



United Business Media

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United Business Media sells Backbeat Books for \$2.2m

United Business Media plc today announces that its US-based subsidiary CMP Technology has sold BackBeat Books, a portfolio of non-core music enthusiast book titles, to Hal Leonard Corporation for a total cash consideration of \$2.2m.

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1. About United Business Media plc

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1.1. About CMP / Commonwealth

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1.1.2. **CMP Asia:** Headquartered in Hong Kong with offices throughout the region, CMP Asia is a leader in exhibitions and online and print business information publications for Asian markets. Working with partners from around the world, CMP Asia stages a range of leading events which includes the largest international jewellery, leather and fashion, beauty and furniture trade shows in Asia, as well as the definitive health show for the Japan market. For more information, go to www.cmpasia.com

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