

NENT Group's original thriller 'The Lawyer' returns for a second season

- Swedish-Danish thriller is one of NENT Group's most popular original series
- Alexander Karim to reprise leading role in 'The Lawyer' season two
- NENT Group to premiere at least 20 original productions every year

Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group), the Nordic region's leading streaming company, has commissioned a second season of its hit original thriller 'The Lawyer', which was the most viewed original series on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service in 2018. Swedish star Alexander Karim ('Tyrant') returns to headline the new season, which is currently filming and will premiere across the Nordic region exclusively on Viaplay in 2020.

Season two of 'The Lawyer' (Swedish title: 'Advokaten') picks up immediately from the cliffhanger ending to season one, with lawyer Frank Nordling (Alexander Karim) facing charges for a murder he didn't commit, while plagued with guilt about his deepening involvement in a criminal network that has already cost too many innocent lives.

The eight-part series is based on an idea by best-selling Swedish author Jens Lapidus, Hans Rosenfeldt ('The Bridge') and Michael Hjorth (NENT Group's 'ALEX'), and is written by Charlotte Lesche and Karin Gidfors ('The Lawyer' season one).

Malin Buska ('Easy Money III: Life Deluxe'), Thomas Bo Larsen (NENT Group's 'Veni Vidi Vici') and Nicolaj Kopernikus ('The Killing') reprise their roles in the new season, which is produced by Nicklas Wikström Nicastro (NENT Group's 'ALEX') for SF Studios. The series is distributed internationally by STUDIOCANAL, who also distribute NENT Group's 'Pros and Cons' and forthcoming 'Shadowplay'.

Jakob Mejlhede Andersen, Viaplay Chief Content Officer: "The verdict is in — 'The Lawyer' is irrefutable evidence of how high-quality local storytelling attracts large-scale audiences across the Nordic region and beyond. This compelling series offers moral dilemmas, psychological depth and hard-hitting action, all woven together by a nuanced script and career-defining performances from a talented Danish and Swedish cast. 'The Lawyer' has rightly become one of Viaplay's most popular original series, and commissioning a second season is an open-and-shut case."

About NENT Group's original productions

NENT Group has now launched 54 original productions and is set to premiere a minimum of 20 every year. In the past 12 months, 'Honour'; 'Manson's Bloodline'; season two of 'ALEX';



'Swedish Sin'; 'Straight Forward'; season one of 'Saga's Stories'; 'Wisting'; 'The Inner Circle'; 'Darkness – Those Who Kill'; 'Hidden'; 'The Truth Will Out'; 'Four Hands Menu'; 'Pros and Cons'; 'Conspiracy of Silence'; 'Couple Trouble'; season two of 'The Great Escape'; and season two of 'Black Lake' have premiered.

Recently announced originals include season two of 'Love Me'; 'The Machinery'; season three of 'The Great Escape'; season two of 'Saga's Stories'; 'Food & Fire'; 'First Responders'; 'Seizure'; 'Partisan'; 'American Runestone'; 'Home Invasion'; 'The Professionals'; 'Fixi in Playland'; 'Shadowplay'; 'Box 21'; season two of 'Rig 45'; 'The Ambassador'; 'Margeaux'; 'Cryptid'; 'Commando'; 'Face to Face'; season one of 'Love Me'; and 'Cold Courage'.

As well as breaking Nordic viewing records, NENT Group's originals are increasingly reaching audiences around the world. Amongst others, 'ALEX' has been sold to broadcast and streaming partners in Europe, Asia and the US; 'Veni Vidi Vici' has premiered on Hulu and is set for a US remake in partnership with Lionsgate; 'Swedish Dicks' has featured on Pop TV in the US; 'Black Lake' has been shown on BBC Four and AMC Networks-backed Shudder; and 'Honour' has been sold to RTL in Germany and to Belgium's VRT.

<u>In January 2019</u>, NENT Group announced a UK-based joint venture with award-winning independent studio FilmNation Entertainment to develop, produce and finance premium scripted television content for global audiences.

In May 2019, NENT Group invested in a minority stake in the new US production company Picturestart together with a range of high-profile industry partners. Based in Los Angeles and founded by renowned producer Erik Feig, Picturestart will create, co-finance and produce premium scripted content for young adult viewers around the world.

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