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## A PERFECT 62.30 CARAT D COLOUR, FLAWLESS, PEAR-SHAPED DIAMOND, SUPERB STONES and IMPORTANT JEWELS

### JEWELS: THE GENEVA SALE

Wednesday 18 November - 4pm to 6.30pm

Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues

Christie's is honoured to announce the sale of a **perfect 62.30 carat D colour, Flawless, pear-shaped diamond** which will lead the auction of magnificent jewels in Geneva on November 18. An extraordinary gem of excellent polish and symmetry, this diamond exemplifies the best criteria of the 4 C's: Colour, Clarity, Cut and Carat. It is one of the most important D colour Flawless diamonds to be offered at auction in many years (estimate on request, *illustrated top right*).



**Jean-Marc Lunel, Head of the Sale:** *"With a beautiful selection of 215 carefully chosen lots, Christie's fall auction of magnificent jewels in Geneva reflects the current demand for fine quality gemstones and signed vintage jewellery, presented with attractive estimates. An emphasis has been placed on items with a private provenance, which are fresh to the market and traditionally appeal to both professionals and international private collectors. Highlighting the sale is a perfect 62.30 carat pear-shaped diamond. It is one of the most important D colour, Flawless diamonds to be offered at auction in many years."*

### SUPERB COLOURED DIAMONDS



Among the most sought after coloured diamonds in this sale are a **magnificent 65.20 carat fancy intense yellow cushion-shaped diamond pendant** (estimate: SFr.850,000-1,250,000, *illustrated left*) and a **rare 4.42 carat fancy intense green square-cut diamond** (estimate: SFr.680,000-900,000, *illustrated below right*), each of which is a collectors' gem. Completely fresh to the market are also a **superb 3.30 carat fancy intense blue diamond** of potentially Flawless clarity, set in a twin stone ring together with an important E colour diamond of 3.90 carats (estimate: SFr.500,000-650,000, *illustrated above right*) and a fancy vivid, fancy intense and fancy blue diamond clasp (estimate: SFr.380,000-480,000),

both with a private provenance. Also featured is the largest recorded 19.13 carat fancy greyish yellowish green "chameleon" briolette-cut diamond in the world, mounted as a pendant (estimate: SFr.420,000-630,000).



## GEMSTONES



Coloured gemstones are well represented by a **sensational 7.03 carat oval-shaped Burmese ruby** of vibrant red colour set in a diamond cluster ring by Laurence Graff (estimate: SFr.750,000-1,100,000, *illustrated left*), and an **impressive 12.79 carat Colombian emerald** and diamond ring (estimate: SFr.400,000-500,000, *illustrated right*).



## DAZZLING DECO



In the unusual shape of a flower vase, a **sophisticated onyx and diamond pendant necklace made by Cartier** in 1914 is a superb example of the black and white geometric style of early Art Deco creations (estimate: SFr.50,000-65,000, *illustrated left*). Purchased at Cartier by the famous art collector Calouste Gulbenkian, who had a passion for jewellery, this pendant (transformed from the original brooch in the 1920s) was owned by another great philanthropist: the English racehorse owner Washington Singer.

Among other jewels dated from the same decade is an **exceptional Art Deco diamond sautoir** by famous American jeweller **J.E. Caldwell**, which is featured with an estimate of SFr.480,000-580,000 (*illustrated right*).

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#### AUCTION

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#### VIEWINGS

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15	10am-7pm
Monday 16 & Tuesday 17	10am-6pm
Wednesday 18	10am-2pm



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