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Picture Tree plants US deals

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Berlin's Picture Tree International (PTI) has secured several deals with US distributors, following its debut as an exhibitor at the European Film Market (EFM).

The Berlin-based production and sales outfit sold North American rights for Christian Schwochow's **West (Westen)** to Mainstreet Films.

Schwochow's East-West drama, which Senator will be releasing theatrically in Germany on March 27, was also sold to the UK (New Wave), France (Sophie Dulac), Spain (Savor Ediciones) and South Korea (Mediasoft), with Encore securing the global in-flight rights.

PTI also sold Icelandic director Ragnar Bragason's **Metalhead** to Cinelicious, marking the first acquisition made by the fledgling US distributor. The heavy metal drama was also sold to Canada (Raven Banner).

Fack Ju goes international

The first sales of **Fack Ju Göthe (Suck Me Shakespeer)** have been secured with Océan Film (France), Cinemart (Czech Republic/Slovakia) and Sejong (South Korea).

Bora Dagtekin's screwball romantic comedy is Germany's latest blockbuster, where it has been seen by more than 7 million cinema-goers since being released last November.

PTI reported that the film will have its North American premiere at this week's Miami International Film Festival and will premiere in Asia a fortnight later at the Okinawa International Movie Festival.

In addition, the film's German distributor and executive producer, Martin Moszkowicz of Constantin Film, revealed during the Berlinale that a sequel will go into production this summer with the title of *Fack Ju 2*.

Swiss sales

PTI also completed sales for Thomas Imbach's costume drama ***Mary Queen Of Scots*** with the UK (Metrodome) and HBO Central Europe and HBO Netherlands, with negotiations near completion with buyers from Germany, Spain and Japan.

Fellow Swiss director Petra Volpe's award-winning drama ***Dreamland*** was sold to South Korea (Mediasoft).

Australia's Champion Pictures became the latest distributor to pick up Jacques Ouaniche's ***Victor "Young" Perez*** about the Tunisian-Jewish boxing world champion who was sent to Auschwitz during the Second World War.

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