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## ELDORADO CAST GO FOR GOLD

The cast of television's biggest-ever drama serial has flown out to Spain's Costa del Sol to start work on the BBC's saga of sun, sea, sand and sex - 'Eldorado'.

The international cast of 30 regulars from all over Europe now move into a purpose-built production village in the pine-clad mountains high above Fuengirola. The stage is set for them to begin shooting the thrice-weekly serial.

'EastEnders' creators Julia Smith and Tony Holland have teamed up once again, gathering an international cast from the UK, Spain, France, Germany, Denmark and Sweden for television's most ambitious production.

'Eldorado' is also the BBC's largest ever commission for an independent producer - won by Cinema Verity, headed by the woman behind 'Minder', Verity Lambert. She has teamed up with leading Spanish production company, JD & T, headed by 'Shirley Valentine' producer John Dark, and James Todesco.

Among the international cast are some well-known actors and actresses, together with a host of young unknowns, many making their TV debuts.

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The British actors are Buki Armstrong, Jesse Birdsall, Patricia Brake, Patch Connolly, Hilary Crane, Roland Curram, Julie Fernandez, Faith Kent, William Lucas, Jon Morrey, Campbell Morrison, Josh Nathan, Darren Newton, Polly Perkins, Kathy Pitkin, Leslee Udwin, Roger Walker and Michael Woodhouse.

From France are Daniel Lombart and Framboise Gommendy. Representing Sweden is Bo Corre and Germany, Kai Maurer. From Denmark are Marchell Betak, Nanna Moller and Kim Romer. And from the programme's host country, Spain, are Iker Ibanez, Stella Maris, Franco Rey, Maria Sanchez and Sandra Sandri.

A complete village for 'Eldorado' has been created and built near Coin in just over three months - a massive task undertaken by the local Spanish workforce and craftsmen.

The BBC has invested £10 million in the new serial, which will go out on BBC-1 later this year.

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