



**ON kids & family, Palomar and Mediawan Rights pool their expertise in  
Mediawan Group's first cross-disciplinary animation project**



Paris, 16 October 2019: ON kids & family and Palomar are combining their creative resources to co-produce *Pinocchio & le Village Enchanté* ("Pinocchio & The Enchanted Village"), an animated series for children based on Carlo Collodi's world-famous Italian folk tale.

RAI, ZDF and France Télévisions, all long-standing partners of ON kids & family and Palomar, are involved in the co-production and will broadcast the series in 2021, giving *Pinocchio & le Village Enchanté* strong momentum as a European production. Mediawan Rights will distribute the series internationally.

This project demonstrates Mediawan's commitment to creating strong and creative synergies between the various producers who have joined the group in the last two years.

*"We are very pleased to lead the group's first French-Italian co-production with our new partners Carlo Degli Espoti and Nicola Serra from Palomar, and to involve our long-standing partners and broadcasters Tiphaine de Ragueneil and Pierre Siracusa from France Télévisions, Nicole Keeb and Arne Lohmann from ZDF, and Luca Milano from RAI in the adaptation of a masterpiece of cultural heritage like Pinocchio",* said **Aton Soumache, Chairman and Founder of ON kids & family.**

*"Palomar is proudly excited to have the chance to start his involvement in the animation through a co-production with ON Kids & Family regarding a worldwide recognized Italian heritage property like Pinocchio and with the participation of top-tier European broadcasters RAI, FTV and ZDF. We are very confident that Pinocchio could be the perfect start for an amazing development of our company in the animation as well as a further strengthening of Palomar relationships with RAI, international broadcasters and Mediawan producers",* said **Carlo Degli Esposti, Palomar founder and CEO.**

*"The original series produced by French studio ON kids & Family gives Carlo Collodi's masterpiece Les aventures de Pinocchio ("The Adventures of Pinocchio") a new lease of life to attract the children of today. Pinocchio now*

*shares its adventures with a young ogre, a princess, a small Big Bad Wolf, an apprentice fairy, an elf, a Prince Charming and the Gingerbread Man's daughter! It's a children's enchanting and familiar world of fairytales!*", said **Tiphaine de Ragueneil, Head of Young Audiences and Animation at France Télévisions.**

#### About ON kids & family

Co-founded by Aton Soumache, Dimitri Rassam and Thierry Pasquet, ON kids & family is an independent European studio and major global player in the production of animated content for children and families, mainly TV series and international feature films. With almost 500 employees in Paris, Montreal, Los Angeles, Hyderabad and Luxembourg, ON kids & family brings together global authors and partners in order to develop brands using different formats such as animated series and feature films, licensing and merchandising, and digital platforms and contents. The Group mixes innovation, technology and international talent to create wonderful fairy tales for children and families with numerous productions such as *Le Petit Prince* ("The Little Prince"), "Miraculous", *Le Petit Nicolas* ("Little Nicholas") and *Robin des Bois* ("Robin Hood"), which have attracted record audiences and become major international hits. ON kids & family also produced the animated film "Playmobil: The Movie", directed by Lino Di Salvo (Pathé Distribution). Following a strategic merger, ON kids & family joined the Mediawan Group in June 2018. Find out more about ON kids & family: [www.onkidsandfamily.com](http://www.onkidsandfamily.com)

#### About Palomar

Palomar, founded by Carlo Degli Esposti, is one of the oldest independent Italian television and cinema production companies, a market leader in Italy in the drama sector for the main domestic and international TV networks. After a strategic partnership in February 2019, Palomar is part of the Mediawan Group.

Since its inception, Palomar has worked across television and cinema, producing dramas, docudramas, movies, information programs and entertainment, providing some of the most successful prime-time TV dramas of the last ten years. For TV, amongst other titles, Palomar is the producer of Italian language shows like "Detective Montalbano", "The Young Montalbano", "Red Band Society", "Murders at Barlume" and Maltese- and English-language international shows like "The Name of The Rose" and "Gheddafi" and "The Dirty Black Bag" now in development. On the film side, the company has produced award-winning movies like "Leopardi", "Feather", "The Fury of a Patient Man", "The Happy Prince" and *La Paranza dei Bambini*, screenplay silver bear at 2019 Berlin film Festival.

More about Palomar: [www.palomaronline.com](http://www.palomaronline.com)

#### About Mediawan

Mediawan was founded by Pierre-Antoine Capton, Xavier Niel and Matthieu Pigasse. Since March 2017, Mediawan has completed eight strategic acquisitions, becoming a new independent premium audiovisual content player and occupying a leading position in Europe. The Group operates in four subsectors: production of original drama and documentary content, operation of animation brands, distribution of audiovisual content, and publication of digital services and channels. Find out more on the Mediawan website: [www.mediawan.fr](http://www.mediawan.fr)

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