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Phillips and the Lebanese International Finance Executives (LIFE) Present

BEYOND: Modern and Contemporary

Lebanese Art and Design

A Preview Exhibition at 30 Berkeley Square

Followed by a Gala Dinner and Charity Auction at the Guildhall

LONDON – 9 OCTOBER 2019 – Phillips and the Lebanese International Finance Executives (LIFE) are pleased to present *BEYOND: Modern and Contemporary Lebanese Art and Design*, an exhibition in celebration of LIFE's 10th anniversary that will culminate with a Gala dinner and charity auction. BEYOND showcases some of the greatest achievements in modern and contemporary Lebanese art and design, including works by 200Grs., Ayman Baalbaki, Nada Debs, Khaled El Mays, Joana Hadjithomas & Khalil Joreige, Mona Hatoum, Lamia Joreige, Mary-Lynn Massoud and Rasha Nawam, Georges Mohasseb, Nabil Nahas and Akram Zaatari. The preview exhibition will open to the public at Phillips' Berkeley Square galleries from 8-16 November, followed by the Gala dinner and charity auction at the Guildhall on 16 November. **Nadine Massoud, CEO of LIFE,** said: "This exhibition was conceived for the occasion of LIFE's 10th anniversary in order to showcase the richness and diversity of Lebanon's creative landscape. BEYOND is a testament to the multicultural Lebanese identity. We are delighted to partner with Phillips for this unique exhibition and are grateful to them for their support."

On the exhibition **Curators Elena Geuna and Zeina Raphael** jointly said: "A celebration of Lebanon's creativity, BEYOND brings together 80 artists and designers working across a variety of media. Through painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, design, fashion, and jewellery, this exhibition offers a vivid and diverse portrayal of the Lebanese cultural landscape. Combining traditional techniques and daring innovation, the works presented here seamlessly weave together the country's history with a wide and diverse range of personal narratives, emphasising the role of art within a society's understanding of itself."

Cheyenne Westphal, Global Chairwoman, and **Yassaman Ali, Client Advisory Director, Phillips,** jointly said: "We are proud to be partnering with LIFE, a unique initiative that encourages support and nurturing for the future generation of Lebanese internationals. We look forward to further collaborating with the Lebanese artistic community and diaspora, and are very excited to showcase such a broad spectrum of Lebanese contemporary creativity and talent with *BEYOND: Modern and Contemporary Lebanese Art and Design*. These exceptional works that have been so generously donated by the participating artists and designers are set to transform our London galleries on Berkeley Square." Proceeds from the sale of the works will benefit LIFE Generation, the charity arm of LIFE that runs a scholarship programme providing financial aid and mentoring to Lebanese students in universities around the world. Throughout the past decade, the LIFE Gala dinner has become a focal point for the global Lebanese finance community, providing a platform to come together in celebration of shared achievements and to express its solidarity through fundraising which benefits the education of Lebanese students aiming to pursue a career in Finance.

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Exhibition: 8-16 November 2019

Location: 30 Berkeley Square, London

LIFE Gala Dinner: 16 November 2019

Location: Guildhall, Basinghall St, London

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ABOUT LIFE

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CONNECT: Establish stronger bonds among Lebanese finance executives

NURTURE: Help the next generation succeed in the field of finance

PROMOTE: Act as the bridge between LIFE and Lebanon's public and private sectors, channeling LIFE's expertise and influence towards the development of the Lebanese economy.

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