

Van Nistelrooy extends contract with Real until 2010

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Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy signed a new deal with Real Madrid on Wednesday which extends his contract with the Spanish champions until 2010, the club said on its website.

No financial conditions were disclosed. Van Nistelrooy, 31, joined Real from Manchester United in July 2006 for 15 million euros (22 million US dollars) on a three-year contract.

A favourite of Real coach Bernd Schuster, the Dutch international was the Spanish league's top scorer in the 2006/07 season with 25 goals.

"I am really pleased to be staying here. It's an honour to be a part of the history of this club," he said.