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## LIONSGATE Signs FIRST-LOOK DEAL With Actress And Producer SALMA HAYEK PINAULT

### Feature Films Be Released by Lionsgate

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The collaboration is an extension of the studio's longstanding relationship with Hayek Pinault, which includes the hit action comedy The Hitman's Bodyguard and Pantelion Films' breakout success, How to Be a Latin Lover. Lionsgate and Hayek Pinault are currently working on several feature projects in development and the company will also produce films for Hayek Pinault to star in.

Hayek Pinault produced the double Academy Award winning Frida, which earned her an Oscar nomination for her riveting lead performance as Frida Kahlo, as well as the Emmy nominated Ugly Betty. Hayek Pinault has also starred in top Hollywood films across all genres from action to arthouse and comedy, including Grown Ups, Desperado, Tale of Tales, Savages and most recently the critically acclaimed Beatriz at Dinner for which she earned an Independent Spirit Award nomination.

Tamez is the president at Ventanarosa Productions and worked with Hayek Pinault on Ugly Betty. He also produced Annie Award Best Picture nominee The Prophet and most recently Beatriz at Dinner in which Hayek Pinault starred.

Hayek Pinault is represented by CAA, Management 360 and Bill Sobel, at Edelstein, Laird & Sobel.

The deal was negotiated for Lionsgate by Motion Picture Group SVP Business & Legal Affairs Phil Strina.

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