

Hasbro Completes Acquisition of D&D Beyond from Fandom

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Strategic, complementary acquisition accelerates direct-to-fans capability to drive unified vision for Dungeons & Dragons brand in physical and digital play

PAWTUCKET, R.I.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 19, 2022-- Hasbro, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAS) today announced the completion of its previously announced acquisition of D&D Beyond, the leading digital RPG toolset and game companion to the iconic fantasy franchise, DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. Fandom, the world's largest fan platform, previously owned and operated D&D Beyond since 2019 and has grown the direct-to-consumer business to be the leading role-playing game (RPG) digital toolset on the market with close to 10 million registered users.

Driven by a shared vision to build the best possible player-centric experiences for the world's greatest role-playing game, the acquisition of D&D Beyond will further accelerate Wizards of the Coast's capabilities to strengthen their unique ecosystem of world-class tabletop and digital play to create deeper player engagement and satisfaction and support growth across all expressions and regions.

To celebrate today's closing, D&D Beyond will unlock the beloved starter adventure, Lost Mine of Phandelver for all new and existing registered users, and between May 19 and 26, registered users can redeem a copy of Acquisitions Incorporated, a campaign book that introduces new character options and setting to DUNGEONS & DRAGONS.

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The Company's unparalleled portfolio of approximately 1,500 brands includes MAGIC: THE GATHERING, NERF, MY LITTLE PONY, TRANSFORMERS, PLAY-DOH, MONOPOLY, BABY ALIVE, DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, POWER RANGERS, PEPPA PIG and PJ MASKS, as well as premier partner brands. For the past decade, Hasbro has been consistently recognized for its corporate citizenship, including being named one of the 100 Best Corporate Citizens by 3BL Media and one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere Institute. Important business and brand updates are routinely shared on our Investor Relations website, Newsroom and social channels (@Hasbro on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.)

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