

**Union National Bank and Dubai's Renowned Artspace Gallery Proudly Present "Dialogue,"  
a solo show by artist Alyazia Nahyan Al Nahyan**

*A diverse and moving exhibition of contemporary works by Alyazia Nahyan Al Nahyan*

**Dubai December 2011** - Union National Bank recently sponsored "Dialogue" art exhibition organized by Artspace, in partnership with Anasy Media Production. The exhibition showcases an innovative selection of artworks by the Emirati artist "Alyazia Nahyan Al Nahyan" from 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011.

Alyazia Bint Nahyan is a renowned artist introducing a new approach to classical art by incorporating unconventional touches. A number of her paintings symbolize topics that reflect her interest in UAE's history and heritage. Alyazia uses materials from the UAE environment to convey expressive messages and ideas. A main feature of her paintings is the artistic depth.

Mr. Mohammad Ali SVP & Head of UNB Group Communications & Strategic Relations at UNB said "Being a national institution, it is our pleasure to support this art exhibition as we are always keen on encouraging local talents and focusing on cultural projects that enrich the national identity and support the young generations. National Art exhibitions are considered an opportunity for young UAE nationals to express their artistic skills, opening new horizons for them and enhancing their progress that eventually contributes to the development of the country and reflects the UAE's rich culture

Mrs. Alyazia Bint Nahyan introduced a new approach to classical art by incorporating unconventional touches. A number of her paintings symbolize topics that reflect the interest in the history and heritage of the United Arab Emirates. Mrs. Alyazia uses materials from the UAE environment to convey expressive messages and ideas. A main feature of her paintings is the artistic depth. She has won the Sheikha Latifa Bint Mohammed Bin Rashid Award for Child Creativity and has participated in a donation campaign for the victims of Pakistan Earthquake which was held at the cultural foundation. Mrs. Alyazia has also participated in the "Emirati Expressions" exhibition in 2009 and in the "39 Artists" exhibition held by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community development on the 39<sup>th</sup> national day in 2010.

As mentioned in the artist's statement, "What do we base our judgments on? The series, *Parts of the Story*, focuses on the missing part of all stories. To judge we must have the whole picture. In the *Dialogue* series, Tools of dialogue are examined. Whether they are clear or not, we always have and will find ways to communicate."

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Exhibition opening:

A reception will be held at Artspace, located in The Gate Village, DIFC, from 11:00 am on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2011, as well as on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, for a ladies day reception. The e-invitation is attached.

Media is welcome from 10.30 AM on both days (18<sup>th</sup> of December and 20<sup>th</sup> of December).

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## **Notes to Editor**

### About Artspace Gallery:

Launched in May 2003 at the Fairmont Dubai, Artspace Gallery invited Dubai and the region to acquaint themselves with Contemporary Middle Eastern Art. Having dedicated the past five years to promoting and establishing Contemporary Middle Eastern artists in the region, Artspace Gallery now boasts a portfolio of over 20 artists, and is located in the art district at The Gate Village, DIFC.

For more information and location:

Visit [www.artspace-dubai.com](http://www.artspace-dubai.com) or call +9714 3230820

### About Union National Bank:

Union National Bank (UNB) is a public joint stock company incorporated under the laws of the United Arab Emirates in 1982. UNB is the only bank in the UAE with significant shareholdings by the Governments of both Abu Dhabi (50%) and Dubai (10%). The remaining 40% of the shares are publicly held. The shares of UNB are listed on Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange.

UNB operates through a wide network of branches and ATMs throughout the UAE. UNB has extended its reach to Egypt through a successful acquisition of the erstwhile ACMB and currently operates in the country as UNB Egypt through a number of banking centres. It has ventured into Doha with a branch at the Qatar Financial Centre and has also opened a representative office in Shanghai China, being the first bank from the region to do so. In 2011, UNB also received a license to operate in Kuwait.

UNB has two other subsidiaries. Union Brokerage Company (UBC) provides brokerage services for clients at the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, Dubai Financial Market. Al Wifaq Finance Company (AWFC) offers Shari'a compliant products and services to the growing Islamic banking market.

In its quest for excellence, UNB has adopted the Total Quality Management concepts and systems and business excellence framework. In the process it has received several prestigious accolades and third party validations. The Sheikh Khalifa Excellence Award (SKEA) received in 2002 was followed by SKEA Gold in 2005 and again in 2009, thereby becoming the only organisation to have won the SKEA Gold twice. UNB is also a winner of the prestigious Dubai Quality Award in 2006 and 2009 as well as the MRM Business Award in 2009. In 2010 UNB received the Bank of the Year award at the 2010 Arabian Business Achievements award. In addition, the UNB CEO received the CEO of the Year Award at the CEO Middle East Awards 2010, Banking Category. UNB also received the Superbrand Status in the UAE for the year 2011. In 2011 UNB has become the first financial institution in the world to be certified by M/s Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) Ltd. to the Integrated Management System (IMS) comprising of three standards, ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001. In 2011 UNB won the coveted *People's Choice Stevie Award For Favourite Companies* in the Financial Services category and was also recognized as a Distinguished Honoree in

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two categories of the International Business Awards namely, *Company of the year Financial Services* and UNB CEO Mr Mohammad Nasr Abdeen as *Executive of the Year Financial Services*.

UNB was the first bank of its size in the Middle East to be certified to ISO 9001 standards in 2002 for a complete range of banking services across the Head Office and Branches. The ISO 9001 certification has been successfully renewed in 2005 and again in 2008 with enhanced scope. In 2009, UNB's ISO 9001 certification has been upgraded to the 2008 version becoming the first bank in the region to receive this certification from M/s Lloyds Register Quality Assurance.

UNB is fully prepared to comply with the UAE Central Bank's guideline and timeframe for the Basel II implementation.

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