

Sat, November 21, 2009, Singapore

Search **GO**

Newspaper Sections ▼

Log In

UserID

Password
 GO

[Register](#) | [Activate](#)
[Forgot Password?](#)

[Click here to turn on 'Remember me'](#)

Market Report

ST Index (Real-time)

2,761.54 ▲2.75

Fri, Nov 20, 2009, 18:58

Regional Indices

KLCI	1,276.98	+0.33
HSI	22,455.84	-187.32
NIKKEI	9,497.68	-51.79

US Indices

Dow	10,318.16	-14.28
Nasdaq	2,146.04	-10.78
S&P	1,091.38	-3.52

Friday Closing

Stock Report

Singapore: Main themes from banks and US\$ carry trades

US: Stocks dip as investors fret about recovery

News

[Breaking News](#)

[Print Edition Headlines](#)

Commentary

[Hock Lock Siew](#)

[Editorial & Opinion](#)

Financial Markets

[Stocks](#)

[Stock Picks](#)

[IPO Watch](#)

[FX/Money Markets](#)

[Funds/Unit Trusts](#)

[Derivatives](#)

[Commodities](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Tools](#)

Specials

Singapore

Published November 21, 2009

S'pore-based firm to advise Obama portrait artist on private deal

IT is the only portrait of US President Barack Obama that he has signed, and Singapore-based boutique investment banking advisory firm DeConseil Pte Ltd has been tasked to exclusively advise the artist behind the painting on a private art deal.

Email this article

Print article

Feedback

SHARE



YES, WE CAN
Done by artist Gilbert Young, the painting is a dual portrait of Mr Obama. It is drawn using a mix of oil, pen and pencil, and depicts the hope people have of him to bring about change

Done by artist Gilbert Young - known for his art piece He ain't heavy - the painting is a dual portrait of Mr Obama. It is drawn using a mix of oil, pen and pencil, and depicts the hope people have of him to bring about change.

The work was presented to the president at the annual National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in July last year before Mr Obama entered the White House. He liked it so much that he gave

the painting his mark of approval by signing on it.

'You've made me look good,' he said to Mr Young at the convention.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Young said: 'When I handed my (name) card to President Obama, he said he knew my work and it was all worth it. He told the crowd that I was a legend. I felt I received the greatest honour of my artistic life.'

Gaurav Shah, chief executive and managing director of DeConseil, said that DeConseil will first look at gathering interest from the public and 'if there is a pressing need, we will bring the original art work to Singapore.

'Otherwise, we will bring a full-sized giclee print for showcasing. Currently, we have a sample lithograph of 24 x 28 inches in Singapore, if someone wants to have a look at it.'

DeConseil will also do a soft launch of a Mr Young Fan Club some time around next February, he said.

Related Headlines

CURRENT STORIES

- ▶ Obama's jobs figures don't add up
- ▶ Obama's state dinner with Indian PM a top-secret affair

ARCHIVED STORIES

- ▶ US fears EAC even before it takes off
- ▶ Obama to allay carmaker fears over Korea FTA
- ▶ Obama, S Korea's Lee urge North to end provocation
- ▶ Obama announces jobs forum date, economic tour
- ▶ What's in a name? Spelling Obama in Chinese not easy task
- ▶ Obama says Washington not trying to contain China
- ▶ Release Suu Kyi, Obama tells Myanmar leader
- ▶ Obama offers Myanmar better ties if it reforms
- ▶ Update: Obama pushes for greater US involvement in Asia
- ▶ Developing nations must cut greenhouse gases: Obama
- ▶ Obama world must pursue balanced economic growth
- ▶ US, Japan are 'equal partners'