



VIVENDI PLANS CANAL+ LISTING

Vivendi has detailed its plans to split into three separate units, with Canal+ to be listed on the London Stock Exchange. Canal+ will fully control the company holding the license to provide terrestrial TV services in France. The holding company will replace Vivendi as the parent of Canal+.



Vivendi's statement emphasized compliance with French Law No. 86-1067, which restricts non-EU nationals from owning more than 20% of the company holding broadcasting licenses. Concerns over non-European shareholdings exceeding 20% of Vivendi's capital have been allayed, as no legal or administrative decisions have prohibited this so far.



A two-thirds majority from shareholders is needed for the split to proceed.

ROKU'S NEW INITIATIVES

Roku has announced a new range of Veltech Roku TV models available in the UK through AO. The range includes 32" and 40" 2K HD models, and a 43" 4K Ultra HD model.



These TVs combine Roku's streaming capabilities with Veltech's TV quality, offering integrated DTT tuners and access to numerous local and global apps, including BBC iPlayer, ITVX, Netflix, Disney+, and more..

WARNER BROS PLANS MAX LAUNCH

Warner Bros Discovery is in early discussions with multiple platforms for distributing its Max



service in the UK in 2026. The delay in the UK launch is due to an exclusive deal with Sky for HBO content. WBD is negotiating with Amazon Prime, Virgin Media, EE, and Sky, with the latter potentially losing its exclusivity but unlikely to be excluded from the distribution.

HUNGARY HAS NEW STREAMING CHANNEL

4iG will acquire Canal+'s satellite base in Hungary, launching Canal+ branded streaming services in the country. This is part of Canal+'s international expansion, which includes Austria, Czech



Republic, Slovakia, and the Netherlands. Canal+ content, available under the Direct One brand since 2021, will extend to 4iG's customers in 2025, adding 155,000 subscribers to 4iG's Digi service. A dedicated Hungarian app will be launched in 2025. ■

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