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## Tom Hardy to topline 'Locke'

**IM Global's Anthem to finance thriller**

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LONDON -- IM Global's specialty division Anthem is set to fully finance thriller "Locke," with "Dark Knight Rises" star Tom Hardy signed on for the lead.

Story follows Ivan Locke who has the perfect family and a dream job, but phone call forces him to make a decision that will put it all on the line.

"Locke" is scripted by Steven Knight. It's his sophomore helming effort following Jason Statham thriller "Hummingbird," which Lionsgate will distrib in the U.K. on May 10.



Hardy

"Locke" reteams Knight with IM Global and Paul Webster, Joe Wright and Guy Heeley's Shoebox Films, following their collaboration on "Hummingbird."

Lensing will start in London this month. Webster and Heeley will produce.

CAA reps domestic rights on "Locke."

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