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# DISNEY MEDIA DISTRIBUTION FRANCE ANNOUNCES MAJOR DEAL WITH FRENCH PAY TV OPERATOR CANAL+ GROUP

**Cannes, 7 October 2015 –** CANAL+ Group and Disney Media Distribution France today announced the renewal of their wide ranging programming agreement. The deal includes first run feature films and SVOD services.

A key element of the agreement, which starts in January 2016, is the feature films offering on CANAL+, covering Walt Disney Pictures titles, Marvel Studios, Disney•Pixar and Lucasfilm films. This includes Marvel's Captain America: Civil War, Walt Disney Pictures' live-action The Jungle Book and Lucasfilm's highly anticipated Star Wars: The Force Awakens along with the ever popular Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, Star Wars: Attack of the Clones, Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back and Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, the Academy Awards® and ABC Studios series.

CANALPLAY, the SVOD offering of CANAL+ Group, will continue to carry ABC Studios on demand, which includes popular series Grey's Anatomy, LOST, Desperate Housewives, and Castle, which viewers can access as complete box sets. Disney Movies on Demand gives viewers access to animated and live action Disney classics and Disney•Pixar titles such as Cinderella and Robin Hood, Cars, Monsters, Inc. and Toy Story – all providing viewers with the flexibility to enjoy high quality Disney programming and feature films.

Astrid Barbot, GM, Disney Media Distribution France said, "This agreement starts a new chapter in our relationship with the CANAL+ Group. We are sure CANAL+ audiences in France will thoroughly enjoy a greater variety of Disney's much loved characters and gripping, emotive storytelling wherever, however and whenever they wish, across a portfolio of programming that includes a fantastic slate of feature films and television series."





Didier Lupfer, Head of Films, CANAL+ Group, said: "We are proud to renew our agreement with Disney, both for CANAL+ and CANALPLAY. We will be able to offer our subscribers some of our greatest productions from the prestigious Disney studios, which also include films from Marvel Studios, Disney•Pixar and Lucasfilm, starting with the highly anticipated Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

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## **About Disney Media Distribution:**

Disney Media Distribution (DMD) is responsible for the international distribution of The Walt Disney Company's branded and non-branded content to all platforms, encompassing television, broadband and mobile outlets. The division distributes more than 30,000 hours of programming to over 1,300 platform partners across 240 territories worldwide. DMD's content portfolio includes feature films, scripted and reality series, live-action and animated kids content, ABC News, and specials such as the Academy Awards. Disney Media Distribution also oversees channel expansion and distribution worldwide for such branded channels as Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior.

### **About Canal + Group:**

CANAL+ Group is the leader in provision of premium-content and themed networks, as well as in bundling and distribution of pay-TV offerings. The Group is a benchmark player in free-to-air television broadcasting, too, with its three national channels and advertising sales division. Internationally, CANAL+ Group is expanding in high-growth markets. It is the top pay-TV broadcaster in French-speaking countries worldwide, notably in Africa. It is also a leader in pay-TV in Poland and Vietnam.

With STUDIOCANAL, CANAL + Group is also a European leader in production and distribution of films and TV series.