

CHRISTIE'S

Magnificent Jewels & The Archduke Joseph Diamond

Geneva, 13 November 2012, Sale #1393

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

| 292 lots sold | | Total: SFr.80,615,930 / \$85,049,810 / €66,911,221 | | 84% sold by lot |
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| 348 lots offered | | SFr.1=\$1.055 / SFr.1=€0.83 | | 86% sold by value |
| Lot | Description | Estimate (SFr.) | Price Realized | Buyer |
| 350 | THE ARCHDUKE JOSEPH DIAMOND | On Request | SFr. 20,355,000 | Anonymous |
| | A cushion-shaped D colour internally flawless Golconda diamond of 76.02 cts \$280,000 per ct | | \$21,474,525 | |
| | WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A COLOURLESS DIAMOND | | €16,894,650 | |
| | WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A COLOURLESS GOLCONDA DIAMOND WORLD AUCTION RECORD PRICE PER CARAT FOR A COLOURLESS DIAMOND | | | |
| 233 | A shield-shaped fancy intense blue SI1 diamond brooch of 3.33 cts, by Wartski \$740,000 per ct | 950,000-1,400,000 | SFr. 2,339,000 \$2,467,645 €1,941,370 | European Trade |
| 236 | A pair of cushion-shaped Burmese ruby ear pendants of 7.94 and 7.22 cts by BVLGARI \$139,000 per ct | 290,000-480,000 | SFr. 2,003,000 \$2,113,165 €1,662,490 | US Trade |
| 259 | A brilliant cut G VVS1 diamond of 25.28 cts \$83,400 per ct | 2,100,000-2,400,000 | SFr. 2,000,440 \$2,110,468 €1,660,365 | Asian Trade |
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| 323 | A cushion-shaped Kashmir sapphire of 30.07 carats \$61,000 per ct | 1,450,000-1,900,000 | SFr. 1,763,000 \$1,859,965 €1,463,290 | European Private |
| 349 | An octagonal-cut Ceylon sapphire brooch of 60.44 cts \$26,000 per ct WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A CEYLON SAPPHIRE | 360,000-480,000 | SFr. 1,763,000 \$1,859,965 €1,463,290 | David Morris |
| 342 | A pear-shaped D colour VVS2 diamond of 21.85 cts \$79,700 per ct | 1,200,000-1,800,000 | SFr. 1,651,000 \$1,741,805 €1,370,330 | US Private |
| 215 | A brilliant-cut D colour VVS1 diamond ring of 12.62 cts by Van Cleef & Arpels \$130,000 per ct | 1,200,000-1,900,000 | SFr. 1,555,000 \$1,640,525 €1,290,650 | Asian Private |
| 231 | An antique single-strand natural pearl and diamond necklace | 420,000-540,000 | SFr. 1,419,000 \$1,497,045 €1,177,770 | European Trade |

Rahul Kadakia, Head of Jewellery, Christie's Switzerland and the Americas:

"On November 13 the legendary 'Archduke Joseph Diamond' sold for US\$21,474,525 / SFr.20,355,000 (US\$280,000 per carat) at Christie's Geneva, setting a new world record for a colourless diamond at auction. Undoubtedly one of the rarest and most famous diamonds in the world, this magnificent gem combines an impressive size of 76 carats, perfect colour, and internally flawless clarity. Originating from the ancient Golconda mines in India, it was previously owned by the Archduke Joseph August of Austria (1872-1962). It was first sold at auction at Christie's Geneva in 1993 for \$6.5 million (\$10.1 million in today's money), which represents a 113% increase over a 19 year period".

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