

Israeli drama series *Fauda* to be adapted for Indian viewers



(L-R) Tomer Kapon, Lior Raz (co-creator and lead actor) and Rona-Lee Shim'on



Sameer Nair, CEO, Applause



Avi Issacharoff, *Fauda* co-creator

Israeli drama series *Fauda* (meaning 'Chaos' in Arabic) is said to be one of the best shows to be made in a foreign language. And now, Applause Entertainment, the content studio from the Aditya Birla Group, has announced the Indian adaptation of the award-winning series developed by Avi Issacharoff and Lior Raz. Led by Sameer Nair, the CEO of the studio, it has been a frontrunner in creating successful adaptations of international shows like *Criminal Justice*, *Hostages*, *The Office* and *Mind The Malhotras (La Famiglia)*.

Fauda has garnered a lot of praise internationally, with a perfect score of 100 per cent on a review aggregation website. The Indian version promises to highlight the issue of Indo-Pak relations, and deconstruct historical conflicts to offer a new perspective.

Sameer Nair says, "*Fauda* is a fictional tale deeply rooted in the reality of a region, its culture and people. Reality is often stranger than fiction, and it is rarely black and white. The series is an effort to represent the grey nature of conflicts. We have similar scenarios in

India, which is why we are adapting this compelling story to take it to a larger audience."

Danna Stern, Managing Director, Yes Studios, adds, "We're excited to collaborate with Applause

Entertainment. Their adaptation process is meticulous and stays true to the original material while making the story relevant to their local viewers. We are certain that they will do complete justice to *Fauda*.

Avi Issacharoff, the co-creator of the show, shares, "We're extremely delighted that *Fauda* is being remade in India. This association will help take it to a different territory and wider audience base."

Lior Raz, the show's co-creator, who also plays Doron (the lead character), says, "*Fauda* is an authentic and real series. I'm sure Indian viewers will be enthralled by the realistic and detailed world created in this carefully thought-out adaptation. I'm also excited to know who will play Doron."

Penning the script of the adaptation is underway, and filming is expected to commence early next year.