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## Panel L-R: Hugh Quarshie and Abby Ajayi (writer)

Riches is a glossy, high stakes family drama in six parts, written and created by Abby Ajayi (Inventing Anna, How To Get Away With Murder) and produced by Greenacre Films.

Deborah Ayorinde (Them, Truth Be Told) stars as Nina, the estranged daughter of self-made millionaire Stephen Richards played by Hugh Quarshie (Stephen, The Murder of Stephen Lawrence). Sarah Niles (Ted Lasso, I May Destroy You) plays Stephen's second wife, Claudia, and Brendan Coyle (Downton Abbey, Requiem) is Stephen's trusted advisor and confidante, Gideon. Hermione Norris (Cold Feet and Luther) will play Stephen's long-standing and faithful PA, Maureen Dawson. The cast also includes Adeyinka Akinrinade (Top Boy, Temple), Ola Orebiyi (Cherry, A Brixton Tale), CJ Beckford (Sitting in Limbo, The Trial of Christine Keeler), Nneka Okoye (Grantchester, The A List) Emmanuel Imani (Cobra, Black Earth Rising) as well as Jourdan Dunn making her acting debut in the drama.

Abby Ajayi's witty and deftly written scripts introduce us to Stephen Richards, a successful and smart businessman, who always gets his own way. He's built his life and business empire around the fact everything he touches turns to gold. Even abandoning his first wife and two older children, Nina and Simon, turned out well for him.

After 20 years of success, Stephen's at the helm of his multi-million pound cosmetics empire and is reaping the rewards of his business acumen and ambitions. He's a great advocate for black-owned business, powerful, driven and impassioned, and with a glamorous, younger second wife, Claudia, life is never dull. Along with their adult children, Alesha, Gus and Wanda they love spending their hard-earned cash. The Richards are all about the good life and they've earned it.

In New York, Nina and Simon have established themselves as business people in their own right but when Stephen suffers a stroke, the family's world comes tumbling down. As Stephen's life hangs in the balance, his children are about to collide and with secrets and lies rising to the surface and the empire at stake, it's bound to be a complicated family reunion...

## Riches will air weekly on ITV1 at 9pm on Friday nights from 23rd June to 28th July

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