

**Q4 2024 News & Updates**  
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# 0. Highlights from this Quarter

* + **Prime Video adds Apple TV+ as subscription add-on, expanding Amazon’s streaming aggregation strategy (**[**10/9**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-prime-video-apple-tv-plus-1236173900/)**)**
    - Apple TV+ joins Prime Video’s collection of more than 100 ad-on subscription options in the US, which also includes Max, Paramount+, and Crunchyroll
    - The deal to bring Apple TV+ into Prime Video is part of Amazon’s strategy to aggregate as many entertainment options as it can for customers, making them available on one bill and in one app
  + **Brian Williams will host Amazon Prime Video’s first live news programming *Election Night Live* on November 5 (**[**10/17**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/brian-williams-amazon-prime-video-election-night-news-special-1236181023/)**)**
    - Amazon aims to appeal to younger, digital-first audiences who increasingly rely on streaming platforms rather than traditional TV, emphasizing neutrality with a mix of correspondents from diverse media backgrounds
    - Unlike traditional news networks, Amazon will rely on Associated Press data for election results instead of operating its own decision desk
  + **Amazon is shutting down FAST service Freevee (**[**11/12**](https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/tv/tv-news/amazon-shut-down-freevee-1235780333/)**)**
    - The shutdown follows the introduction of an ad-supported tier for Prime Video in early 2023
    - Freevee's content will remain available for free to non-Prime members via Prime Video
    - Freevee executives are expected to be absorbed into different Amazon divisions as part of the consolidation

# 1. Org

*Exec Changes*

* *Hiring:* **Stacy Fung, SVP of Drama, Ongoing Series at Amazon MGM Studios (**[**11/1**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-mgm-stacy-fung-mrc-1236196636/))
* *Hiring:* **Alexandra Weinberger, Chief of YA and Comedy Ongoing Series at Amazon MGM Studios (**[**11/19**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-mgm-studios-alexandra-weinberger-head-ya-comedy-series-1236214391/)**)** Alexandra is under Head of Co-Prod Television and Ongoing Series Laura Lancaster
* *Promotion:* **Tom Lieber, Head of Scripted Series, U.K. at Amazon MGM Studios (**[**11/4**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/amazon-mgm-studios-tom-lieber-hea-scripted-series-uk-1236199745/)**)** Tom will still be under Laura Lancaster
* *Promotion:* **Andrew Bennett, VP of Prime Video Europe and Global Business Development (**[**11/13**](https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/andrew-bennett-vp-prime-video-europe-barry-furlong-1236060684/)**)**
* *Promotion:* **Sandhya Iyer, Global Head of Distribution and Partnership at Prime Video (**[**11/13**](https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/andrew-bennett-vp-prime-video-europe-barry-furlong-1236060684/)**)**
* *Promotion:* **Ludovic Attal, Brand Partnerships, EU Originals, at Prime Video (**[**12/19**](https://deadline.com/2024/12/amazon-mgm-studios-international-brands-originals-roles-1236237802/)**)** Ludovic is under Head of Southern Europe Originals Nicole Morganti and Head of UK Originals Tara Erer
* *Promotion:* **Ned Mitchell, Brand Partnerships, LATAM Originals, at Prime Video (**[**12/19**](https://deadline.com/2024/12/amazon-mgm-studios-international-brands-originals-roles-1236237802/)**)** Ned will report to Javiera Balmaceda, Head of International Originals for Latin America
* *Exit:* **Rola Bauer, Head of Pan-English Scripted Originals at Amazon MGM Studios (**[**10/30**](https://deadline.com/2024/10/rola-bauer-exit-amazon-mgm-studios-1236161769/)**)**
* *Exit:* **Barry Furlong, VP of Prime Video Europe (**[**11/13**](https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/andrew-bennett-vp-prime-video-europe-barry-furlong-1236060684/)**)**
* *Exit:* **Laine Kline, Head of International Production at Amazon MGM Studios (**[**11/22**](https://deadline.com/2024/11/laine-kline-head-of-international-production-at-amazon-mgm-studios-steps-down-1236185697/)**)**

# 2. Content, Deals & Distribution

## Film

* **General News & Strategy**
  + **Amazon MGM Studios to make main stage debut at CinemaCon 2025 (**[**12/12**](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/cinemacon-amazon-mgm-sony-pictures-1236247076/)**)**
  + ***Red One* breaks Prime Video records with 50M global viewers in four days following theatrical run (**[**12/16**](https://deadline.com/2024/12/red-one-prime-video-viewership-record-1236205237/)**)**
* **Development**
  + ***Outdueled:*** Amazon MGM, unknown genre ([10/2](https://deadline.com/2024/10/amazon-mgm-buys-spec-outdueled-by-f-scott-frazier-jimmy-loweree-1236105726/))
  + ***The Killing Kind:*** Amazon MGM Studios, psychosexual thriller ([10/24](https://deadline.com/2024/10/the-killing-kind-movie-zach-helm-maximum-effort-in-works-amazon-1236156940/))
  + ***Chitty Chitty Bang Bang:*** Amazon MGM Studios, musical fantasy ([12/12](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/chitty-chitty-bang-bang-remake-amazon-1236247351/))
  + ***Stand-In:*** Amazon MGM Studios, comedy ([12/16](https://deadline.com/2024/12/rudy-mancuso-sells-stand-in-pitch-amazon-mgm-studios-1236204615/))
* **Greenlights**
  + ***Counting Miracles:*** Amazon MGM Studios, drama ([10/3](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/counting-miracles-movie-nicholas-sparks-amazon-reacher-alan-ritchson-1236167073/))
  + ***Megan Thee Stallion:*** In Her Words: Amazon MGM Studios, music documentary ([10/14](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/megan-thee-stallion-documentary-release-date-amazon-prime-video-1236176640/))
  + ***Unt. Tyler Perry:*** Amazon MGM Studios, rom-com ([10/17](https://deadline.com/2024/10/tyler-perry-tika-sumpter-team-sisters-in-italy-rom-com-amazon-mgm-1236118576/))
  + ***Is God Is:*** Amazon MGM/Orion Pictures, drama ([10/30](https://deadline.com/2024/10/janelle-monae-sterling-k-brown-is-god-is-movie-1236162707/))
  + ***Unt. Jack Ryan:*** Amazon MGM Studios, drama ([10/30](https://deadline.com/2024/10/john-krasinski-jack-ryan-movie-1236161809/))
  + ***The Runner:*** Amazon MGM Studios, action thriller ([11/11](https://deadline.com/2024/11/gal-gadot-to-star-the-runner-kevin-macdonald-amazon-mgm-studios-1236172518/))
  + ***Verity:*** Amazon MGM Studios, thriller ([11/20](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/anne-hathaway-verity-movie-colleen-hoover-amazon-mgm-1236215566/))
* **Pickups**
  + ***American Speed:*** Amazon MGM Studios, racing drama ([11/1](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/american-speed-amazon-tom-holland-austin-butler-1236197776/))
  + ***Bob the Builder:*** Amazon MGM Studios, animation ([11/4](https://deadline.com/2024/11/jennifer-lopez-bob-the-builder-amazon-mgm-anthony-ramos-1236166271/))
* **Dating**
  + ***Nickel Boys:*** Amazon MGM Studios/Orion, drama, shifting to 12/13/24 from 10/25/24 ([10/2](https://deadline.com/2024/10/nickel-boys-release-date-1236105714/))
  + ***Girls Will Be Girls:*** Prime Video, coming-of-age drama, set for 12/18/24 ([12/3](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/sundance-winner-girls-will-be-girls-prime-video-trailer-1236234292/))
  + ***ChiefsAholic: A Wolf in Chiefs Clothing:*** Prime Video, true crime documentary, set for 12/24/24 ([11/29](https://deadline.com/2024/11/chiefsaholic-a-wolf-in-chiefs-clothing-documentary-premiere-date-prime-video-1236188376/))

## TV

* **General News & Strategy**
  + **Amazon's *God of War* TV series to start over as showrunner Rafe Judkins and key executive producers exit (**[**10/17**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/god-of-war-tv-series-showrunner-exec-producers-exit-amazon-1236181302/)**)**
  + ***Good Omens* to conclude with 90-minute finale special on Amazon (**[**10/24**](https://deadline.com/2024/10/good-omens-to-end-90-minute-episode-neil-gaiman-exits-1236157372/)**)**
  + **Amazon launches AI-powered “X-Ray Recaps” on Prime Video to provide spoiler-free summaries for original series (**[**11/4**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/prime-video-x-ray-artificial-intelligence-tv-show-recaps-1236199827/)**)**
  + **PBS partners with Amazon to launch new PBS FAST channels on Prime Video (**[**11/14**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/pbs-local-stations-kids-drama-documentary-fast-channels-amazon-prime-video-1236210852/)**)**
  + **Amazon Prime partners with Gymnasium to produce *Boy Room* S2, featuring viral room makeovers (**[**11/21**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/boy-room-season-2-home-makeovers-amazon-1236214823/)**)**
  + **A+E Networks and Amazon finalize multi-year licensing agreement to expand content on Prime Video and FAST channels (**[**11/22**](https://deadline.com/2024/11/ae-networks-settles-live-pd-legal-dispute-1236185800/)**)**
* **Development**
  + ***A Day of Fire: A Novel of Pompeii:*** Amazon MGM Studios, period drama limited series ([10/2](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/pompeii-limited-series-a-day-of-fire-amazon-ridley-scott-1236166061/))
  + ***My Mom’s Murder:*** MGM Television, murder mystery ([10/10](https://deadline.com/2024/10/chloe-grace-moretz-my-moms-murder-tv-series-1236111982/))
    - Based on the Audible podcast
  + ***The Sweet Spot:*** Amazon MGM Studios, screwball comedy ([10/15](https://deadline.com/2024/10/jennifer-westfeldt-the-sweet-spot-amazon-mgm-studios-1236116538/))
  + ***Carrie:*** Amazon MGM Studios, horror ([10/21](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/carrie-tv-series-mike-flanagan-amazon-1236184808/))
  + ***The Undoing of Alejandro Velasco:*** Amazon MGM Studios, psychological thriller ([10/30](https://deadline.com/2024/10/diego-boneta-amazon-mgm-studios-series-the-undoing-of-alejandro-velasco-1236162820/))
  + ***Unt. Cotton Malone series:*** Amazon MGM Studios, action mystery ([11/4](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/cotton-malone-tv-series-adaptation-amazon-fate-the-winx-saga-creator-brian-young-1236200089/))
  + ***Spy Coast:*** Amazon MGM Studios, spy thriller ([11/4](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/spy-coast-tv-series-amazon-mgm-studios-lilla-nora-zuckerman-will-graham-1236199717/))
  + ***Mass Effect:*** Amazon MGM Studios, sci-fi ([11/7](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/mass-effect-tv-series-amazon-writer-marvel-1236203755/))
  + ***The Captive’s War:*** Amazon MGM Studios, sci-fi ([11/21](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/the-expanse-captives-war-tv-series-amazon-expanding-universe-1236215983/))
  + ***Bloodlust:*** Prime Video, dark comedy ([12/10](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/halsey-amazon-series-bloodlust-ti-west-1236244575/))
  + ***One:*** Prime Video, racing drama ([12/18](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/formula-1-drama-series-felicity-jones-amazon-mgm-1236253149/))
* **Greenlights**
  + ***Unt. Reacher spinoff:*** Prime Video, drama ([10/1](https://deadline.com/2024/10/reacher-spinoff-maria-sten-neagley-amazon-series-1236104059/))
  + ***Off Campus:*** Prime Video, YA romantic drama ([10/1](https://deadline.com/2024/10/off-campus-tv-series-elle-kennedys-books-prime-video-1236103731/))
  + ***On Call:*** Prime Video, half-hour police drama, set for 1/9/25 ([10/30](https://deadline.com/2024/10/on-call-premiere-date-prime-video-troian-bellisario-brandon-larracuente-lori-loughlin-trailer-1236162122/))
  + ***It’s Not Like That:*** Amazon MGM Studios, drama ([11/19](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-series-order-its-not-like-that-wonder-project-1236214532/))
    - Cast contingent order
  + ***Unt. Molly-Mae Hague:*** Prime Video, docuseries ([11/21](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/molly-mae-prime-video-docuseries-tommy-fury-breakup-1236216969/))
  + ***Silent River:*** Prime Video, drama ([11/26](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/john-krasinski-matthew-rhys-serial-killer-drama-series-silent-river-amazon-1236223680/))
* **Dating**
  + ***The Sticky:*** Prime Video, dark comedy, set for 12/6/24 ([10/9](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/the-sticky-great-canadian-maple-syrup-heist-series-amazon-premiere-date-1236171312/))
  + ***Beast Games:*** Prime Video, gameshow, set for 12/19/24 ([11/25](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/mrbeast-beast-games-premiere-date-prime-video-trailer-1236222911/))
  + ***Invincible S3:*** Prime Video, superhero animation, set for 2/6/25 ([10/15](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/invincible-season-3-premiere-date-first-teaser-1236178653/))
* **Renewals**
  + ***Billy The Kid S3:*** MGM+, western drama ([10/1](https://deadline.com/2024/10/billy-the-kid-to-end-season-three-mgm-1236103955/))
  + ***Reacher S4:*** Prime Video, action crime ([10/9](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/reacher-renewed-season-4-amazon-season-3-release-date-1236172458/))
  + ***The Legend of Vox Machina S4:*** Prime Video, adult animation ([10/23](https://deadline.com/2024/10/the-legend-of-vox-machina-renewed-season-4-prime-video-1236156237/))
  + ***Harlem S3:*** Prime Video, drama, set for 1/23/24 ([11/12](https://deadline.com/2024/11/prime-video-harlem-season-3-premiere-date-photos-1236173573/))
  + ***Tribunal Justice S3:*** Prime Video, unscripted ([11/14](https://deadline.com/2024/11/tribunal-justice-renewed-season-3-amazon-syndication-launch-1236176124/))
    - The studio is planning to launch the program in broadcast syndication in fall 2025
  + ***From S4:*** MGM+, sci-fi horror ([11/21](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/from-renewed-season-4-mgm-1236217227/))
  + ***Secret Level S2:*** Prime Video, adult animation ([12/17](https://deadline.com/2024/12/secret-level-renewed-season-2-1236208665/))
  + ***Faceoff: Inside The NHL S2:*** Prime Video, sports docuseries ([12/19](https://deadline.com/2024/12/faceoff-inside-the-nhl-renewed-prime-video-1236238300/))
* **Cancellations**
  + ***Billy The Kid:*** MGM+, western drama, ending after 3 seasons ([10/1](https://deadline.com/2024/10/billy-the-kid-to-end-season-three-mgm-1236103955/))

## International

* **General News & Strategy**
  + **Free UK streamer Freely secures major distribution deal with Amazon Fire TV (**[**10/7**](https://deadline.com/2024/10/channel-5-puzzle-lady-phyllis-logan-parnell-hall-1236108940/)**)**
  + **Amazon reveals Prime Video’s ad-supported UK reach of 19M viewers (**[**10/2**](https://deadline.com/2024/10/prime-video-ad-supported-uk-disclosure-upfront-1236105707/)**)**
  + **Viaplay launches as add-on subscription via Prime Video Channels in Germany (**[**10/22**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/viaplay-germany-prime-video-mipcom-1236186385/)**)**
  + **Amazon MGM Studios and Excel Entertainment to adapt hit series *Mirzapur* into a theatrical film, launching on Prime after an eight-week window (**[**10/27**](https://variety.com/2024/film/asia/mirzapur-film-adaptation-pankaj-tripathi-1236191806/)**)**
  + **Crunchyroll launches on Prime Video in Australia as add-on subscription (**[**10/28**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/crunchyroll-anime-streaming-prime-video-australia-1236193279/)**)**
  + *Interview:* **Ritchie Ordonez, Head of Prime Video EU Emerging (**[**12/12**](https://deadline.com/2024/12/prime-video-europe-ritchie-ordonez-interview-1236196241/)**)**
    - Ritchie Ordonez has been named head of Amazon's Prime Video EU Emerging, overseeing emerging European territories like the Nordics, Benelux, Turkey, and Poland
    - Co-productions and partnerships with local broadcasters are part of the EUX strategy, allowing the platform to share costs and risks while delivering culturally relevant content
    - Looking forward to 2025, Ordonez expects her primary challenge to be managing the volume of content and testing new models, including opportunistic acquisitions. She also aims to grow local originals and expand Prime Video Channels and TVOD offerings
* **Greenlights**
  + **TV**
    - [France] ***LOL: Last One Laughing:*** Prime Video, comedy unscripted ([10/21](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/last-one-laughing-real-life-spinoff-prime-video-france-1236183303/))
    - [Mexico] ***La Oficina:*** Prime Video, comedy ([10/23](https://variety.com/2024/film/global/ricky-gervais-the-office-prime-video-gaz-alazraki-vgly-1236183569/))
* **Pick-Ups**
  + **Film**
    - ***The Last Druid:*** Prime Video, period action ([11/12](https://deadline.com/2024/11/russell-crowe-movie-last-druid-sells-around-world-amazon-1236173876/))
      * Several international territories
  + **TV**
    - [UK and Ireland] ***Harry Potter: Wizards of Baking:*** Prime Video, cooking competition ([11/8](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/harry-potter-wizards-of-baking-lands-prime-video-uk-release-date-1236204700/))
* **Dating**
  + **TV**
    - [South Korea] ***Newtopia:*** Prime Video, zombie apocalypse drama, set for 2/7/25 ([12/11](https://variety.com/2024/global/news/blackpink-jisoo-park-jeong-min-newtopia-prime-video-release-date-1236245593/))
    - [India] ***Paatal Lok S2:*** Prime Video, crime drama ([12/22](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/paatal-lok-season-2-prime-video-date-1236257308/))

## Specials

* **General News & Strategy**
  + **Brian Williams to host *Election Night Live* on Amazon Prime Video, offering non-subscriber access to live coverage on November 5 (**[**10/17**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/brian-williams-amazon-prime-video-election-night-news-special-1236181023/)**)**
* **Greenlight**
  + ***Jack in Time For Christmas:*** Prime Video, Christmas variety special ([10/2](https://variety.com/2024/tv/global/jack-whitehall-amazon-christmas-special-dave-bautista-rebel-wilson-michael-buble-1236165938/))

## Sports

* **General News & Strategy**
  + **Amazon Prime Video matches record 3.6% share of TV viewership in September, driven by *Thursday Night Football* and *The Rings of Power* season 2 (**[**10/15**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-viewership-thursday-night-football-rings-of-power-1236178422/)**)**
  + **Amazon slates another Black Friday NFL game for 2025 (**[**10/30**](https://deadline.com/2024/10/amazon-prime-video-nba-nfl-black-friday-1236162403/)**)**
  + **Prime Video's second annual Black Friday NFL game sees 41% viewership growth to 17.4M (**[**12/3**](https://deadline.com/2024/12/chiefs-raiders-ratings-black-friday-prime-video-1236193173/)**)**

## Deals

* **Rh Negative:** Regina Hall’s production company, first-look deal to develop and produce unscripted true crime, docuseries, and game genres with MGM Alternative ([10/30](https://deadline.com/2024/10/regina-hall-first-look-deal-mgm-alternative-1236162651/))
* **Sunday Night:** John Krasinski and Allyson Seeger’s production company, first-look TV deal at Amazon MGM Studios ([11/26](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/john-krasinski-matthew-rhys-serial-killer-drama-series-silent-river-amazon-1236223680/))
* **Strega Stories:** Gina Girolamo’s production company, overall TV deal at Amazon MGM Studios ([12/5](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/alloy-entertainment-gina-girolamo-amazon-mgm-studios-overall-deal-1236236830/))

# 3. Strategy & Miscellaneous News

## Strategy

* **Apple TV+ to launch as $9.99 add-on subscription on Amazon Prime Video in U.S., expanding Amazon's streaming aggregation strategy (**[**10/9**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-prime-video-apple-tv-plus-1236173900/)**)**
* **Amazon to expand Prime Video ads to Brazil, India, Japan, Netherlands, and New Zealand in 2025 (**[**10/15**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-prime-video-ads-expansion-brazil-india-japan-new-zealand-1236176918/)**)**
* **Amazon shutting down FAST service Freevee (**[**11/12**](https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/tv/tv-news/amazon-shut-down-freevee-1235780333/)**)**
* **Prime Video now has more than 100 add-on channels, including Max, Apple TV+, Paramount+ (**[**11/14**](https://variety.com/2024/shopping/news/prime-video-channel-add-ons-subscribe-online-1236210374/)**)**
* **Amazon partners with TalkShopLive for Black Friday live shopping shows (**[**11/21**](https://variety.com/2024/digital/news/amazon-jennifer-hudson-martha-stewart-shows-talkshoplive-1236215771/)**)**
* **Amazon MGM Studios expands brand partnerships for international originals (**[**12/19**](https://deadline.com/2024/12/amazon-mgm-studios-international-brands-originals-roles-1236237802/)**)**
  + Prime Video is planning to create brand partnerships for its biggest European shows, which include various versions of reality competition *LOL: Last One Laughing*, British drama *The Rig* and spy series *Citadel: Diana*

## Misc. News

* **Amazon seeks dismissal of Prime Video class-action lawsuit over ads, citing terms allowing changes to membership benefits (**[**10/7**](https://variety.com/2024/digital/news/amazon-motion-dismiss-lawsuit-prime-video-ads-1236170304/)**)**
* **Amazon MGM Studios partners with EICOP to expand inclusive talent pipeline through paid internships for HBCU and underrepresented students (**[**12/9**](https://variety.com/2024/film/news/amazon-mgm-studios-teams-up-with-entertainment-industry-college-outreach-program-1236243121/)**)**
* **Universal Music Group and Amazon Music expand global partnership to focus on AI-generated content protections (**[**12/23**](https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/music-news/universal-music-amazon-partnership-unlawful-ai-generated-content-1236092788/)**)**

# 4. Investor Relations

## Quarterly Earnings

* **Company Materials**
  + **Q3 FY 2024 Earnings Report (**[**10/31**](https://s2.q4cdn.com/299287126/files/doc_financials/2024/q3/AMZN-Q3-2024-Earnings-Release.pdf)**)**
  + **Q3 FY 2024 Earnings Call (**[**10/31**](https://www.fool.com/earnings/call-transcripts/2024/10/31/amazoncom-amzn-q3-2024-earnings-call-transcript/)**)**
* **News Coverage**
  + **Amazon exceeds Q3 revenue forecasts with $158.9B, driven by 19% growth in ad sales and 11% increase in subscription revenue (**[**10/31**](https://variety.com/2024/tv/news/amazon-earnings-ad-sales-rise-prime-video-1236196493/)**)**

# 5. M&A

## General News & Strategy

* **Amazon completes acquisition of Indian streamer MX Player, merges with Amazon MiniTV to form Amazon MX Player with 250M users (**[**10/7**](https://deadline.com/2024/10/amazon-buys-mx-player-launches-streamer-1236108935/)**)**
* **Amazon acquires minority stake in creator-funding platform Spotter, forming partnership to expand content development and monetization opportunities across Amazon’s entertainment and commerce ecosystems (**[**10/30**](https://variety.com/2024/digital/news/amazon-invests-spotter-digital-creator-economy-1236194916/)**)**