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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December 2009

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Acorn International, Inc.

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People's Republic of China

(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Acorn International, Inc.

By: /s/ Gordon Xiaogang Wang
Name: Gordon Xiaogang Wang
Title: Vice president, chief financial officer

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Exhibit 99.1

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Acorn International Declares a Special Dividend to Shareholders

\$0.33 per Ordinary Share and \$0.99 per ADS

SHANGHAI, China, December 21, 2009 Acorn International, Inc. (NYSE: ATV) (Acorn or the Company), a leading integrated multi-platform marketing company in China engaged in developing, promoting and selling consumer products and services through its extensive distribution network, today announced that on December 18, 2009, the Company s board of directors approved and declared a one-time cash dividend of \$0.33 per ordinary share on its outstanding shares to shareholders of record as of the close of trading on December 31, 2009.

Holders of American Depositary Shares (ADS), each representing three ordinary shares of Acorn, are accordingly entitled to the one-time cash dividend of \$0.99 per ADS. Citibank, depository for Acorn s ADR program, expects to pay out dividends to ADS holders on January 20, 2010.

We want to thank all of our shareholders for their continuous support and show our commitment to maximizing shareholder value by offering this special dividend. In consideration of the gain from our investment in Yimeng, stability of our operational performance and a strong cash balance, we will return a total of approximately \$29.3 million in special dividends to our shareholders, said Mr. James Hu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Acorn. Acorn continues to maintain a healthy cash balance and is on track to achieve growth across its major product lines.

As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$150.4 million in cash and cash equivalents.

About Acorn International, Inc.

Acorn is a leading integrated multi-platform marketing company in China, operating one of China s largest TV direct sales businesses in terms of revenues and TV air time and a nationwide off-TV distribution network. Acorn s TV direct sales platform consists of airtime purchased from both national and local channels. In addition to marketing and selling through its TV direct sales programs and its off-TV nationwide distribution network, Acorn also offers consumer products and services through catalogs, third-party bank

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channels, outbound telemarketing center and an e-commerce website. Leveraging its integrated multiple sales and marketing platforms, Acorn has built a proven track record of developing and selling proprietary-branded consumer products, as well as products and services from established third parties. For more information, please visit <http://www.chinadrvtv.com>.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included herein are forward-looking statements including, among other things, Acorn's projected cash balance and its growth prospects across its product lines. The expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements involve significant assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Investors should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, in addition to those results discussed in the Company's periodic reports that are filed with and available from the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these factors. Other than as required under the securities laws, the Company does not assume a duty to update these forward-looking statements.

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