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The **first** of Christie's auctions of
BEYOND BOUNDARIES
Magnificent Jewels from a European Collection
On 13 November at Christie's Geneva

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New auction record for any piece of
Art Nouveau jewellery



Geneva – On 13 November, *Magnificent Jewels from a European Collection*, the first of 10 auctions featuring property from the *Beyond Boundaries* collection, realised CHF12,354,375/ \$12,430,343/ €10,654,581, selling 100% by lot and by value. Every single one of the 110 lots sold above the pre-sale high estimate. This ground-breaking collection of Art Nouveau and Art Deco jewels sparked international interest, with extremely competitive bidding in the saleroom, on the telephones and online via Christie's LIVE™ with bidding from around the globe. Following the extensive international pre-sale tour including Paris, Shanghai, Hong Kong and London, the sale welcomed registered bidders from over 30 countries across 5 continents.

A new world auction record for any piece of Art Nouveau jewellery was achieved, alongside individual auction records for makers including René Lalique, Eugène Feuillâtre, Paul Brandt and Ostertag, marking a new era for this period of jewellery at auction.

Highlights of the sale included:

- An Art Nouveau brooch by René Lalique, the first lot of the sale, set the tone for the next four hours of bidding when it sold for CHF 212,500 / \$213,137, more than double the pre-sale estimate.
- The top lot of the auction was lot 45; an Art Nouveau pendent necklace by René Lalique, selling for CHF 972,500 / \$978,480 against a pre-sale estimate of CHF 90,000-130,000, and setting a new world auction record for any piece of Art Nouveau Jewellery as well as for a piece of Jewellery by Lalique.
- Another notable price was achieved for lot 72, an opal, diamond and enamel “Cedars” pendent necklace made in 1901 by Georges Fouquet, selling for CHF 480,500 / \$483,455.
- Much acclaimed was lot 22, a sapphire, enamel and diamond ring made *circa* 1900 by René Lalique sold for CHF225,000 / \$226,350 against a low pre-sale estimate of CHF30,000.
- The last lot of the sale – an important emerald, onyx and diamond pendant necklace made in 1925 by Georges Fouquet – was a fitting finale, the hammer came down under a round of applause at CHF 492,500 / \$495,528.

Christie’s New York will offer several works from to the Beyond Boundaries Collection later on 13 November, at 6.30pm EST in the *Impressionist and Modern Art Evening Sale*, including an early painting by Wassily Kandinsky, entitled *Improvisation mit Pferden*, executed in 1911.

Full auction schedule for the Beyond Boundaries Collection

Impressionist and Modern Art
Works on Paper and Day Sale
New York - 14 November

African and Oceanic Art
Paris - 22 November

Post War and Contemporary Art
Evening and both Day Sale sessions
New York - 15-16 November

Contemporary Art
Paris - 6 December

Design
Paris - 20 November

Modern Art, Works on paper sale
Paris - 22 March 2018

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

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