

## In memoriam: Anthony Chalhoub

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Chalhoub Group's Anthony Chalhoub

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Chalhoub Group's Anthony Chalhoub.

Hibah Noor, Editor-in-Chief of *Gulf-Africa Duty Free* magazine, recalls: "At the beginning of my 12-year career in duty free, I remember feeling very nervous when I was asked to interview the owner of Chalhoub Group. My worries melted away when I was greeted with the kindest soul who truly made one of my first interviews memorable. He left me wondering if I'd meet more people like him during my journey in the industry.

"Over the years, I had the privilege of interviewing Anthony numerous times about his business and during his time as President of what was then called the MEDFA organization.

"I will always remember his kind, humble and friendly aura. He was a great contributor to our

industry.”

We offer our condolences to his family, who together built a billion-dollar fashion and beauty conglomerate.

Aijaz Khan, Publisher, *Gulf-Africa Duty Free* magazine, says: "Anthony was a great man. We worked together from the early years in my career when I had first entered the duty free arena, back in the '90s. The industry will miss him dearly. May his heart and soul find peace."

Dubai-based Chalhoub Group operates 280 fashion and cosmetics lines across the Middle East. The group also operates 600 stores for its own retail brands across the region, including Wojooh, Tanagra and Level, and has around 11,000 employees working across 14 countries.

Chalhoub Group was founded in Damascus, Syria in 1955 with Michel Chalhoub at the helm. Michel Chalhoub's sons Anthony and Patrick took over as co-CEOs in 2011.