reshape their squad under Andoni Iraola](#) and [Spurs committed Â£185 million on Tonali and Fernandes](#), the arms race at the top of English football has never been more intense. Arsenal are not spectators â?? they are leading the charge. Follow the [Sports](#) section for all the latest transfer updates as the window hots up.

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