



A unique jadeite pendant depicting five felines and two bats amidst *lingzhi* sprays, symbolizing 'longevity and fortune as you wish' forms another star lot of the collection (estimate: HK\$1,600,000-2,400,000/ US\$200,000-300,000, Lot, 2247).

Not to be missed is a breathtaking unmounted rectangular-cut diamond weighing 20.22 carats, with top D colour and Internally Flawless clarity (estimate: HK\$10,500,000–15,000,000/ US\$1,350,000–1,900,000, Lot 2366). Cut to exacting standards, the luxuriant diamond flaunts excellent polish and excellent symmetry, resulting in the perfect balance of sparkle and brilliance within the stone.



Also of special note is an elegant pair of cushion-shaped Burmese sapphire and diamond earrings, the sapphires weighing 23.57 and 24.87 carats (estimate: HK\$3,900,000-6,000,000/ US\$490,000-750,000, Lot 2211); as well as a matching ring set with another Burmese sapphire, weighing 37.40 carats (estimate:

HK\$3,200,000-4,500,000/ US\$400,000-560,000, Lot 2210). These rare and untreated large sapphires display the precious royal blue colour, characteristic of the finest Burmese sapphires.



Big and Beautiful Gemstones

The auction is also set to dazzle with gemstones of tremendous sizes. Exceedingly large gemstones are a rarity in the natural world. To the delight of collectors, this sale will present a series of large rare gemstones including a pearl of record size, the largest cat's eye alexandrite to ever appear at auction, and the largest diamond briolette to appear at auction in Asia.

The Largest Diamond Briolette to appear at auction in Asia

– A 31.92 Carat D Colour, Flawless Diamond Briolette



A precious jewel in the sale is a magnificent diamond and emerald pendent necklace suspending a diamond briolette of 31.92 carats, D colour, Flawless clarity (estimate: HK\$19,000,000-25,000,000/ US\$2,400,000-3,150,000, Lot 2367). With excellent polish and excellent symmetry, the enchanting diamond is **the largest diamond briolette to appear at auction in Asia**, and is undoubtedly one of the finest diamonds to have been offered in recent years. The necklace also includes a Colombian kite-shaped emerald of 4.36 carats and a 3.22 carat marquise-cut diamond of D colour and Internally Flawless clarity.

The Luna Pearl



Leading this category is the **Luna Pearl** measuring 21.5 mm in diameter. This extremely large pearl is ranked as **the fourth-largest button-shaped pearl recorded** so far in the world and is expected to create a sensation during the sale (estimate: HK\$4,000,000–6,000,000/ US\$500,000–750,000, Lot 2323). A remarkable historical specimen, it possesses an exceptionally fine pinkish white colour as well as beautiful lustre, rare in such large examples. Radiant from every angle, the Luna Pearl offers a glistening and delightful charm, a subdued beauty that is characteristic of the finest and purest pearls. Combined with a royal provenance, the pearl is a true rarity in today's market.

A 212.76 carat Cat's Eye Alexandrite – World's Largest Cat's Eye Alexandrite at auction



Another prized offering is a great 212.76 carat cat's eye alexandrite, which is the **largest cat's eye alexandrite ever to appear at auction** (estimate: HK\$7,850,000–12,000,000/ US\$1,000,000–1,500,000, Lot 2223). The size of this jewel is colossal, and with its dual optical features of chatoyancy (cat's eye) and mysterious colour-change, it is among the rarest of the entire chrysoberyl family. It displays not only a distinctive streak of golden light like a cat's eye, but also shows the extraordinary ability to change colour depending on the incident light, appearing brownish green in daylight and brownish purple in incandescent light.

Stunning Earrings

The November sale will feature a magnificent selection of gem-set earrings set to amaze and captivate connoisseurs.

Taking pride in the sale is a glamorous pair of pear-shaped fancy deep brown-orange diamond ear pendants, weighing 15.07 and 17.06 carats (estimate: HK\$5,850,000–8,000,000/ US\$750,000–1,000,000, Lot 2148). Fancy coloured diamonds are among the most prized and rare gems known. Highly sought after by collectors, they have been commanding strong prices in recent years. The present lot, showcasing a deep, romantic colour, is sure to appeal to a wide array of collectors the world over.



Also on offer is a stunning pair of Colombian emerald ear pendants, weighing 17.01 and 17.71 carats (estimate: HK\$5,900,000–8,000,000/ US\$750,000–1,000,000/ US\$750,000–1,000,000, Lot 2365). These highly desirable cushion-shaped emeralds display an attractive and lustrous vivid green. Set within a striking geometrical design, the piece is a combination of art and craftsmanship, exquisite to the touch.

Other rare and superb earrings on offer include a pair of ruby and diamond ear pendants set with unheated cushion-shaped Burmese rubies totaling 34.63 carats displaying the coveted 'Pigeon's Blood Red' (estimate: HK\$6,800,000-10,000,000/ US\$850,000-1,250,000, Lot 2356).



Also of note is an array of contemporary art jewellery. From conception to craftsmanship, the marriage between jewellery and art is a fascinating modern movement, elevating the craft to a new level of artistic caliber. Each jewel, as an artistic expression, merits admiration not only for the actual materials used, but more importantly, for the creative fantasy and design as well as technical excellence. This auction will include works by Wallace Chan, Carnet Jewellery, Scavia and Bhagat.

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Singapore	Grand Hyatt Singapore	19 – 20 October
Tokyo	Christie's Japan	25 – 26 October
Geneva	Christie's Geneva	29 – 30 October
Shanghai	Four Seasons Hotel, Shanghai	3 – 4 November
Beijing	Sofitel Wanda Beijing	7 – 9 November
Bangkok	Four Seasons Hotel, Bangkok	13 – 14 November
Taipei	Fubon Life Assurance Building	17 – 18 November
Hong Kong	Grand Hall, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre	22 – 27 November

Auction:

Magnificent Jewellery and Jadeite Jewellery, 28 November at 11:30 am & 2:00 pm
Grand Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

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