

Galerie Gmurzynska Celebrates Johnny Pigozzi's *Charles and Saatchi*



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Paris Hilton and Jean Pigozzi

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The Italian automotive heir Johnny Pigozzi is in so many ways larger than life. His personal art collection includes quite possibly the most impressive assortment of contemporary sub-Saharan African works around (not to mention pieces by Cindy Sherman, Francesco Clemente, and many others); he has homes all over the world; and his own photographs are lively, intimate extensions of his colorful being. They often portray his famous friends—Jack Nicholson and Bono lounging at his pool in Cap d’Antibes, Elle Macpherson taking a dip, Andy Warhol, Elton John, Mick Jagger, and others. This week, Pigozzi releases a new set of works with Galerie Gmurzynska. The latest subjects of interest? The artist’s dogs, Charles and Saatchi. “I took pictures of them having fun,” Pigozzi said. “They look very violent, but they’re not.”

The gallery celebrated the works in the penthouse of the Faena in Miami last night. Guests including Isabelle Bscher, the young curator behind many of the gallery’s more contemporary shows, helped themselves to Champagne and cocktails in the Baz Luhrmann–designed suite.



Isabelle Bscher and Johnny Pigozzi



Paris Hilton



Brendan Fallis and Hannah Bronfman



Maria Baibakova



Lisa Sayfie, Christina Getty, and Vanessa Getty



DJ Henri