

# CHARLES KHABOUTH

## CHAIRMAN, ICONINK

Charles Khabouth, founder and Principal of INK Entertainment, has been a recognized entrepreneur, visionary and fashion icon in the Canadian nightlife scene since the early 1980's with Toronto's groundbreaking Club Z and legendary nightclub Stilife. His risky out-of-the-box ideas and determined point of view have set the foundation and fueled the aspiration for a thriving lifestyle industry in Canada. While his stand-alone enterprises continue to be hugely successful, Charles is hot on the heels of the current trend in hospitality to lean toward more multifaceted complexes that combine dining, nightlife, and accommodation in one-stop venues.

Called the "King of Ambience" by his peers, Charles has few equals who share his talent for creating such aesthetic visions out of wood, steel, cement, leather, glass and lighting. Charles has a penchant for all forms of design and a profound desire to put Toronto on the global radar. He has worked with celebrated Canadian designers Yabu Pushelberg and most recently Studio Munge to push the boundaries of elegance and edge in interior decor.

While his list of partners includes the likes of Loews Hotels & Resorts, Icon Legacy Hospitality, Lifetime Development, The Beatles and Cirque du Soleil, Charles has brought a strategic and trailblazing philosophy to an otherwise stereotyped industry. This has earned him a revered spot amongst Canada's elite as a transformer that has changed the face of entertainment and built INK Entertainment into one of the country's most reputable companies.

Pushing the envelope whenever he can, Charles has the keen intuition of giving the people what they want, even before they know it themselves.