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HANDBAGS AND ACCESSORIES A NEW SALE CATEGORY AT CHRISTIE'S PARIS 9th March 2015



A matte white Himalaya niloticus crocodile
Birkin 25 with palladium hardware
Hermès, 2014
Estimate: €40,000-50,000



A limited edition gris éléphant, marron foncé and
ficelle alligator, ostrich and lizard grand mariage
Birkin 35 with permabrass hardware
Hermès, 2013
Estimate: €35,000-45,000

Paris – Christie's France is pleased to announce a new category of sale for the year 2015. The new *Handbags and Accessories* sale will take place on March 9th during the famous Paris Fashion week. The sale will include exceptional vintage handbags and accessories from the famous Hermès French brand including Birkin, Kelly, Bollide, Constance and more. In addition to these extremely rare handbags, Christie's will offer other beautiful leather goods from other prestigious luxury brands such as Bottega Veneta, Chanel, Gucci, Louis Vuitton and more. This new sale is expected to realise €1,2 to €1,5 million.

Matt Rubinger, International director of the Handbags and Accessories department:

"We are very pleased to organise this new sale in Paris, not only an auction centre, but indisputably the fashion capital of the world. It did not take us long to decide where to have our next sale. Our biggest brands; Hermes, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, as well as so many others, are headquartered in France and collectors in this field from around the world consider it a privilege to travel to this amazing city to find special pieces. There are dealers, stores, and auctioneers in this field in Paris, it makes sense for Christie's to make its mark now, in a major way".

Sale: Monday 9th March, 2015 at 1pm.

Exhibition: From Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th March from 10 am to 6pm and Monday 9th from 10 am to 12noon.

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