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Chanel wins Walpole Award sponsored by McArthurGlen

McArthurGlen Group, Europe's leading owner, developer and manager of designer outlet villages, presented the International Luxury Brand Award at the Walpole Awards for Excellence 2008 held in London in November.

The award, sponsored by the Group, was presented to French luxury brand Chanel, represented by Olivier Nicolay, the UK Managing Director of Chanel. There were seven award winners in all at the glittering event organized by Walpole, the non-profit association representing the British luxury industry.

McArthurGlen became a Corporate Partner of Walpole as of 1 November, with The Group's relationship led by Julia Calabrese, Chief Executive Officer of McArthurGlen UK Ltd, and Nicky Lovell, our Head of Client Management. Core Members of Walpole include more than a hundred of Britain's most prestigious companies, such as Burberry, Dunhill, Asprey and Jimmy Choo.

The judges for the International Luxury Brand Award included: Gillian De Bono (FT's *How to Spend It* magazine); Stephen Alden (Maybourne Hotel Group); Armando Branchini, Altagamma, the Italian luxury association of which McArthurGlen is a Supporting Member; Clive Christian of Clive Christian Perfume; Elisabeth Ponsolle des Portes of Comité Colbert, the French luxury association; and Sarah Elton of Walpole.

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Julia Calabrese added: "McArthurGlen's membership of Walpole is a natural progression of our role as Europe's leading specialist of designer outlet villages, with many top luxury brands among the more than 750 brand partners that we have in our 17 villages across Europe.

"Brands, with luxury names being no exception, are increasingly looking at outlets as a distribution channel that can help them to improve their balance sheets, while at the

same time we are looking to bring in more top-end brands to our UK centres, in particular to our flagship Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet.”

Other award-winners at the Walpole Awards for Excellence 2008 were: Goodwood (British Luxury Brand); Bremont Watch Company (Emerging Luxury Brand); Ian Callum for Jaguar (British Luxury Design Talent); British Cultural Excellence (BBC Proms); British Luxury Overseas (Alfred Dunhill); and British Luxury Brand On-Line (Net-a-Porter). Dame Vivienne Westwood was presented with the Medal of Excellence.

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