

Facts on Pacts

Studio-producer deals retreat as Sony, Warners pull back

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AMID THE MASSIVE challenges facing Hollywood, the six major studios pared back slightly to 135 their number of producer deals, six fewer than a year ago.

Warner Bros. led the way with 35, two fewer than a year ago, ending longtime pacts with Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman.

There were a pair of notable additions — basketball superstar LeBron James at New Line, and veteran indie financier-producer Bill Block.

Though Block isn't as famous as James, he's racked up a formidable array of credits, including "Dirty Grandpa,"

A Long Fall The total number of producer pacts with studios and minijobs this year is 151, down from a high of 292 in 2000.

David Ayer's "Fury," Neill Blomkamp's "District 9" and "Elysium" and Oliver Stone's "W." The first project under his new deal is Sam Raimi's "World War 3."

As part of the production deal, Block has closed a multimillion-dollar private development fund to acquire and develop projects with global distribution potential for packaging.

"It's a privilege to be at Warner Bros., and it's sort of a natural evolution for me, since my other films have gone out through the majors," Block noted.

Sony has four fewer deals, with 25 overall, as pacts with Todd Garner, Barry Josephson, Simon Cowell and Dana Brunetti/Kevin Spacey's Trigger Street went away. Paramount was the only studio to see a net gain in pacts over last year, going from 13 to 14, including a deal with Hasbro. Disney stayed stable, with 10.

Notable new deals included Ghost Corps at Sony with Dan Aykroyd and Ivan Reitman, "Fifty Shades of Grey" producer Michael De Luca at Universal and author John Green at Fox.

Among the notable deals at new players: Broad Green Pictures with "Straight Outta Compton" producer Matt Alvarez; and Bold Films pacts with Jake Gyllenhaal and Ben Stiller.

DISNEY

Boxing Cat Films
Tim Allen

Buenos Aires Prods.
Mario Iscovich

Infinitum Nihil
Johnny Depp,
Christi Dembrowski

Junction Ent.
Jon Turteltaub

Lucamar Prods.
John DeLuca,
Rob Marshall

Mandeville Films
David Hoberman,
Todd Lieberman

Mayhem Pictures
Gordon Gray

Secret Machine
Justin Springer

Taylor Made Film Prods.
Brigham Taylor

Whitaker Ent.
Jim Whitaker

FOX

Bad Hat Harry Prods.
Bryan Singer

Boom! Studios
Ross Richie,
Stephen Christy

Chernin Ent.
Peter Chernin

Davis Ent.
John Davis

DreamWorks Animation
(distribution only)

Epic Magazine
Josh Bearman,
Josh Davis

Feigco
Paul Feig

Film Rites
Steve Zaillian

Flitcraft
Scott Frank

Genre Films
Simon Kinberg

Noah Hawley, John Cameron*

Lightstorm
James Cameron

New Regency
Arnon Milchan
(equity partner with all Fox divisions)

Oddball Entertainment*
Wes Ball

Hutch Parker Ent.
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Scott Free
Ridley Scott

6th & Idaho
Matt Reeves

Temple Hill Ent.
Wyck Godfrey,
Marty Bowen

21 Laps
Shawn Levy

Walden Media
(co-financing)

FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Court 13
Benh Zeitlin

Decibel Films
Danny Boyle

FOX 2000

Color Force
Nina Jacobson

Holden Glass*
John Green

The Jackal Group
Gail Berman

State Street Pictures
George L. Tillman Jr.,
Robert Teitel

Sunswept Entertainment
Karen Rosenfelt

PARAMOUNT

Bad Robot
J.J. Abrams

Broadway Video
Lorne Michaels

Jerry Bruckheimer Films
Jerry Bruckheimer

Ian Bryce Prods.
Ian Bryce

Di Bonaventura Pictures
Lorenzo di Bonaventura

Dichotomy Creative Group*
Adam Goodman

Disruption Ent.
Mary Parent

Robert Evans Co.
Robert Evans

Hasbro*
Brian Goldner,
Stephen Davis

Hello Junior
Johnny Knoxville

Platinum Dunes
Michael Bay,
Brad Fuller,
Andrew Form

Saw Mill Prods.*
Josh Appelbaum,
Andre Nemec

Sikelia Prods.
Martin Scorsese

Skydance
David Ellison, Dana Goldberg
(includes co-financing)

SONY

Arad Prods.
Avi Arad

Elizabeth Cantillon

Escape Artists
Todd Black,
Jason Blumenthal,
Steve Tisch

DeVon Franklin

Free Association
Channing Tatum,
Reid Carolin

Ghost Corps*
Dan Aykroyd,
Ivan Reitman

Happy Madison
Adam Sandler
(includes animation)

Immersive Pictures
Josh Bratman

T.D. Jakes

Kevin James

Laurence Mark Prods.
Laurence Mark

Mosaic
Jimmy Miller

Olive Bridge Ent.
Will Gluck

Original Film
Neal Moritz

Overbrook Ent.
Will Smith,
James Lassiter

Amy Pascal

Scott Rudin Prods.
Scott Rudin

Joe and Anthony Russo

Safehouse
Joby Harold,
Tory Tunnell

Smoke House
George Clooney,
Grant Heslov

Studio 8
Jeff Robinov
(distribution only)

Matt Tolmach

SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

Frederator
Fred Seibert
(includes consulting)

Michelle Raimo Kouyate

Gendry Tartakovsky

UNIVERSAL

Aggregate Films
Jason Bateman

Apatow Prods.
Judd Apatow

Bluegrass Films
Scott Stuber,
Dylan Clark

Blumhouse Prods.
Jason Blum

Brownstone Prods.
Elizabeth Banks,
Max Handelman

Captivate Entertainment
Jeffrey Weiner,
Ben Smith

Michael De Luca Prods.*
Michael De Luca

Fake Empire
Josh Schwartz,
Stephanie Savage

Gold Circle Entertainment
Paul Brooks

Illumination Entertainment
Chris Meledandri

ImageMovers
Robert Zemeckis,
Jack Rapke,
Steve Starkey

Imagine Entertainment
Ron Howard,
Brian Grazer

Legendary
Thomas Tull
(includes co-financing/
distribution)

Little Stranger Inc.*
Tina Fey

Chris Morgan Prods.
Chris Morgan

One Race Films
Vin Diesel,
Samantha Vincent

Will Packer Prods.
Will Packer

Penguin Random House
Peter Gethers

Marc Platt Prods.
Marc Platt

Scholastic*

Secret Hideout
Alex Kurtzman

Silvertongue Films*
Deborah Forte

Skybound Entertainment*
Robert Kirkman,
David Alpert

Working Title Films
Tim Bevan,
Eric Fellner

WARNER BROS.

Alcon Ent.
Andrew Kosove,
Broderick Johnson
(distribution only)

Appian Way
Leonardo DiCaprio

Berlanti Prods.
Greg Berlanti

Block Entertainment*
(Bill Block)

Cruel and Unusual
Zack Snyder,
Deborah Snyder

De Line Pictures
Donald De Line

Di Novi Pictures
Denise Di Novi

Executive Options
Tom Hardy

Gerber Pictures
Bill Gerber

Getaway Pictures
Rob Lorenz

Gulfstream
Mike Karz,
Bill Bindley
(co-financier)

Heyday
David Heyman

Langley Park
Kevin McCormick

Life's Too Short
Chuck Lorre

Lin Pictures
Dan Lin

Mad Chance
Andrew Lazar

Malpaso
Clint Eastwood

Chris McKay

Pearl Street
Ben Affleck,
Matt Damon

Phantom Four Films
David Goyer

Todd Phillips-Bradley Cooper

Polymorphic
Polly Johnsen

Rat-Pac Ent.
Brett Ratner
(includes co-financing
with Rat-Pac
Dune Ent.)

Guy Ritchie, Lionel Wigam

Roserock Films
Hunt Lowry

Team Downey
Robert Downey Jr.,
Susan Downey

Vertigo
Roy Lee

Village Roadshow
Bruce Berman
(co-financier only)

Weed Road
Akiva Goldsman

Wyewood
David Yates

NEW LINE

Atomic Monster
James Wan

Benderspik
Chris Bender,
JC Spink

Flynn Picture Co.
Beau Flynn

Spring Hill Prods.*
LeBron James,
Maverick Carter

Wrigley Pictures
John Rickard

ALCON

Kira Davis

Denis Villeneuve

AMBLIN PARTNERS

Kennedy/Marshall
Kathleen Kennedy,
Frank Marshall

BOLD FILMS

Nine Stories*
Jake Gyllenhaal

Red Hour Films*
Ben Stiller

BROAD GREEN

Matt Alvarez*
(exclusive
production deal)

Storyscale*
Bob Cooper,
Richard Saperstein

LIONSGATE

Allison Shearmur Prods.
Allison Shearmur

MGM

Caryn Mandabach*

Whalerock
Lloyd Braun

NEW REGENCY

Blind Wink Prods.
Gore Verbinski

David Fincher

Plan B Entertainment
Brad Pitt,
Dede Gardner,
Jeremy Kleiner

Protozoa Pictures
Darren Aronofsky

SKYDANCE

Laeta Kalogridis, Patrick Lussier

Marti Noxon*

*INDICATES NEW DEAL SINCE THE 2015 EDITION. UNLESS NOTED, THE DEALS ARE FIRST-LOOK