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## **AV Pictures strikes UK deal for *The Tournament* with Entertainment**

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AV Pictures has sold UK rights to action thriller *The Tournament* to Entertainment Film Distributors.

The film, starring Robert Carlyle, Ving Rhames and Kelly Hu, is about a fight between the world's greatest assassins. AV likens it to "a grown-up *Battle Royale*."

First-time feature director Scott Mann will start shooting in Bulgaria on July 11. Keith Bell, who produced *Dog Soldiers*, is producing.

Sherezade Film Development is financing.

AV has also sold *The Tournament* to Scandinavia (Scanbox), Benelux (Indies) and CIS (Lizard).

AV Pictures managing director Vic Bateman "We are delighted to have concluded deals with such high-quality distributors who we feel are as enthused by the potential of this picture as we are."

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