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# IM Global Taps EuropaCorp Exec John Zois As SVP Acquisitions

[John Zois](#), most recently director of worldwide acquisitions at [EuropaCorp](#), has joined indie producer/financier/sales outfit [IM Global](#) as SVP Acquisitions. He will report to founder and CEO [Stuart Ford](#) and work alongside director of acquisitions JR Smith.

At EuropaCorp, Zois acquired James Ponsoldt's *The Circle* starring Tom Hanks, Emma Watson and John Boyega, for which IM Global eventually acquired international rights. He also had a hand in deals for *The Nice Guys* in France and the Jessica Chastain-starrer *Miss Sloane*.



Zois also worked at FilmNation Entertainment. He began his career at AMC Theatres and then Gersh.

“John is a savvy, well-respected figure on the acquisitions circuit and going forward I’m sure he will play a significant role in helping us board the strongest independent projects from around the globe as either a financier, distributor or sales agent,” Ford said.

Last month, Chinese media group Tang Media Partners [acquired a majority stake in IM Global](#) from India’s Reliance Group. In conjunction with that deal, Tang also partnered with Ford to launch a TV joint venture with Tencent to produce and distribute television content. It will operate under the existing IM Global TV banner. The two deals are worth in the region of \$200 million.

IM Global’s 2016 slate includes the just-released *Free State Of Jones* and the upcoming Mel Gibson movie *Hacksaw Ridge* as well as Martin Scorsese’s *Silence* and the Obama date movie *Southside With You*.