Locked up for a crime he didn't commit, a footballer faces a tough choice: to become a criminal or stay true to himself...

Information

Original title: Asbest

Genre: Drama

Format: Season 1: 5 x 45´
Season 2: 6 x 45´

Year of production: 2023

Country of origin: Germany

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Why it Works...

Streaming Success

More than **10 million online views**...

...which means **most successful start** of a series ever on ARD's VoD platform.

Award-Winning

Kida Khodr Ramadan is an Award-winning and popular director and actor.

Great Themes

Football and prison are two themes that have always attracted large film and TV audiences.

Perfect Mix

"The series 'Asbestos' is raw, gripping, and oozing with coolness."

FAZ (German daily newspaper)

Comparables

TNT

ARD

Warner Bros.

Netflix

FX

Series Synopsis

At 19, Momo finds himself alone in a nine-square-meter cell, sentenced to nine years for a crime his uncle and cousins pinned on him. His football career is gone; survival now means navigating prison life – and clinging to the prison team as his only escape.

Outside, his mother and girlfriend worry, while inside, uncle Amar pressures him to deal drugs. How long can Momo resist and hold on to who he is?

Momo Kaval

Main character.

His good nature never abandons him.

Momo, a gifted young footballer from Hamburg, is a charming talent with a sheltered past. But when he takes the fall for his cousins and lands in a high-security prison, he's forced to grow up fast.

Torn between loyalty, survival and his former dreams, Momo must decide: play by the rules – or join the game of crime.

Daniela

Momo‘s girlfriend.

Loving and caring, she hails from a good family.

Daniela stands by Momo after his arrest, facing racism and her family’s rejection to support him emotionally and financially. Though she seems fragile at first, she proves strong and independent – until crime boss Amar uses her to get to Momo.

Caught between loyalty and self-preservation, Daniela must decide: break free, or be pulled deeper into the spiral of violence.

Amar Kaval

Momo‘s uncle.

Charismatic and intimidating.

Momo's family patriarch is a vicious man, who forces his relatives into drug-dealing, prostitution and occasional robberies. He treats any family member who refuses to get involved as a traitor.

Amar is powerful and influential. Later, Momo finds out that Amar was responsible for his father's murder.

Amila Kaval

Momo‘s mother.

Turns a blind eye to uncomfortable truths.

Amila adores her son Momo – but as Amar’s sister, she turns a blind eye to his crimes. Warm and caring, she tells Momo he can tell her anything – as long as it’s not unpleasant.

He loves her deeply, but knows some truths are off-limits. When he hands her money from shady deals, she never asks where it came from.

Impressions...

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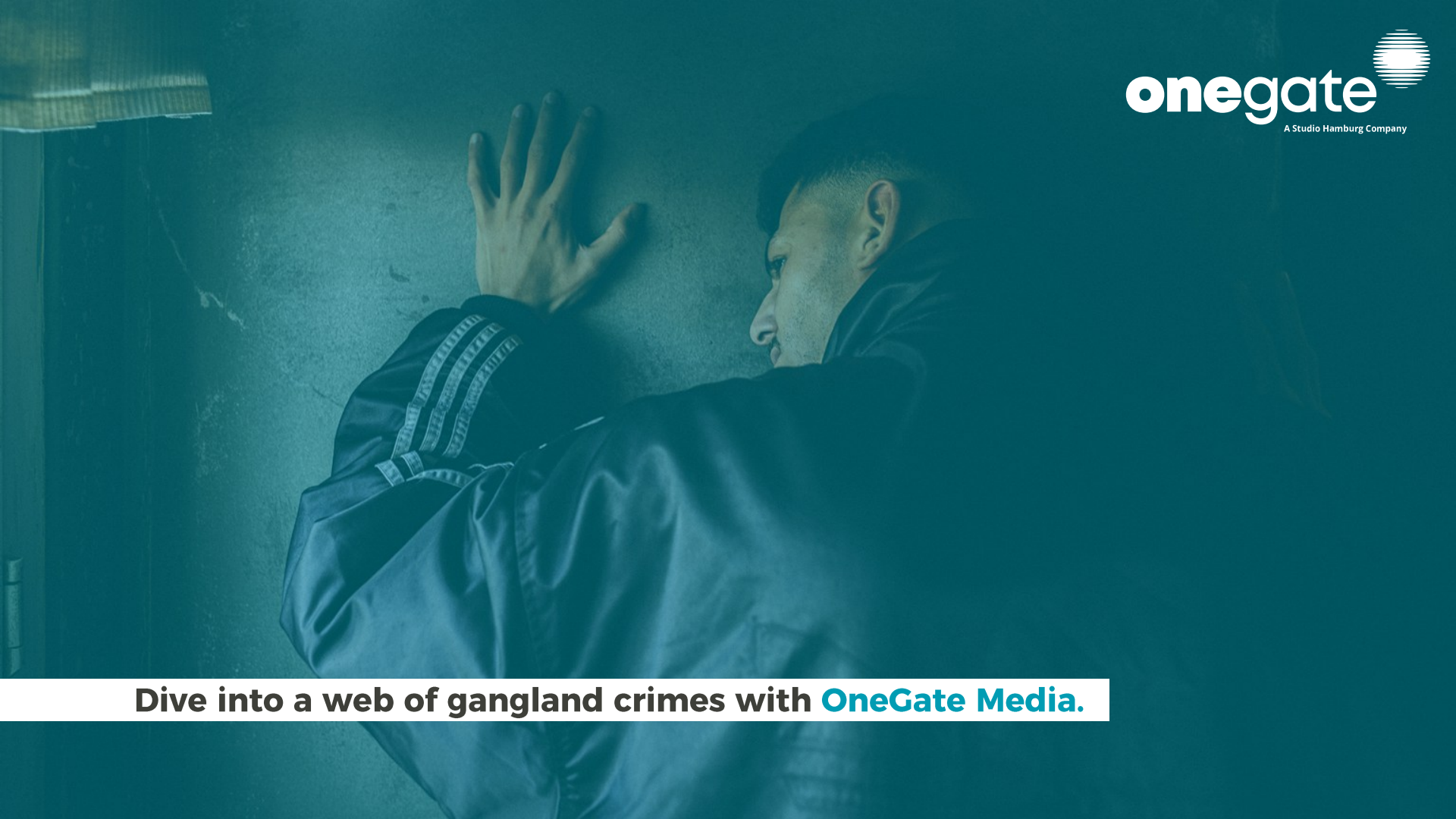
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