

## **PANTALEON Entertainment AG to Co-Produce with STUDIOCANAL**

- **Joint venture with German distribution arm of French major Vivendi**
- **Theatrical adaptation of bestseller "Dem Horizont so nah"**
- **Production to exceed expectations in coming years**

Berlin, December 20, 2016 – PANTALEON Entertainment AG (XETRA: PAL, ISIN: DE000A12UPJ7) will co-produce the theatrical adaptation of Jessica Koch's bestseller "Dem Horizont so nah" with STUDIOCANAL, the theatrical distribution arm of CANAL+ Group, part of French media conglomerate Vivendi.

The joint venture with STUDIOCANAL marks a milestone in PANTALEON Entertainment's dynamic expansion, showing the group can continue its string of major box-office hits along with the global roll-out of innovative Video-on-Demand platform pantaflix.com. For PANTALEON Films, it's the next promising and exciting project in the feature film pipeline, which is far exceeding initial planning: Thanks to several years of investment in project development, PANTALEON now has so many ongoing and upcoming film projects in the pipeline the production arm is set to see considerable growth in coming years.

"Dem Horizont so nah" is the debut novel by Jessica Koch, which was published in March 2016 and quickly climbed the major German best-seller charts, both Bild and Amazon. The book is the first of the "Danny Trilogy". Part 2, "Dem Abgrund so nah" was published in July 2016, while Part 3, "Dem Ozean so nah", the climactic finale, was just published a few days ago.

Says STUDIOCANAL CEO Kalle Friz: "A novel that can take the audience by storm like 'Dem Horizont so nah' did is destined for the silver screen. We are very proud to be able to develop this bestselling property as a feature film, and as our first co-production with PANTALEON Films."

"You don't often find a book that has movie adaptation written all over it quite like this authentic, moving story. We are very excited about working with STUDIOCANAL and author Jessica Koch on this very special project," says PANTALEON FILMS producer Kristina Löbbert.



About PANTALEON Entertainment AG:

PANTALEON Entertainment AG is one of the fastest growing media companies in Europe. The group, as a leading producer of feature films with world-class distribution partners such as Warner Bros. and Amazon Prime, developed high growth dynamics from the start. The financial success of the content division paid in for the formation of the disruptive video-on-demand (VoD) game changer pantaflix.com, a 100% daughter of PANTALEON that just recently initiated its global roll-out. For more information: [www.pantaleonentertainment.com](http://www.pantaleonentertainment.com) and [www.pantaflix.com](http://www.pantaflix.com)

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