

Sylvester Stallone to star as Hitman in ‘Headshot’

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IM Global announces the casting with Wayne Kramer directing the project.

Sylvester Stallone will star as a New Orleans hitman who teams with a New York City cop in action pic *Headshot*, from IM Global and Alexandra Milchan's EMJAG Prods.

IM Global CEO **Stuart Ford** -- who announced the project and Stallone's casting on Sunday -- will launch *Headshot* to foreign buyers this week at the European Film Market in Berlin. Market runs concurrently with the Berlin Film Festival.

Wayne Kramer (*The Cooler*) will direct *Headshot* from a script by **Alessandro Camon** (*The Messenger*). Kramer begins shooting in May in Louisiana and New York.

In the film, Stallone's character teams with a young NYPD detective in a high-stakes investigation that leads from the



dingy back alleys of New Orleans all the way to the power corridors of Washington, D.C.

The unlikely duo, brought together by two vicious murders, take on all who stand in their way, and are willing to sacrifice everything to exact revenge.

Stallone was last in theaters in the sleeper hit *The Expendables*. Milchan will produce *Headshot* with **Alfred Gough**, **Miles Millar** and **Kevin King Templeton**, Stallone's longtime producing partner. Among their credits, Gough and Millar produced the upcoming DreamWorks' picture *I Am Number Four*.

Ford will executive produce with **Deepak Nayar**.

"*Headshot* is exactly the type of fast-paced, universally themed project that suits our business model. Sylvester Stallone is an international icon and we're really excited to be in business with him," Ford said.

The deal between IM Global and the producers was negotiated by Ford, senior exec **Michael Roban** and attorney **Irwin Rappaport**. Stallone's deal was negotiated by WME and attorneys **Jake Bloom** and **Ralph Brescia** at Bloom, Hergott, Diemer, Rosenthal, Laviolette & Feldman.

IM Global has a busy slate at Berlin. In addition to *Headshot*, IM Global's genre arm Octane will launch **Kevin Smith's** *Red State* and **Rob Zombie's** *The Lords of Zombie* to foreign buyers.

IM Global also will show footage of **Barry Levinson's** *The Bay*, while **Madonna** will be in Berlin to share footage from her period drama *W.E.*, which IM Global's specialty division Acclaim is selling.

Ford's company also has a movie in the Berlin Film Festival, Jose Padilha's *Elite Squad: The Enemy Within*.

Kramer is repped by WME and Sentient.