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Total: £562,896	Lots Offered: 182	Lots Sold: 153
\$10,59,933.20	Sold by Lot: 84%	Sold by £: 87%
€819,013.68	Sale No: 5651	Exchange Rate: \$1.883/€1.455

Top Lots

Lot	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
558	£84,000	\$158,172	€122,220	£80,000-120,000	European Collector
A particularly fine, complete and complex 16 th - Century German gilt-brass astronomical compendium					
587	£61,200	\$115,239.60	€89,046	£50,000-80,000	Anonymous
An exceptionally rare early 15 th century French brass medieval astrolabe.					
580	£54,000	\$101,682	€78,570	£6,000-8,000	UK Private
A unique early 18 th -century pear wood-mounted plane-table compass					

Comment: Tom Newth, Head of Scientific Instruments Department:

“The first Exceptional Scientific sale at Christie's South Kensington for 2005 saw strong results with competitive bidding from a large proportion of private buyers. We were particularly pleased with the price achieved for the unique early 18th-century pear wood-mounted plane-table compass (lot 580) which sold for more than six times its pre-sale estimate at £54,000. The eclectic William L Camp Jnr. Collection of eyewear was 100% sold with many pieces comfortably exceeding their pre-sale estimates.”