

# Dentons advises Lions Gate Entertainment on purchase of Starz

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Dentons advised Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. on its recent agreement to acquire Starz Entertainment LLC for US\$4.4 billion in a cash and stock transaction, creating a global content powerhouse positioned to capitalize on growth opportunities worldwide.

Lionsgate is a premier next generation global content leader with a diversified presence in motion picture production and distribution, television programming and syndication, home entertainment, international distribution and sales, branded channel platforms, interactive ventures and games, and location-based entertainment. Starz is one of the premier cable and satellite networks in the US and is listed on NASDAQ. To illustrate the scale of the transaction, the combined company will encompass: a 16,000-title film and television library; the largest independent television business in the world, including 87 original series on 42 US networks; a feature film business that has generated over \$7 billion at the global box office over the past four years; operation of or investment in 30 channel platforms around the world, including the flagship STARZ platform reaching 24 million US subscribers, the STARZ ENCORE network with over 32 million subscribers and five OTT services; and a growing presence in location-based entertainment and video games driven by the company's deep portfolio of brands and franchises.

Lionsgate's Dentons team includes Corey MacKinnon, Mark Jadd, Cathy Wade, Jim Russell, Adam Goodman, Sandy Walker, Larry Nevsky, and Ralph Shay in Canada.

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