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Art Dubai 2009 to coincide with the Sharjah Biennial: 18-21 March 2009

September 2008: The third edition of Art Dubai will take place at the Madinat Arena Jumeirah Resort in Dubai from 18-21 March 2009. Now the largest event of its kind in the Middle East, Art Dubai has quickly established itself as a fair of international importance, attracting both established international galleries as well as the best emerging galleries from the Middle East and South Asia. As the scale and quality of the Gulf's cultural projects become more apparent, Art Dubai's significance within the region and internationally, becomes ever greater.

With the opening of the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha last November, and the Sharjah Biennale opening on March 16, Art Dubai has collaborated on an international visitor programme that will provide opportunities to experience the depth and diversity of cultural projects now underway in the Gulf region. One of the highlights of the 2009 fair will be the unveiling of the works created by the finalists of the Abraaj Capital Art Prize, one of the world's most generous art prizes. Also on the calendar is the much anticipated Global Art Forum, which gathers leading collectors, curators, writers and artists for three days of panel discussions, interviews and debate.

In Partnership With:



START is the official CSR programme of Art Dubai. For more information, visit www.startworld.org

Deyaar ensures Dubai's patronage of cultural heritage by further enriching it through promoting partnership between art, culture and the community. With this perspective Deyaar is sponsoring an internship Scheme for students in UAE to gain experience from Art Dubai.

Notes to the Editors:

Contemparabia is a joint initiative of the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage (ADACH); Art Dubai; the Sharjah Biennial; and the Qatar Museums Authority. Taking place from 15 to 21 March 2009, Contemparabia comprises a cultural and geographical excursion which is designed with one specific aim in mind: to focus regional as well as international attention on the outstanding quality and diversity of cultural projects underway in the Gulf.

The programme includes chosen visits to Doha (the Museum of Islamic Art and special tours); Dubai (the Global Art Forum, Art Dubai, the exhibition of the Abraaj Capital Art Prize finalists' works on Fort Island and Dubai's famed gallery district); Sharjah (the Sharjah Biennial 9) and Abu Dhabi. www.contemparabia.com

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