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## RED ARROW STUDIOS INTERNATIONAL'S LOCAL LANGUAGE DRAMAS "THE COURT" AND "FARANG" HEAD TO CHANNEL 4'S WALTER PRESENTS IN THE UK

 New UK deal sees 20 hours of Red Arrow Studios International content acquired by specialist foreign-language drama VOD platform

LONDON. 17 July, 2018: Red Arrow Studios International has secured a deal with boutique foreign-language drama streaming service, Walter Presents, for its Icelandic legal drama "The Court" (12 x 1 hour) and Swedish thriller series "Farang" (8 x 1 hour) in the UK.

Seasons One and Two of "The Court" will launch on All4 under the Walter Presents banner in September 2018 and "Farang" will premiere on Channel 4 later this year. This deal follows the recent U.S. launch of Season One of "The Court" on Walter Presents in May; Season Two will make its debut in August 2018.

A joint venture between Channel 4 and Global Series Network, Walter Presents launched in January 2016 in the UK and is dedicated to showcasing award-winning foreign-language drama.

Bo Stehmeier, EVP Global Sales at Red Arrow Studios International said: "This deal with Walter Presents, the 'go-to' platform for outstanding foreign language programming in the UK, is testament to the strength of our scripted slate which features a raft of diverse, gripping and high-quality

series. With demand for international dramas accelerating, we're delighted to be making 'The Court' and 'Farang' more accessible to UK audiences."

Walter Iuzzolino, Curator at Walter Presents said: "Icelandic and Swedish drama are stronger than they've ever been right now, and I'm delighted to have sealed this 20-hour deal with Red Arrow Studios International. I'm a huge fan of 'Case' which continues to be one of our most successful Walter Presents series, so securing the first and second series of 'The Court' where we first get introduced to the compelling character of Logi Traustason, will be a real treat for viewers. Set in Thailand, 'Farang' is not your typical Scandi drama but the plotline is supercharged and every bit as thrilling."

Produced by Warner Bros. for C More and TV4 Sweden, "Farang" explores the complicated ties that bind a father with his daughter. Fleeing Sweden and the old friends he has testified against, former criminal Rickard (Ola Rapace, "Skyfall", "Section Zero") abandons his name, his life and his family to start over in Thailand.

Ten years later and still with a price on his head, Rickard knows that a return home would be a death sentence. And so he ekes out his existence as a small-time crook in the back alleys of Phuket. When his fifteen-year-old daughter Thyra comes looking for him, Rickard's self-imposed exile in this gritty paradise is soon under threat.

Produced by Sagafilm for Channel 2 Iceland, "The Court" follows the professional and personal lives of three lawyers at a Reykjavik law firm. Amidst all their personal dramas, this team must tackle their day jobs, as each episode brings them new cases as dangerous as they are diverse.

From narcotics smuggling and human trafficking, to illegal debt collectors and bank fraud, our three heroes have seen it all... and defended them all. The show is executive produced by acclaimed producers Kjartan Thor Thordarson ("Stella Blomkvist", "Case", "Cover Story") and Magnus Vidar Sigurdsson ("Trapped", "Black Angels", "The Night Shift").

Follow up series to "The Court" – "Case" (9 x 1 hour), produced by Sagafilm for Channel 2 Iceland, is also available from Red Arrow Studios International.

The deals were completed by Yi Qiao, Senior Sales Manager, Benelux, UK, Scandinavia, Africa and the Middle East at Red Arrow Studios International.

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## **About Red Arrow Studios International**

Red Arrow Studios International is a world-leading TV distributor of scripted, formats and factual shows from a global network of in-house production companies, outstanding third-party producers and digital-content partners.

Led by Henrik Pabst, with offices in Munich, London, New York and Hong Kong, Red Arrow Studios International co-produces and finances global entertainment, and distributes acclaimed content to over 200 territories worldwide.

Red Arrow Studios International is part of Red Arrow Studios, which is comprised of 20 production companies in seven territories; world-leading digital studio, Studio71; and film distributor Gravitas Ventures. Red Arrow Studios is a ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE company, one of Europe's leading media groups.

For more information, please visit: redarrowstudios.com/international

## **About Walter Presents**

Walter Presents launched January 2016 in the UK as a video-on-demand service and is a joint venture between Channel 4 and Global Series Network, founded by Jason Thorp, Walter Iuzzolino and Jo McGrath. Dedicated to showcasing award winning foreign language drama, the service is named after its curator Walter Iuzzolino, a passionate drama fan. In March 2017 Walter Presents launched as an SVOD platform in the US with the New York Times hailing it as a 'chic TV boutique with a foreign accent'. In November 2017 Walter Presents launched in Australia on Foxtel, the second stage of a planned global roll-out.

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