



Sony Music Publishing Agrees to Acquire Complete Catalog of Recognition Music Group

Deal is in partnership with Sony Music Group's recently launched venture with GIC

New York, New York, (May 11, 2026) – Sony Music Publishing (“SMP”) today announced its agreement to acquire the complete music rights portfolio of Recognition Music Group from funds managed by Blackstone, subject to customary closing conditions. The deal is in partnership with the investment venture announced earlier this year between GIC and Sony Music Group, focused on acquiring and growing high-quality music catalog assets across genres and international markets.

The deal will see Sony Music Publishing acquiring Recognition’s entire catalog of works, encompassing over 45,000 songs performed by many of the world’s most renowned artists, including Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believin’,” Red Hot Chili Peppers’ “Under the Bridge,” Fleetwood Mac’s “Go Your Own Way,” Beyoncé’s “Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It),” Bruno Mars’ “Locked Out of Heaven,” Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah,” Chic’s “Good Times,” Soundgarden’s “Black Hole Sun,” Lady Gaga’s “Bad Romance,” Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ On A Prayer,” Rihanna’s “Umbrella,” Eurythmics’ “Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This),” Shakira’s “Whenever, Wherever,” Steve Winwood’s “Higher Love” and Mariah Carey’s “All I Want For Christmas Is You,” among many others.

Rob Stringer, Chairman, Sony Music Group, said, “We are so proud and excited to represent this incredible catalogue of many of the greatest songs in pop history through this momentous acquisition.”

Jon Platt, Chairman & CEO, Sony Music Publishing, said, “Our investment in this extraordinary catalog reflects our belief in the enduring power of great music – a belief that resonates deeply throughout Sony Music Group and is shared by our partners at GIC. These timeless songs continue to define culture and inspire generations, and it is privilege to champion their legacy as guardians of their next chapter.”

Qasim Abbas, Senior Managing Director and Head of Tactical Opportunities International at Blackstone, said, “This transaction delivers a strong outcome for Blackstone and our investors and represents a further vote of confidence in music rights as an institutionally established asset class. Sony is an exceptional home for these iconic catalogues, and we look forward to continuing to invest across the music sector through Recognition.”

Ben Katovsky, Recognition Music Group CEO, stated, “It has been an honor to steward this phenomenal catalogue. The team and I are incredibly proud of what we have built at Recognition - protecting and enhancing the legacy and value of these songs while in our care. This is a milestone moment for Recognition and testament to the enduring value of music.”

The transaction follows Sony Music Publishing’s previous acquisition of Hipgnosis Songs Group in 2025, reflecting its continued collaboration with Recognition and Blackstone.

Sony Bank Inc. is participating in this investment. Sony Music Publishing was represented in the transaction by Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett LLP, Loeb & Loeb LLP, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Ernst & Young, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.



Blackstone and Recognition were advised by Shot Tower, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP, and Deloitte.

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GIC is a leading global investment firm established in 1981 to secure Singapore's financial future. As the manager of Singapore's foreign reserves, we take a long-term, disciplined approach to investing. Our asset allocation strategy spans three asset groups – Equities, Fixed Income, and Real Assets. These include investments in developed and emerging market equities, nominal and inflation-linked bonds, private equity, real estate, alternatives, and infrastructure. We are headquartered in Singapore, with a global presence including a talent force of over 2,300 people in 11 key financial cities and investments in over 40 countries. We seek to add meaningful value to our investments and be an investor of choice by leveraging our long-term approach, multi-asset capabilities, and global connectivity. For more information, please visit www.gic.com.sg or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Sony Music Publishing

At Sony Music Publishing ("SMP"), we believe every voice matters. We are the #1 global music publisher, advancing the artistry of the world's greatest songwriters and composers for over 30 years. We keep songwriters at the forefront of everything we do, and design our suite of services to amplify opportunities, build connections, and defend their rights. Our roster benefits from an international team committed to providing support at every career stage. From classic catalogues to contemporary hitmakers, history is always being written. We are a part of the Sony family of global companies. Learn more about SMP [here](#).

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About Recognition Music Group

Recognition is a music rights investment and management company with an interest in over 45,000 of the most culturally important and successful songs and recordings from approximately 150 catalogues. Recognition protects and enhances the value and legacy of its songs through comprehensive rights management, bringing songs to new audiences to enhance the long-term value of the catalogue and deliver superior returns for our investors. Recognition – The songs that rise above. Further information is available at www.recognitionmusicgroup.com.

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