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*The Chalhoub Group is a leading retail, distribution and marketing powerhouse for renowned brands in the beauty, fashion and gift sectors. A regional group, based in Dubai with development platforms and external consulting services in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar, Bahrain, Lebanon and Syria, the Chalhoub Group represents some of the finest international brands in the region.*

*Today, with coverage in 14 countries and expansion to neighbouring territories, as well as a portfolio of more than 200 luxury brands and the management of over 200 retail outlets - an appreciation of quality, excellence and luxury are the cornerstones of the Chalhoub Group*

### **The Chalhoub Group supports the French Art Festival, promoting Arts and Culture in the region**

The Chalhoub Group, a leading luxury brands retailer and distributor in the region, supported the first ever French Art Festival held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

*“Transcending all boundaries, Art is a perfect medium for bringing together cultures, minds and people. With a mission of building a bridge between the cultures of East and West, the Chalhoub Group is proud to lend its support to an event that facilitates this exchange of creative talent”* comments Patrick Chalhoub CO-CEO of the Chalhoub Group.

Under the patronage of HH Sheikha Manal bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the French Art Festival aims to promote French contemporary art within the UAE. This year, 30 artists and 700 pieces were showcased to connoisseurs and art lovers alike.

*“ The United Arab Emirates is pioneering its way to becoming an axis for Arts and Culture in the region, promoting both local and international talent through various avenues. By bringing the work of French Artists to the UAE, the French Art Festival is an ideal platform to showcase some of the finest contemporary Art within a local context.*

*We are therefore very pleased to be associated with the French Art Festival in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, and to have such an opportunity to contribute to the evolution of the UAE’s cultural fabric through art”, concludes Patrick Chalhoub.*