

## EFG International announces new international art sponsorship

### **Zurich, 20 November 2008 – EFG International is to support a major international art exhibition and related cultural programs**

EFG International's business in the United States, EFG Capital International Corp, is to sponsor The Prisoner's Dilemma, an exhibition of art exploring responses to the exercise of power in contemporary life. The exhibition is being put on by the Cisneros Fontanals Art Foundation (CIFO), and will draw on works in the collection of international art patron, Ella Fontanals-Cisneros. Running from December 3, 2008 to March 01, 2009, the opening of the exhibition will coincide with international art fair Art Basel Miami Beach 2008.

Working closely with CIFO, EFG will specifically support, from 3rd-7th December, EFG Bank Breakfasts @ CIFO, which will enable participants to enjoy a world class exhibition as well as public programs covering topical issues in contemporary art.

Following The Prisoner's Dilemma, EFG will also sponsor the Latin American Tour of the CIFO 2009 Grants and Commissions Exhibition, which will include works by six emerging artists who received the CIFO Grant award and two mid-career artists who received the CIFO Commissions Award. The exhibition is set to travel to several major cities in Latin America during 2009.

Victor Echevarria, Chairman, EFG Capital International Corp:

- “EFG has a dynamic and growing business in the Americas, and a number of our clients have a keen interest in contemporary art. We admire the passion and connoisseurship of CIFO's founder, Ella Fontanals-Cisneros, and the support provided to emerging artists in Latin America. It is a pleasure for us to be able to partner with CIFO on both The Prisoner's Dilemma and Grants and Commissions exhibitions ”

Ella Fontanals-Cisneros:

- “The Prisoner's Dilemma exhibition will provide further proof of the richness and expansiveness of contemporary art, in that it offers us ever-changing, powerful, broad platforms for inspiration, for thinking, for debating ideas and for enjoyment. The support of EFG is invaluable, and I am thrilled that its sponsorship is enabling the Grants and Commissions Exhibition to go on tour for the first time, reaching out to a broad constituency in a number of cities in Latin America.”

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## **About the Cisneros Fontanals Art Foundation**

The Cisneros Fontanals Art Foundation was founded by Ella Fontanals-Cisneros and her family to support artists who are exploring new directions in contemporary art. It seeks to foster cultural understanding and educational exchange through three primary initiatives: Grants and Commissions Programs for emerging and mid-career visual artists from Latin America; an exhibitions program showcasing work by Latin American artists and international contemporary art from the Ella Fontanals-Cisneros Collection at CIFO Art Space; and foundation-initiated support for other arts and culture projects.

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