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FACK JU GOEHTE / SUCK ME SHAKESPEER akross da gloab! From France, Italy, Poland and the Czech Republic to South Korea, Taiwan and the CIS states, including Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan: Picture Tree International licenses the German blockbuster worldwide

Berlin, 26 August 2014 – **FACK JU GOEHTE / SUCK ME SHAKESPEER** goes international! With audiences of more than seven million at home, the film was Germany's most successful release in 2013 and is now gearing up to entertain moviegoers around the world. Directed by Bora Dagtekin ("Turkish for Beginners") and starring Elyas M'Barek ("The Physician") and Karoline Herfurth ("The Reader"), the film centres on Zeki Müller, an ex-con and substitute teacher who uses unorthodox yet effective methods to bring an unruly class back on track. Berlin-based international sales and production outfit **Picture Tree International** successfully sold the box-office hit to several countries across the globe.

The first in a series of international opening days will be 29 August 2014, when distributor Cinemart will release the German blockbuster in the **Czech Republic**. The title of the dubbed version is **FAKJU PANE UCITELI** ("Fuck You, Mr. Teacher") ([watch the trailer here](#)).

France is set to follow on 12 November 2014 in a wide release. Océan Film Distribution will release the French dubbed version of FACK JU GOEHTE under the title **DAS PROFESSOR**. In neighbouring **Italy**, Camimovie and Faruk Alatan are planning to release the film in winter 2014/2015.

At the end of this year, Splendor will release a Spanish version of the film in **Spain** under the title **QUE TE JODAN SHAKESPEARE** ("Fuck You Shakespeare") on roughly 150 screens.

Turkish moviegoers will also get to see the hit comedy, with Limon Film bringing FACK JU GOEHTE to Turkish cinemas very soon.

Russian distributor Maxi Vision is gearing up to release a Russian-language version of FACK JU GOEHTE in the **CIS states** and **Baltic countries**, while Fil Vision will bring the German blockbuster to cinemas in **Kazakhstan** and **Kyrgyzstan**. Vivarto has acquired distribution rights in **Poland**.

The first Asian cinema release is set for autumn 2014 in **South Korea**, with Sejong Communication distributing FACK JU GOEHTE there. Next stop will be **Taiwan**, where Deltamac will act as distributor.

Further negotiations are underway in **Eastern Europe, Belgium, the Netherlands, Scandinavian countries** as well as in **Japan** and **Southeast Asia**.

FACK JU GOEHTE has already screened at several international festivals and was the closing film at Monte Carlo Comedy Festival, where it received three awards ("Best Director", "Best Actor" and "Jury's Special Prize" for cinematographer Christof Wahl). FACK JU GOEHTE had its North American premiere at the Miami International Film Festival and its Asian premiere at the Okinawa International Movie Festival. FACK JU GOEHTE also received the German Film Prize for being the **BIGGEST BOX-OFFICE DRAW** in 2013.

About Picture Tree International:

Berlin-based Picture Tree International (PTI) is an integrated distribution and production company with a clear international focus. PTI's core business concentrates on the worldwide licensing of film rights and the co-production of international feature films using an integrated business model that links distribution with production. The company was co-founded in early 2013 by Andreas Rothbauer and Alec Schulmann, who first worked together in 2005 on the Oscar-nominated film "Mongol: The Rise of Genghis Khan" (2007).

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