

AFM 2011: Jason Statham and IM Global Team on 'Hummingbird'

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IM Global will shop the \$20 million project to buyers at the American Film Market.

Stuart Ford's IM Global and **Jason Statham** are re-teaming on action-drama *Hummingbird*, which Oscar nominated screenwriter **Steven Knight** will direct in his feature directorial debut.

IM Global will fully finance the \$20 million project, which Ford will shop to foreign buyers at the American Film Market, which gets underway Wednesday in Santa Monica. Knight will shoot on location in London in early 2012.

Oscar nominated producers **Paul Webster** (*Atonement*, *Salmon Fishing in Yemen*) and **Tracey Seaward** (*The Queen*, *War Horse*) are producing *Hummingbird* with IM Global.

"We had a great experience making *Safe* with Jason and we're excited to team him with a director/producer team as sophisticated as Steven, Paul and Tracey," Ford said.

In *Hummingbird*, Statham will star as a damaged ex-special forces soldier trapped in London's criminal underworld who is transformed into an avenging angel when an unexpected opportunity allows him to assume another identity. Once believing he was beyond redemption, he now seeks out his own version of justice.

"This is a perfect project for Shoebox Films. Thank you to Stuart Ford and the IM Global team for their tremendous support for Steve and Jason. I can't wait for this brilliant script to make the leap from page to screen," Webster said.

The picture was pre-emptively acquired by several major international distributors prior to its AFM launch this week, including Lionsgate in the U.K; Universum in Germany; Impuls in Switzerland; Scanbox in Scandinavia; and Hoyts in Australia.