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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Important Watches

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Sold: HK\$68,027,960	Lots offered: 537	Lots sold: 478	HK\$1=US\$0.13
US\$8,843,635	Sold by lot: 89%	Sold by HK\$: 88.73%	HK\$1=£0.0702
£4,775,563		Sale No: 2191	

COMMENT: **Aurel Bacs and Tim Bourne**, International Co-Heads of Christie's Watch Department, commented: "Today's auction of Important Watches was by far the most successful Hong Kong auction in this field held by Christie's. Collectors and museums in the room and on the phone from Asia, Europe and the US were fiercely competing for rare and complicated wristwatches and, in particular, for enamelled watches offered from a Family Trust. World auction records were achieved in several categories, notably for the platinum minute repeating wristwatch by Patek Philippe and the magnificent pair of snuff bottles with automaton, each fetching HK\$4.15 million, substantially in excess of the pre-sale estimates. Today's auction clearly reinforces Christie's worldwide leadership in this market."

LOT	PRICE			ESTIMATE	BUYER
2029	HK\$4,152,000	US\$539,760	£291,470	HK\$2,000,000-3,000,000	Asian private
Patek Philippe reference 5029. A fine and very rare limited edition platinum self-winding minute repeating wristwatch					
* WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THIS MODEL					
2130	HK\$4,152,000	US\$539,760	£291,470	HK\$2,000,000-2,800,000	Swiss private museum
Swiss. An exceptional and very rare pair of 18K gold and enamel snuff bottles with concealed complicated triple automaton and watch, made for the Chinese market, circa 1820					
2137	HK\$3,032,000	US\$394,160	£212,846	HK\$400,000-550,000	Swiss private museum
Piguet & Meylan. A large 18K gold, enamel and pearl-set quarter repeating openface cylinder watch with very rare stem winding repeat mechanism					
1946	HK\$1,680,000	US\$218,400	£117,936	HK\$1,500,000-2,200,000	Anonymous
IWC. An important limited edition platinum minute repeating perpetual calendar split second chronograph tourbillon wristwatch with phases of the moon, model “Il Destriero Scafusia”, circa 1993					
1687	HK\$1,560,000	US\$202,800	£109,512	HK\$800,000-1,200,000	Hong Kong collector
A George III Ormolu and paste-set musical automaton table clock, made for Chinese market, circa 1790					
2028	HK\$1,440,000	US\$187,200	£101,088	HK\$650,000-950,000	International collector
Patek Philippe reference 3450. A fine 18K gold self-winding perpetual calendar wristwatch with phases of the moon					
2020	HK\$1,320,000	US\$171,600	£92,664	HK\$800,000-1,200,000	Asian private
Breguet. An important and rare limited edition set of platinum watches, comprising a minute repeating perpetual calendar wristwatch with phases of the moon and a self-winding openface keyless lever watch with instantaneous calendar, power reserve and phases of the moon, 1992					

2136	HK\$1,140,000	US\$148,200	£80,028	HK\$320,000-480,000	Asian trade
Attributed to Piguet & Meylan. A fine and rare 18K gold, enamel and pearl-set quarter repeating musical openface centre seconds watch with enamel in the manner of Dupont, made for the Chinese market, circa 1820					
1820	HK\$1,020,000	US\$132,600	£71,604	HK\$700,000-900,000	Asian private
Piaget. A superb lady's 18K white gold and diamond-set rectangular wristwatch with bracelet, model Galaxy, circa 1995					
2027	HK\$864,000	US\$112,320	£60,653	HK\$520,000-620,000	Asian private
Patek Philippe. A fine 18K white gold perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch with phases of the moon, reference 3970					