



Press release

**CHALHOUB GROUP & DUCTAC ORGANISE ART EXHIBITION
FOR 2010 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

One-day exhibition will include artwork by Chalhoub Group employees, AUD & ESMOD students and offer green workshops for families.

Dubai, 3 June 2010 – Chalhoub IMPACT, the Chalhoub Group's CSR programme, teamed up with DUCTAC to celebrate the United Nations 'World Environment Day' with its employees and community partners AUD, ESMOD, Organic Foods & Café and Ekotribe.

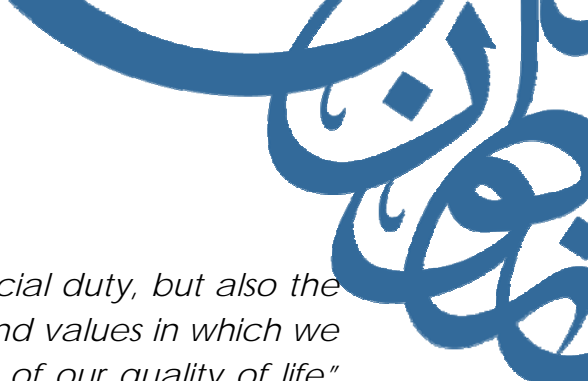
The 12 June exhibition will feature live art by local emerging artists, organic food tasting and introductions to environmentally conscious initiatives. The exhibition will be followed by a silent auction of exclusive pieces of art work created by Chalhoub Group employees, as well as T-shirts designed by ESMOD students for the occasion. All proceeds will be donated to Environment-focused charities acting across the Middle East¹.

" We are delighted to celebrate 'World Environment Day' with our teams and partners once again this year. The Group has consistently demonstrated its commitment towards supporting its community. Under the name of Chalhoub Impact, we have devised a thorough and comprehensive corporate program, by which responsibility is a reality, involving the commitment of each and every one of the members of the Group," comments Anthony Chalhoub, Joint CEO of the Chalhoub Group.



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¹ Kuwait: Kuwait Environment Protection Society, Qatar: Friends of the Environment Centre, Bahrain: Youth & Environment Society, Egypt: Arab Office For Youth & Environment, UAE: Emirates Environment Group



"To give back to this community is not only our social duty, but also the most inspiring way to unite our teams on causes and values in which we all believe, as they bring about the improvement of our quality of life" said Patrick Chalhoub, Joint CEO of the Chalhoub Group.

Millie Tsai, General Manager of Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre said: *"As one of DUCTAC's founder patrons, the Chalhoub Group have provided invaluable support for the arts and share DUCTAC's commitment to provide artistic opportunities for the community. We are immensely proud to be working with them on this project to raise awareness for World Environment Day."*


'Chalhoub IMPACT' aims to make a positive difference on Arts & Culture, Education and the Environment by developing and supporting projects, strategic partnerships as well as the promotion of community participation within its teams.

About the Chalhoub Group

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 300 retail outlets - an appreciation of quality, excellence and luxury are the cornerstones of the Chalhoub Group. For more information, please visit <http://www.chalhoub-group.com/>

About DUCTAC

Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre is the first modern, non profit, cross-community multi-art form creative centre in the Gulf. The Centre was officially opened on 1 November 2006 by Honorary Patron HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, wife of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. Located on Level 2 of Mall of the Emirates, the Centre occupies around 80,000 square feet and includes a 543-seat theatre, 200-seat studio theatre, art gallery, dance studios, rehearsal rooms, artists' studios, classrooms, mosaic and pottery workshops, and food and beverage facilities. Also on site is the Centre For Musical Arts, The Old Library and Arts Materials Shop. The Centre is host to some 100 classes a week, local, national and international shows, artists, productions and performances. Facilities are available for hire performances, seminars, workshops and presentations.



Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre does not receive any funding. It relies on the generous support of sponsors and patrons and on income generated through the hire of its facilities. The Centre is currently fundraising to support its artistic programme, educational and outreach work.

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