

## IM Global Bringing Its Biggest Lineup Ever To The Croisette – Cannes

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**EXCLUSIVE**– [Stuart Ford](#)'s IM Global is coming to Cannes with its splashiest ever line-up. In addition to the just-announced pick up of *The Circle*, to star Alicia Vikander and Tom Hanks, Deadline has learned that IM Global is also hoping to launch the Tom Hardy feature film *Journey to Samarkand* in the coming days. The project, to be directed by Greg Williams, follows a veteran (Hardy) suffering from post traumatic stress disorder attempts to fit back into society after returning from service in the Middle East. IM Global is stepping in to finance and handle sales on the project, which was originally set up with Solar Pictures. IM Global declined to comment on the development, which would see the company back in business with the *Mad Max: Fury Road* actor after the two worked together on Steven Knight's *Locke*.

While the run-up to the market has, thus far at least, been more subdued than usual with a paucity of big name new projects, Ford's company has been on something of a tear. In addition to *Journey to Samarkand* and *The Circle*, IM Global has new projects in the shape of Barack and Michelle Obama romance *Southside With You*; the Wayans brothers spoof *50 Shades of Black*; and Spike Lee's comedy music *Chiraq* featuring Kanye West and Jennifer Hudson.

The company is also likely to show buyers first look footage of Julia Roberts and Chiwetel Ejiofor's *The Secret in their Eyes*; Gary Ross' *The Free State of Jones* starring Matthew McConaughey as well as Andre Ovredal's supernatural thriller *The Autopsy of Jane Doe*, starring Emile Hirsch and Brian Cox. IM Global will also be showing footage from Asif Kapadia's epic love story *Ali & Nino* starring Adam Bakri (*Omar*) and Maria Valverde (*Exodus: Gods and Kings*)