



Press release

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Sky Vision and France's Groupe Altice to co-produce audacious drama Riviera

Sky Vision, the production and distribution arm of Sky, today announces a new partnership with Altice Group, the worldwide telecommunications and media company.

The agreement sees Sky and Groupe Altice co-produce Riviera, a brand new tense and gripping thriller set on France's opulent Côte d'Azur, playground of the world's super-rich. Created by Oscar®-winning writer Neil Jordan (*The Crying Game*) and starring Julia Stiles (*The Bourne Ultimatum*), Lena Olin (Academy Award nominee), Adrian Lester (*Undercover*), Iwan Rheon (*Game of Thrones*) and Roxane Duran (*White Ribbon*), the audacious 10-part drama, set against an intoxicating backdrop of sun-drenched luxury, explores the dazzling depravity of morally ambiguous characters and contrasts a Vanity Fair-world of private jets, fine art and extravagant parties with its dark, dangerous and even deadly underbelly.

The deal was brokered by Sky Vision, Sky's growing distribution division. The first agreement between the two companies, it sits within Groupe Altice's ambitions to develop original drama series and its announcement of the launch of a new premium pay TV linear channel for the summer of 2017.

Commenting on the deal, Michel Combes, Groupe Altice's CEO, says: *"As part of Altice Group's investment in Original Creation since Altice Studio's launch in October 2016, this partnership with Sky Vision is a new step in our strategy to become a strong player in the production industry and to reach our ambition to propose the best series to our clients"*.

Zai Bennett, Director of Programming at Sky says: *"We're so pleased to be co-producing the thrilling Riviera with our partners Altice. Original drama is key to Sky's ongoing programming strategy and this smart, fun and sexy drama will add breadth to our already world class offering on Sky Atlantic."*

Nora Melhli, Director of Original Creation at Groupe Altice says: *"We are delighted to co-produce Riviera with Sky Vision and Archery Pictures. Collaborating again with Anne Mensah on such a unique and ambitious drama is a very exciting adventure. Following the series Medicis, Sirens and Taken, Riviera will be a different and strong proposal for our audience."*

Anne Mensah, Head of Drama at Sky says: *"Starting this new co-production journey with Altice is something we're really thrilled about. We really valued working with Nora Melhli on two seasons of The Tunnel, so we know Nora and Altice will be the perfect partners for delivering the glamour and thrills of Riviera."*

Riviera will, fittingly, have its World Premiere TV Screening on the French Riviera at MIPTV 2017. MIPTV 2017, the spring's biggest TV and digital content event for professionals, takes place in Cannes, France from 3-6 April. The World Premiere TV Screening is scheduled for 3 April at 6.30pm in the Grand Auditorium of the Palais des Festivals.

Riviera, a Sky Original Production, will be shown exclusively on Sky Atlantic in the UK, Ireland, Italy, Germany and Austria in 2017, joining a strong line up of Sky Original Productions for 2017 including *Fortitude*, *Guerrilla* and *Tin Star*. The series is produced by Archery Pictures and Primo Productions, with worldwide sales handled by Sky Vision.

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About Sky Vision

Sky Vision is the production and distribution arm of Sky. The distribution arm represents around 5,000 hours of quality primetime programming from Sky Original Productions and independent third party production, across all key primetime genres (drama, entertainment, factual entertainment and factual). The business also has equity investments in nine production businesses in the UK and US; Love Productions, Blast! Films, Sugar Films, True North, Chrysalis Vision and Sky Vision Productions in the UK; and in the US, Jupiter Entertainment, Talos Films and Znak & Co.

In addition to its equity investments, Sky Vision works extensively with independent producers in the UK and US and has development deals with a number of production companies including Asylum Entertainment, Double Nickel and Peacock Alley in North America; and Avanti Media, Bohemia, Chalkboard, LittleRock Pictures, Merman Films, and Spring Films in the UK.

About Altice

Founded by telecom entrepreneur, Patrick Drahi, Altice is a multinational cable, fiber, telecommunications, contents and media company with presence in four regions - Western Europe (comprising France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal and Switzerland), the United States, Israel, and the Overseas Territories (currently comprising the French Caribbean, the Indian Ocean regions and the Dominican Republic). Altice provides very high speed based services (high quality pay television, fast broadband Internet and fixed line telephony) and, in certain countries, mobile telephony services to residential and corporate customers.

Altice is also active in the media space with a portfolio of channels (News, Sports, Lifestyle...) as well as a provider of Premium contents on nonlinear platforms; it also produces its own original contents (Series, Movies...).

Altice (ATC & ATCB) is listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam.