



CHALHOUB GROUP MOURNS WITH THE CHALHOUB FAMILY AND CELEBRATES THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF MICHEL CHALHOUB WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO CREATE AN IMPACT AND MAKE A CHANGE.

Michel Chalhoub, founder and chairman of the Chalhoub Group passed away on July 30th 2021 at the age of 89.

Born in Damascus in 1931, Michel Chalhoub was an exceptional visionary, a pioneer, a passionate entrepreneur, and an inspirational leader. It was in 1955 that Michel Chalhoub founded the Chalhoub Group in Damascus, with his wife Widad, by opening the first Christofle boutique at the age of 23. Through strong partnerships with many prestigious brands in the Middle East, the Group soon became the ambassador of luxury in the Middle East.

Nicknamed the “Wandering President”, he was convinced since the 1950s of the growth potential of the Gulf and worked hard to establish the Group’s business, operating in different categories and countries.

Michel Chalhoub had to face major crises during his career while running the business in a turbulent region. He moved from Syria to Lebanon to Kuwait and then Dubai and operated during unprecedented periods of war and instability. He was always able to react to changing environments with speed and agility to rebuild the Group and make it even stronger.

Michel Chalhoub drove the Group’s growth until the early 2000s when he became a Chairman, handing over the Group’s management to his two sons, the late Anthony Chalhoub and Patrick Chalhoub.

In recognition of his endeavor to promote the French art-de-vivre culture and language, Michel Chalhoub was appointed Officier de la Legion d’Honneur, the highest French distinction, and Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite, an official honor awarded by the French government. He was also awarded Commandeur de l’Ordre de Saint-Grégoire le Grand et de la Sainte Croix de Jérusalem.

“My father was a visionary, a pioneer, a true leader, a great man that pushed us to be what we are today. He was resilient, inspiring, passionate. He was a family man, generous, loving, caring, kind, and an example of courage and integrity. He was my role model and inspiration. We will forever be grateful for all that he has done and, along with our children and teams, we will honor his memory with our lifetime commitment to continue building on his legacy”, expressed Patrick Chalhoub, President of Chalhoub Group

Michel Chalhoub was a unique passionate man, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

Our thoughts go out to the Chalhoub family, friends and all those feeling the pain and heartbreak we are currently experiencing.

May his soul rest in peace.

ABOUT CHALHOUB GROUP

The Chalhoub Group is the leading partner for luxury across the Middle East since 1955. As an expert in retail, distribution and marketing services based in Dubai, the Group has become a major player in the beauty, fashion and gift sectors regionally.

By blending its expertise of the Middle East and intimate knowledge of luxury, the Chalhoub Group is building brands in the region by offering service excellence to all its partners and a unique experience to its customers. The Group is moving fast from a traditional distributor and retailer for luxury to a hybrid retailer bringing luxury experiences to the fingertips of customers everywhere.

With a growing workforce of more than 12,000 people, in 14 countries, as well as operating over 700 retail stores, the Group's success comes from its most valued asset: highly skilled and dedicated teams. Professionalism and passion are what fuel the Chalhoub Group's competitive edge in today's market.

By being committed to implementing further sustainable practices into their business, the Chalhoub Group is a member of the United Nations Global Compact Community, signatory of the Women's Empowerment Principles and was awarded its seventh CSR Label from the Dubai Chamber of Commerce.

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