

# Fox's brand-new thrilling espionage drama *Deep State* to premiere in April

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Catch your first glimpse of the highly anticipated new show with the release of an explosive first-look trailer alongside four brand-new images from *Deep State*.



There's fact, there's fiction and then there's the truth. But one thing's for certain, *Deep State* is going to be your new TV obsession. Starring the critically acclaimed actor Mark Strong, and *Game of Thrones*'s Joe Dempsie, Fox's gritty and highly addictive new drama is set to premiere on **11 April 2018 at 9pm**. *Deep State* will keep you on the very edge of your seat as it delves into the merciless world of espionage, where an increasingly rare conscience can get you, and the ones you love killed.

*Deep State* centres around Max Easton (Mark Strong, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Kingsman - The Golden Circle*), an ex-spy whose past comes back to haunt him when he's summoned away from his new life in the Pyrenees by George White (Alistair Petrie, *The Night Manager*, *Rogue One*), head of covert MI6/CIA team "The Section". White convinces Max to return to the field to avenge the death of his estranged son Harry (Joe Dempsie, *Game of Thrones*, *Skins*). But the stakes are soon raised when Max finds himself at the heart of a covert intelligence war, immersed in a widespread conspiracy to profit from the spread of chaos in the Middle East. Max enters into a dangerous game as powerful corporations demonstrate that they are willing to go to great lengths to protect their reputation and bury their secrets. With such a strong undercurrent of corruption, who can Max trust? Who is telling the truth? And what must be done to uncover it? To find out, Max is going to have to throw himself back into the dangerous and brutal life he so desperately tried to leave behind.

Co-created, directed and written by Matthew Parkhill (*Rogue*) *Deep State* is a grounded, visceral thriller, moving between the deeply personal story of a family man fighting to escape his past and the violent, dark excesses of government and global corporate power.

Jeff Ford, SVP Content Development and Sara Johnson, VP, Scripted Drama, FNG Europe & Africa, said: "We're thrilled to welcome *Deep State* to our schedules in April. As FNG's first regionally scripted commission, *Deep State* is built on our Hollywood heritage and we're so proud of what we've created alongside the talented team at Endor Productions. We can't wait for audiences to experience the show and only hope they love it as much as we do."

From Endor, a Red Arrow Company, Executive Producer Hilary Bevan Jones added: “*Deep State* is an exhilarating and emotional thriller underscored by an intensely topical and relevant subject matter and we’re excited to unveil the first trailer and new images in anticipation of the series launch in the spring. I couldn’t be more excited to share *Deep State* with Fox’s viewers in Africa.”

*Deep State* features a stellar ensemble cast including the Olivier award-winning and BAFTA/Tony-nominated actor, Mark Strong (*Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Kingsman - The Golden Circle*), Joe Dempsie (*Game of Thrones*, *Skins*), Karima McAdams (*Vikings*), Alistair Petrie (*The Night Manager*, *Rogue One*), Anastasia Griffith (*Damages*, *Once Upon a Time*), Lyne Renée (*Split*), Amelia Bullmore (*Happy Valley*), Kingsley Ben-Adir (*King Arthur: Legend of The Sword*), Pip Torrens (*The Crown*) and Fares Fares (*Tyrant*).

The extraordinary production team behind the project include Emmy Award-winning producer Hilary Bevan Jones (*Cracker*, *State of Play*, *Roald Dahl’s Esio Trot*), showrunner, writer, co-creator and director Matthew Parkhill (*Rogue*), executive producers Alan Greenspan (*Donnie Brasco*, *High Fidelity*) and Helen Flint (*Close to the Enemy*), producers Tom Nash (*The Escape Artist*, *The Dark Outside*) and Khadija Alami (*Homeland*), co-creator and executive producer Simon Maxwell (*American Odyssey*), director Robert Connolly (*The Slap*, *Balibo*), and BAFTA Award-winning production designer Pat Campbell (*Wolf Hall*). Jeff Ford and Sara Johnson are the executive producers for Fox Networks Group, Europe & Africa.

Fox Networks Group Content Distribution hold exclusive global distribution rights for the series, working in partnership with FNG Europe & Africa.

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