



UTV Motion Pictures and Dharma Productions Join Hands

Karan Johar's Dharma Productions inks Distribution Deal with UTV Motion Pictures

9th March, 2009 - Karan Johar's Dharma Productions has signed an exclusive worldwide distribution deal with UTV Motion Pictures for its next two releases. The deal includes theatrical, home video, overseas, satellite and all other new media distribution rights. The two films namely **Wake Up Sid** and **Rensil D'silva's untitled** film are slated to release in the second half of 2009.

Wake Up Sid is directed by Ayaan Mukerji and stars Ranbir Kapoor and Konkona Sen Sharma. The music of the film has been composed by the celebrated trio Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy. Rensil D'silva's film stars Saif Ali Khan, Kareena Kapoor and Vivek Oberoi and the music has been scored by Salim-Suleiman.

"Karan has a brilliant slate of films to his credit. He brings a tremendous entertainment quotient to his films coupled with immense understanding of the pulse of the audience. His films are amongst the most awaited across the country and around the world. We are thrilled to start what we hope is the beginning of a long relationship with Dharma Productions.", said UTV CEO Ronnie Screwvala

"I've known and been in touch with Ronnie for a long time now and I am glad that finally we are getting a chance to work together. His passion and sensibility towards understanding cinema is exceptional and I'm looking forward to working with UTV Motion Pictures", said Karan Johar

About UMP Plc :

Established in 1995, as a division within UTV Software Communications, UMP Plc has arrangements with a number of major Hollywood studios including Walt Disney, Fox Searchlight and Will Smith's company Overbrook Entertainment. Listed on at the London AIM market, UMP Plc has played an active role in pioneering the studio model to the Indian film industry, where it is able to leverage script development, budget and time management and international distribution.



UMP Plc has emerged as a strong player in Indian and International cinema with the success of movies like 'Rang De Basanti', 'Khosla Ka Ghosla', 'Life in a... Metro', 'The Namesake' 'Jodhaa Akbar' & 'I Think I Love My Wife'. UMP Plc has co-produced movies like Ashutosh Gowariker's 'Jodhaa-Akbar', which is the biggest blockbuster of 2008 and M. Night Shyamalan's 'The Happening' which is amongst the top grosser in Hollywood. UMP Plc has also distributed movies like Aamir Khan's directorial debut 'Taare Zameen Par', Anees Bazmee's 'Welcome', Abbas Mustan's 'Race' in the international markets. With an aggressive slate of over 15 movies for the year 2009 some of its forthcoming movies include Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra's Delhi 6, David Dhawan's Hook Ya Crook, Vishal Bhardwaj's Kaminey and many more.. UMP Plc is also working with a talent pool of directors that include Vishal Bhardwaj, David Dhawan, Shyam Benegal and Iranian director Majid Majidi amongst others. For more info log onto www.utvmotionpictures.com

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