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Important Gold Boxes, Objects of Vertu and Portrait Miniatures

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Total: £953,614	Lots Offered: 250	Lots Sold: 182
\$1,559,159	Sold by Lot: 73%	Sold by £: 85%
€1,325,523	Sale No: 6720	Exchange Rate: \$1.635/€1.390

<i>Top Lots</i>					
<i>Lot</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>€</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Buyer</i>
<i>51</i>	<i>£122,850</i>	<i>\$200,860</i>	<i>€170,762</i>	<i>£15,000-25,000</i>	<i>Private</i>
<i>An important miniature of a gentleman, Nicholas Hilliard, 1577</i>					
<i>5</i>	<i>£59,750</i>	<i>\$97,691</i>	<i>€83,053</i>	<i>£10,000-15,000</i>	<i>Swiss Private Museum</i>
<i>A very fine enamel miniature of a young lady called marquise de Thianges, Jean Petitot</i>					
<i>136</i>	<i>£41,825</i>	<i>\$68,384</i>	<i>€58,137</i>	<i>£30,000-40,000</i>	<i>Continental Private</i>
<i>A fine Louis XV four-colour gold snuff-box, Paul Robert, 1757-58</i>					

Comment: Bodo Hofstetter and Alexandra Fennell, Specialists in charge of the sale:

“We are delighted with the results of today’s sale and particularly for the high price achieved for the top lot in the sale, an important miniature by Nicholas Hilliard which was sold to a private collector. The strong price achieved for the miniature by Jean Petitot far exceeded its high estimate and was sold to a Swiss Private Museum. We were very pleased with the successful Gold Boxes selection, with international museums, trade and private individuals bidding in person in the packed saleroom and on the telephone.”