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**ALT-J SET TO BRING NEW MUSIC TO THE THEATER AT VIRGIN
HOTELS LAS VEGAS WITH PORTUGAL. THE MAN ON APRIL 3, 2022**

Tickets On Sale Oct. 1, 2021 at 10 a.m. PST



LAS VEGAS, NV (SEPT. 22, 2021) - Mercury Prize-winning, multiple GRAMMY- and BRIT Award-nominated band alt-J have announced their eagerly-awaited fourth album *The Dream*, set for release Feb. 11, 2022, via Canvasback / Infectious Music. In conjunction, the band has also announced the first leg of their world tour with their most extensive ever North American run to date with Portugal. The Man. The tour sees them play arenas across the U.S. and Canada in 2022.

alt-J and Portugal. The Man, joined by Cherry Glazerr, will bring their tour to The Theater at Virgin Hotels Las Vegas, part of Curio Collection by Hilton, on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 at 10 a.m. PST.

The band's revelatory new single "U&ME" is out now and accompanied by a music video. "U&ME" is produced by long-time collaborator Charlie Andrew and is the band's first new music since their acclaimed third album *RELAXER*, released in 2017.

Directed by band member Gus Unger-Hamilton's brother, Prosper Unger-Hamilton, the video for "U&ME" is the first to feature the full band. It's an evocative video that recalls summer memories and was inspired by Newman's experiences at a festival in Melbourne.

[Watch/listen to "U&ME"](#)
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The Dream is an album where true-crime-inspired stories and tales of Hollywood and the Chateau Marmont rub shoulders with some of the band's more personal moments to date. Both beauty and darkness lay side-by-side - often seamlessly merging on the same track, a purposeful choice that pays dividends across the record. The band's dazzling instrumentation has matured; there are still far-out moments, but now they are deployed with artful precision.

The Dream is an album of intrigue, beauty, and humanity - a coalescence of everything that has made alt-J a global band with true staying power. The album was created after a year of reflection and recharge for the band following their world tour in support of previous record *RELAXER* which saw them perform a global sold out tour including shows at The Hollywood Bowl and the O2 (they had played Madison Square Garden for the previous album *This Is All Yours*). It is a record that is the sound of a band growing as songwriters and storytellers.

"U&ME" is a case in point: it is arguably alt-J's most beautiful and honest song to date, unfurling gracefully, with new elements being subtly folded into the mix until a euphoric breakdown cracks through the middle. Lead vocalist Newman moves between blissful euphoria and artful restraint, telling a love story through snapshot memories, as the song channels the band's unparalleled experimentation into a song that is underpinned with a raw sense of joy.

The track was written during various soundchecks across the globe, when the band got back to London and heard the recordings they knew it was one of their most dynamic recordings to date. Speaking on the process, Joe Newman says, "It gathered momentum on its own, it was best to just get out of its way. We were just there."

Elaborating on the meaning of "U&ME", Gus Unger-Hamilton says, "It's about being at a festival with your best friends, having a good time, togetherness, and the feeling in life that nothing could be any better than it is right now"

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About alt-J

alt-J are one of the most successful British bands of the millennium. Joe Newman, Gus Unger-Hamilton, and Thom Green have released three studio albums that, between them, have sold in excess of two million copies and their songs have been streamed more than two billion times. Their 2012 Mercury Prize and Ivor Novello Award-winning debut *An Awesome Wave*, was followed two years later by their UK number one, GRAMMY, and BRIT Award-nominated album *This Is All Yours*. Released in 2017, *RELAXER* flew straight into the top 10 of the UK album chart ahead of a summer of major international shows - including a headline show at London's O2 Arena; and headline performances at numerous festivals - and became their second album to be nominated for the Mercury Prize.

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About PORTUGAL THE MAN

Over the past decade, Portugal The Man has established themselves as one of rock's most prized possessions and a live phenomenon, with over 1,600 shows under their belts and a storied reputation as festival favorites.

Originally heralding from Alaska, the Portland-based band – comprised of John Gourley, Zach Carothers, Kyle O'Quin, Eric Howk, Jason Sechrist and Zoe Manville – soared to new heights in 2017 with the release of their RIAA certified-gold album, *Woodstock*. The album was marked by the astounding success of their infectious single, "Feel It Still," which earned the group a plethora of new accolades – including a GRAMMY award for "Best Pop Duo/Group Performance," a 6x RIAA platinum certified single certification, a record setting 20-week residency at #1 on alternative radio, and an inescapable presence on the Top 40 airwaves.

Alongside the shine of their myriad musical accomplishments lies the group's long-standing passion for social justice. In fact, this is precisely the intersection on which Portugal The Man thrives; throughout their career, the band has consistently exemplified how to deeply commit to both artistry and activism. This dynamic inspired them to officially launch their PTM Foundation in 2020, focused on universal issues related to human rights, community health, and the environment, with an emphasis on causes directly impacting Indigenous Peoples.

Their continued passion for activism has also led to recent partnerships with organizations such as the National Coalition Against Censorship, The Skatepark Project (helping communities build public skate parks for youth in underserved communities), March for Our Lives (Gun Reform), Keep Oregon Well (Mental Health), and Protect Our Winters (Climate Change), to name just a few.

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Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment; a five-acre desert pool oasis including Élia Beach Club and a multi-functional event lawn; live music and entertainment theater with 4,500 capacity; 24 Oxford showroom accommodating 650 guests; an exclusive portfolio of twelve food and beverage venues including Todd English's Olives, Kris Yenbamroong's Night + Market, the legendary Nobu, Michael and David Morton's One Steakhouse, Kassi Beach House from restaurateur Nick Mathers, Casa Calavera by global hospitality company Hakkasan Group, the sports entertainment, daylife and nightlife venue Money, Baby! from Justin Massei and Mikis Troyan of Clive Collective, famous Afters Ice Cream, Pizza Forte by the Ferraro Family and signature Virgin Hotels restaurants and bars including The Kitchen at Commons Club, The Bar at Commons Club, The Shag Room and Funny Library Coffee Shop. The property is owned by JC Hospitality, LLC, in partnership with Juniper Capital Partners, Virgin Group, LiUNA, Fengate Asset Management, Dream and Orlando Development. The off-Strip playground is located at 4455 Paradise Road. For more information, visit www.virginhotelslv.com.

About Virgin Hotels

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