

Michael Edelstein

Michael Edelstein is an entertainment and business leader, investor and producer who has developed and produced hit television series and built an award-winning international content studio.

From living and working in the US and abroad, Edelstein is one of the rare executives who is equally experienced in both domestic and international media. He is also a left brain/right brain thinker with the ability to develop a clear business strategy and manage a P&L just as easily as he communicates with writers, directors and producers about creating and producing global hit content.

From 2010-2017, Edelstein served in London as President of NBCUniversal International Studios, a leading supplier of television content originated outside of the United States. He also headed NBCU International Formats, which supplies and produces NBCUniversal formats around the world.

A two-time Golden Globe-winning executive producer of the global phenomenon *Desperate Housewives*, Edelstein then built NBCU International Studios from inception into one of the most respected content players in the international marketplace, producing premium television for global audiences including the UK's biggest scripted television export of all time, *Downton Abbey*.

Under his leadership, NBCUniversal International became a top destination for writers, producers, directors and format creators, producing high-quality scripted and non-scripted programming across all genres. During his tenure, the division produced more than 1100 hours of original content. This included over 150 series which combined generated numerous awards including 3 Golden Globes, 6 BAFTA Awards, 14 Logies, 12 Leos and 18 Emmy Awards.

He also oversaw the international sales division for all television formats created or owned by NBCUniversal. Licensing and producing content in over 70 territories worldwide, International Formats' include *Law & Order*, *Real Housewives* and *Top Chef*.

Edelstein began his career in episodic television working at CBS Entertainment as Director of Current Programs. Most notably, he was instrumental in the launch and creative oversight of the multi-billion-dollar *CSI* franchise.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Edelstein graduated from The University of California, Los Angeles magna cum laude and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society. He is also on the board of Motivii, a start-up dedicated to facilitating the relationship between manager and employee.

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