



**MBC Studios and ALEF ONE to produce a documentary and
a drama series on the real story of Carlos GHOSN**

Both will feature exclusive access to Carole and Carlos GHOSN

PARIS, France | 12 October 2020: MBC Studios, the production arm of MBC GROUP, today announced an exclusive partnership with ALEF ONE to produce an English-language documentary and mini-series on the story of Carlos GHOSN. Produced by Nora MELHLI (“L’Affaire Villemin”, “The Tunnel”, “Riviera”), both features will include exclusive access to Carlos GHOSN and his wife Carole.

Led by MBC Studios chief Pete Smith, distribution discussions with international broadcasters and streamers are currently underway, in addition to distribution secured on Shahid VIP, the MBC GROUP digital platform.

The real story of GHOSN extends far beyond the explosive saga of his arrest, detention and escape. With internationally renowned creative teams on board, both the documentary and drama mini-series will narrate GHOSN’s unconventional journey, from being universally acclaimed as one the most respected titan of the auto industry to Japan’s most wanted man for escaping the country’s justice system for Lebanon where he now resides.

THE DOCUMENTARY

Led by the multi-award winning English director, **Nick GREEN** (“House of Assad”, “Putin: A Russian Spy Story”), the production of the three-part documentary will feature exclusive access to GHOSN and his wife, Carole and other key characters in Japan, France and US who played central roles in this thrilling saga, shedding light on the different facets of this incredible story.

Filming commenced on 19 September in Beirut and will continue until the end of the year.

THE DRAMA MINI-SERIES

Written by a team led by American screenwriter and producer, **Mark GOFFMANN** (“The West Wing”, “Sleepy Hollow”, “Limitless”), the six-episode mini-series will begin shooting in 2021. The series, set to feature an international cast, will be directed by French-Swedish director, Charlotte BRÄNDSTRÖM (“The Outsider”, “Conspiracy of Silence”, “Away”)

MBC GROUP CEO, Marc-Antoine d’Halluin said: “This extraordinary story of success, fall from grace, and escape has all the intrigue for both a documentary and TV series of the highest quality to resonate with audiences across the world.

“MBC Studios is eager to bring together the very best international talent to work on ambitious and global scale projects and the Carlos GHOSN story is a perfect first illustration of this strategy.”

ALEF ONE Executive Producer MELHLI commented: “I am delighted with this partnership with MBC Studios and its desire to bring unique stories to the screen. With Nick GREEN at the helm, our documentary will be an uncompromising exploration of the high stakes of corporate intrigue, international politics and human emotions.”

“At the same time, the drama mini-series will allow a global audience to watch this exhilarating turn of events. Mark GOFFMAN will bring the dramatic human dimensions at the centre of the narrative attempting to reveal the true complexity of the main characters.”

ABOUT NICK GREEN

A director who has won numerous awards for his films and series produced for international markets, including for Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC, and Sky. He claims strong narrative and editorial values, while having a keen sense of aesthetics.

ABOUT MARK GOFFMAN

Ranked by The Hollywood Reporter as one of the 50 most influential screenwriters in television, Mark Goffman is an American screenwriter and television producer. He has contributed more than 200 hours of television, been nominated for the Writers Guild of America, and has won the Entertainment Industries Council's SET Award.

ABOUT CHARLOTTE BRÄNDSTRÖM

The French-Swedish director is a graduate of the American Film Institute (AFI) in Los Angeles. Brändström has directed feature films, mini-series and TV films all over the world, including in France, England, Sweden, and the United States.

ABOUT NORA MELHLI

The multi award-winning (International Emmy Awards, FIPA, Globe de Cristal, Festival de la Rochelle) French executive producer, has produced films and series for the French and international market, such as “Pepe Carvalho”, “Sécurité Intérieure”, “Colette”, “l’Affaire Villemin”, “Malaterra”, and “The Tunnel” for renowned broadcasters (FTV, TV3, Canal+, Mediaset, Sky, Arte). In 2018 she joined forces with Jacques Arthur Essebag to co-found ALEF ONE.

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ABOUT ALEF ONE

ALEF ONE is an independent production company created in 2018 that develops series and films for the French and international markets. Each of the projects produced within ALEF ONE has its own DNA and carries the company's strong desire to speak about the society, whatever

the genre or the era. Fictions in production: "Flight MH370" (mini-series 6x45') created by Gilles Bannier, and "Water Wars" (series 8x52') created by William Boyd.

ABOUT MBC GROUP

MBC GROUP (Middle East Broadcasting Center) is the largest and leading media company in the Middle East & North Africa region that enriches people's lives through information, interaction and entertainment.

Today, **MBC GROUP** includes 20 leading TV channels covering the Middle East with leading audience shares as well as **MBC STUDIOS**, producing the region's most compelling premium content for cinema, television and on-demand platforms.

Furthermore, MBC Group recently successfully launched **SHAHID VIP** in January 2020 which quickly became the leading SVOD platform in the Arab world offering premium content to its subscribers.

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