



First Netflix Italian Original "Suburra"™ to Debut in October

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Netflix's first original Italian series, Suburra, will premiere on October 6, the streamer said Thursday. The series tells the story of the modern-day underworld where church and state meet to set up deals in the shadows.

Suburra refers to a district in ancient Rome that was once rife with corruption, and the crime show explores how those connections play out today. The 10-episode series takes place in a seaside town near Rome that's become a gambling paradise, and a battleground for a powerful family, the mafia and corrupt politicians.

Suburra is Netflix's first Italian original series. It's being produced by Cattleya, the company behind Sky Italia's Gomorrah and Romanzo Criminale (Crime Novel), in tandem with Italian public service broadcaster Rai, which will air the show in Italy after its global premiere.

Netflix currently produces about 90 series outside the U.S., and previously revealed plans to triple that number. The streaming giant is showing no signs of slowing down as it steadily expands its slate of original co-productions.

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Rai and Cattleya also collaborated on the feature film Suburra which was released in October 2016 in Italian theatres.

The film and series are based on the novel of the same name by Giancarlo De Cataldo and Carlo Bonini.

Suburra is directed by Michele Placido (Crime Novel) and Andrea Molaioli (The Girl by the Lake) and Giuseppe Capotondi (The Double Hour). It's written by Daniele Cesarano and Barbara Petronio with Ezio Abbate, Fabrizio Bettelli and Nicola Guaglianone.