

London – Thursday, 10 April 2007 Sale no: 7572 – Top Ten [All sold prices include buyer's premium]

 Sold:
 £1,757,963
 \$3,468,461
 €2,190,422

 Lots Sold:
 Lots Offered:
 Sold by Lot: 53%
 Sold by £: 70%

 Exchange Rate £:=
 \$1.973 / €1.246
 \$1.246

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
208	A Kashan carpet, signed by Mohtasham, Central Persia, dated AH 1322/1904 AD	40,000-60,000	£156,500 \$308,774 €194,999	European Private
209	A Kashan 'Mohtasham' rug, Central Persia, <i>circa</i> 1880	20,000-25,000	£72,500 \$143,042 €90,335	European Private
101	A two panel "Holbein" rug, Central Anatolia, 16th/17th century	50,000-70,000	£54,500 \$107,528 €67,907	Middle Eastern Private
158	A pictorial Kirman carpet, by Muhammad Ibn Ja'far, South East Persia, <i>circa</i> 1900	20,000-25,000	£48,500 \$95,690 €60,431	Middle Eastern Private
100	A massive Ushak carpet, West Anatolia, early 17th century	40,000-60,000	£48,500 \$95,690 €60,431	Middle Eastern Private
274	An Ushak carpet, West Anatolia, <i>circa</i> 1890	15,000-20,000	£46,100 \$90,955 €57,440	European Private
159	A pictorial Kirman rug, designed by Fursat Shirazi, woven by Abu'l-qasem Kirmani, South East Persia, dated AH 1316/1898 AD	30,000-40,000	£43,700 \$86,220 €54,450	Middle Eastern Private
115	A compartment carpet, probably Damascus, Syria, second half 16th century	40,000-60,000	£43,700 \$86,220 €54,450	Middle Eastern Private
106	A West Anatolian Saf, probably Ushak, 17th/18th century	12,000-16,000	£42,500 \$83,852 €52,955	Middle Eastern Private
296	A large Tabriz carpet, North West Persia, airca 1890	35,000-50,000	£42,500 \$83,852 €52,955	UK Trade

## Comment: Louise Broadhurst, Head of Sale:

"Fierce bidding for rare pieces was the order of the day, seen both in the Christopher Alexander Collection of Ottoman and Turkish rugs as well as for some later 19<sup>th</sup> century decorative carpets. We are particularly pleased with the price realized for the signed Kashan Mohtasham' carpet which realized £,156,500. We look forward to the forthcoming Oriental Rugs and Carpets sale in New York, 3 June, which features an outstanding 17<sup>th</sup> century silk Isfahan rug from the Doris Duke Collection and the Newport Restoration Foundation (estimate: \$1,000,000-1,500,000)."

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Next Sale Date: The next Oriental Rugs and Carpets sale is at Christie's New York, 3 June 2008.