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Bank of Ireland TMT team supports expansion into the US by the Tinopolis Group

Tinopolis, as one of the UK's largest independent TV and media producers and distributors, works across all genres in television and new media. The Group brings together some of the most established names in the independent production sector, and is an experienced and respected factual producer, Britain's leading independent sport production company and a producer of innovative and award-winning drama.

Bank of Ireland as Joint Mandated Lead Arranger has provided a £42.5m facility as part of a three-bank club senior debt structure, to support the acquisition of two key US independent TV producers, Arthur Smith and Base. The expansion into the US market represents a significant step in the development of the business. The two acquisitions are long established in their markets, providing a presence on both the West and East Coast and are complementary to the broad offering of the existing business, leaving the Group well placed to exploit the creative synergies of the expanded operation.

Commenting on the transaction, Geoff Marchant said "Tinopolis has long held the ambition to develop the business in the US market, where several of their shows have had success. Bank of Ireland is delighted to be able to support the Group's plans to expand into this exciting market by funding the acquisition of two high quality complementary businesses."

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£42,500,000
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