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First Independent takes slew of territory rights on *Green*

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Gary Rubin's First Independent Pictures is extending its global reach and has picked up US, Australian/New Zealand and South African rights from Shoreline Entertainment to the comedy *Everything's Gone Green*. First Independent plans a spring 2007 US release for the project, based on the first screenplay by Generation X writer Douglas Coupland.

The story centres on a slacker that experiences an ethical trauma after he profits from a money-laundering scheme.

Everything's Gone Green, which had its world premiere at Toronto in September, was directed by Paul Fox and stars Paulo Costanzo. "Douglas Coupland's work is renowned and his first effort in features is no exception," Rubin said. "This is also a terrific opportunity for our first foray into acquiring foreign territories." "First Independent is passionate about the movie and they understand how to market sophisticated, witty independent films," Shoreline chief executive officer Morris Ruskin said.

First Independent Pictures recently released the drama *Edmond*, based on a screenplay by David Mamet and starring William H Macy.