



**Asmodee in exclusive discussions to acquire F2Z Entertainment Inc., publisher of the Pandemic line, Dead of Winter and French and English rights to Carcassonne.**

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The Asmodee Group has announced today that it has entered into exclusive discussions to acquire F2Z Entertainment Inc.

In line with the acquisitions of the worldwide rights to Dobble/Spot-It!, Days of Wonder, and Fantasy Flight Games publishers, and more recently the set-up of Catan Studio, these exclusive discussions with F2Z Entertainment Inc. emphasize Asmodee's strategy to strengthen its intellectual property portfolio and international presence. Closing of this acquisition is expected to take place in the coming months.

Created in Canada in 2002 by Sophie Gravel, F2Z Entertainment Inc. has become, over the years, one of the most worldwide renowned publisher & distributor of modern board games, with key owned brands such as Pandemic (over 1 million units sold), Dead of Winter, and also publishing rights for evergreen games (Carcassonne for French and English version, Catan for French version).

Stéphane Carville, CEO of Asmodee Group said: "I am delighted to enter into these exclusive discussions with F2Z Entertainment, which is, for us, the natural next step of a strong and long-lasting partnership built over the years with Sophie Gravel and her teams. Through this acquisition, we will continue expanding our IP portfolio with fantastic games and incredibly innovative studios such as Z-Man Games, Plaid Hat Games and Filosofia. This will also enable us to increase our presence on the global game market."

Sophie Gravel, CEO of F2Z Entertainment added: "As we are close to celebrating 15 years of success with F2Z, we are proud to announce these exclusive discussions with Asmodee Group, a key partner since the beginning of our adventure. This deal is in the direct continuation of our close business partnership and will provide the best environment for our iconic games to reach their full potential and help our studios to continue publishing amazing games."

#### About Asmodee

*Asmodee Group is a leading international games publisher and distributor with operations located in Europe, North America, and China. Asmodee's best known titles, either published or distributed on behalf of key publishing partners, include Catan, Ticket to Ride, Splendor, Dobble/Spot It!, Star Wars: X-Wing, 7 Wonders, Dixit, Takenoko, Abyss, Timeline, Jungle Speed, and The Werewolves of Miller's Hollow. In some European countries, Asmodee also distributes trading card games such as Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering, and Yu-Gi-Oh! Asmodee has headquarters in Guyancourt, France.*

#### About F2Z Entertainment

*F2Z entertainment is a publisher and distributor of modern board games based in Canada. Through its studios Z-Man, Plaid Hat Games and Filosofia, F2Z publishes worldwide hits such as Pandemic & Pandemic Legacy, Dead of Winter, Mice and Mystics, Carcassonne in French and English, and Catan in French.*