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'Potter' Conjures Record Take

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The finale to the long-running Harry Potter film series made its debut with a flourish, setting a domestic opening-weekend box-office record and taking in nearly half a billion dollars world-wide.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows—Part 2," from **Time Warner** Inc.'s Warner Bros. Pictures, earned an estimated \$168.6 million at 4,375 North American locations, surpassing the \$158.4 million earned by "The Dark Knight," a 2008 Batman film from Warner Bros. that opened at 4,366 locations.

Outside North America, "Deathly Hallows—Part 2" earned \$307 million from more than 20,000 screens in 59 countries, bringing its world-wide cumulative gross to over \$475 million, Warner Bros. estimated.

The eighth Potter movie is on track to become the top-grossing adaptation in the franchise, which has grossed \$6.3 billion world-wide since the first film.

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'Harry Potter' franchise, openingweekend box-office results

The Sorcerer's Stone'
\$90.3 million

'The Chamber of Secrets'

'The Prisoner of Azkaban'

'The Goblet of Fire' \$102.7

The Order of the Phoenix'

'The Half-Blood Prince' \$77.8

'The Deathly Hallows-Part 1' \$125.0

'The Deathly Hallows-Part 2' \$168.6

Source: Hollywood.com

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," opened 10 years ago.

Based on the second half of the seventh and final novel in author J.K. Rowling's best-selling "Harry Potter" series,

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Harry Potter fans line up in Orlando, Fla., on Thursday to see the debut of 'Deathly Hallows-Part 2.'