

Altria Group is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor of the most important exhibit in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' history: *Picasso: Masterpieces from the Museé National Picasso, Paris.* 

"We are extremely pleased to be partnering with the VMFA to bring such a significant art exhibition to our Richmond headquarters community," said Nancy Brennan Lund, senior vice president of Marketing and a director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Foundation.

Marty Barrington, vice chairman of Altria and VMFA trustee, observed, "With the Picasso exhibition, VMFA continues to realize its vision of world-class quality that will make Richmond a leading destination for fine art in the United States. Altria is pleased to support this exhibition, as well as other exhibitions through 2012-13, which will enrich our Richmond community in many ways."

Altria and its companies have partnered with VMFA for nearly 50 years, including supporting its recent expansion that transformed the Museum into a world-class facility. This support continues an Altria tradition of sponsoring major exhibits, bringing educational programs to patrons and contributing to campaigns that have made VMFA one of the nation's top art museums.

Altria and its companies believe that investing in leading arts and cultural organizations in its key communities helps create vibrant and engaging communities. Altria focuses much of its support on select major exhibition sponsorships that bring thought-provoking, world-class cultural experiences to its communities. And it champions organizations that inspire and reflect the qualities it values in its business operations – creativity, diversity, excellence and innovation.

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