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FRANÇOIS CURIEL APPOINTED CHAIRMAN EUROPE AND ASIA

LONDON - Christie's announces that François Curiel has been appointed Chairman Europe and Asia, reporting to Guillaume Cerutti, Chief Executive Officer. He will be relocating from Asia to Geneva and Paris at the beginning of the summer. In this new role François Curiel will help define and implement the firm's strategy in Europe and Asia, working closely with Christie's Global, European and Asian Presidents, focusing on serving Christie's most important collectors. He will continue as a member of the Executive Management Group and chair the Luxury Business Group.

François Curiel has been based in Hong Kong since 2010 as Chairman, Asia Pacific. During his tenure, Christie's has greatly expanded in the region including opening new offices in both Shanghai and Beijing, as well as launching sales in Mainland China. *"During his 45 years with Christie's, François has cultivated an extensive global network following his time living in all three regions and is one of the greatest ambassadors of our firm,"* commented Guillaume Cerutti. *"He leaves Asia having grown the business significantly by engaging a new generation of art collectors and encouraging Asian consignors and buyers to transact with Christie's on a global scale."*

"After 47 years at Christie's in the US, Europe, and Asia, I have enjoyed the great privilege of working with collectors and colleagues across the globe," said Francois Curiel. *"As I return to my base in Europe, I will visit Asia on a regular basis, and look forward to continuing to serve Christie's in this renewed capacity."*

Biography:

A French national, François Curiel is a leading figure in the international auction world, who began his career at Christie's in 1969 as an intern. A renowned jewellery specialist, he heads Christie's global Luxury division. Mr Curiel is a member of Christie's executive management group which oversees the firm's activity on a worldwide basis. Since 2010, he has been based in Hong Kong, following leadership positions in London, Madrid, New York, Geneva and Paris. Over the course of his career, he has conducted some of the world's most important auctions, presenting many legendary collections belonging to the Aga Khan, Princess Margaret, Elizabeth Taylor and Lily Safra. He was also one of the auctioneers for the sale of the record breaking Yves Saint-Laurent collection in 2009, held at the Grand Palais in Paris. Often described in the press as one of the greatest auctioneers of our time, he was awarded in 1996 the Antwerp Diamond Career Award by Diamond High Council in Belgium; this honor is given to fewer than ten individuals in the world. In 2016, he was promoted to the rank of Commander of the French Legion of Honor.

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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction, private and digital sales in 2016 that totalled £4 billion / \$5.4 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Christie's offers around 350 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery.

Christie's has a global presence in 46 countries, with 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

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