

Official Opening of Major Art Exhibition in Qatar



H.E. Sheikh Hassan Bin Mohammed Bin Ali Al Thani, Deputy Chairman of the Qatar Museums Authority officially opened the exhibition of important 19th and 20th century Impressionist and Orientalist art on Monday 29th October at the Four Seasons Hotel. The V.I.P. evening was hosted by Chase Untermeyer, Vice Chairman of StratREAL Asset Management (USA) INC and former US Ambassador to the State of Qatar and his wife, Diana Untermeyer.

150 guests attended the V.I.P. event to view paintings featuring significant equestrian and Islamic subjects. Sponsored by Strategic Real Estate Advisors Limited (StratREAL) and Ansbacher, a member of the QNB Group, the collection comprised of 40 works of art and sculpture worth over \$50 million, which was brought to Doha from London exclusively for this event. It included works by leading Orientalist painters Rudolf Ernst, John Singer Sargent and Edwin Lord Weeks, as well as some of the most famous artists of the twentieth century, James Tissot and Pablo Picasso.

The Exhibition was the first of its kind to be held in Qatar. The collection was displayed on a spectacular panelled backdrop that created the feeling of an old traditional English library. It was held in association with Macintyre Art Advisory Ltd, Mount Street Galleries Ltd, Derek Johns Ltd and Martin Summers Fine Art Ltd. The paintings have now returned to London and can be purchased there.

Chase Untermeyer, Vice Chairman, StratREAL Asset Management (USA) INC comments:

"This would be an important exhibition of art in any capital of the world and we are particularly proud to have been able to hold it here in Doha, where so much of the world is coming to see the dynamic growth of Qatar."

Yusuf Ahmed, the renowned Qatari artist, comments:

"This was a good opportunity for us in Qatar to have an exhibition of this kind and it has reminded

me of when Sheikh Hassan and I established an Orientalist museum in Qatar. The names of the artists in this exhibition are very well known and it offered Qatari society and artists the chance to come and study the techniques used by Western artists to depict the Eastern light."

Helen Macintyre, Managing Director at Macintyre Art Advisory Ltd, representing the London galleries comments:

"It was a great honour that so many distinguished Qataris attended the event which presented a unique opportunity to showcase our collection of exceptional works of art to such a culturally appreciative audience. We hope this will be the first of many.

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