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## AN UNPRECEDENTED SELECTION OF LOUIS VUITTON TRUNKS FROM A PROMINENT JAPANESE COLLECTOR

13 Exquisite Lots with an Estimated Total Value Exceeding HK\$3 Million / US\$430,000

A Major Highlight of the  
Handbags and Accessories Spring and Autumn Live Auctions in Hong Kong



**Hong Kong** – Christie's is honoured to have been entrusted with an extraordinary selection of 13 Louis Vuitton trunks from a prominent Japanese collector, which stands as one of the most masterfully curated assemblages of Louis Vuitton trunks to come to market in recent years. These exceptional trunks will debut at the Handbags and Accessories Spring and Autumn live auctions in Hong Kong this year, with an estimated total value exceeding HK\$3 Million/ US\$430,000.

Carefully amassed over two decades, each object in this collection embodies the collector's meticulous eye and his discerning taste, his appreciation of craftsmanship and tradition, and his long-term friendship with Patrick Louis Vuitton – the great-great-grandson of Louis Vuitton and the maison's former Head of Special Orders department. Some of the trunks in the collection, including the **Night Picnic Astronomy Telescope Monogram Trunk, Watch Monogram Trunk, and the Japanese Tea Ceremony Damier Trunk**, are unique pieces by special order, representing the fruition of Patrick Louis Vuitton's innovative concepts and the brand's extraordinary artistry, that fully catered to the specific needs of the collector's habits and lifestyle.

**Winsy Tsang, Head of Department of Handbags & Accessories, Christie's Asia Pacific**, commented: "Building upon our historic success last season and continued leadership in handbag auctions, we are very honoured to have been entrusted with the sale of this exceptionally rare and fresh-to-the-market Louis Vuitton trunk collection, which will be presented in our Hong Kong saleroom throughout the year of 2022. Assembled over many years, every piece in this capsule collection is timeless and still in pristine collection, epitomising the quintessence of elegance, and pursuit of the art of living by this esteemed Japanese collector."

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## SPRING AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS



In celebration of the FIFA 2018 World Cup, Louis Vuitton was commissioned to produce a series of trunks, leather goods and accessories. On offer in the spring sale is a **FIFA World Cup Official Match Ball Monogram Trunk**, that contains replicas of the 13 official match balls used at World Cup tournaments since 1970, all specially created by Adidas. Of particular note is an additional 14<sup>th</sup> ball specially designed and made by Louis Vuitton, presented together in the trunk. With only 25 sets made for purchase worldwide, this trunk will undoubtedly spark intense competition among football and trunk lovers this May.

Estimate: HK\$600,000 – 800,000/ US\$77,000 – 102,000  
Dimensions: 65 w x 139 h x 57 d cm

On offer is a **Special Order Night Picnic Astronomy Telescope Monogram Trunk, designed By Patrick Louis Vuitton & the Japanese collector**. It was produced back in 2014 to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic mission of France in Japan. Supplemented with **1 professional astronomy telescope**, 6 sets of champagne flutes, white porcelain plates, white napkins, forks, knives, tea spoons and dining spoons, and 1 large picnic cloth, all signed by Louis Vuitton, this exquisite trunk is the ideal companion for fashion enthusiasts for picnics and stargazing.

Estimate: HK\$500,000 – 700,000/ US\$64,000 – 90,000  
Dimensions: 99 w x 47 h x 71 d cm



Another statement piece, the **Made-to-Order Tablewear Monogram Trunk** with drawers for utensil holders and plates holders will also appear on the rostrum, is bound to fascinate fans of mobile luxury trunks who appreciate subtle opulence.

Estimate: HK\$150,000 – 200,000/ US\$19,000 – 25,000  
Dimensions: 61 w x 112.5 h x 53.5 d cm



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The **Stokowski Secretaire Monogram Trunk** was originally designed for celebrated British conductor Leopold Stokowski in 1929, whose jet-setting life prompted a special order to Louis Vuitton to produce a travelling office trunk for his voyages around the globe. This original trunk is illustrated on page 297 of the Louis Vuitton book, "100 Legendary Trunks".

To be presented at our Spring Auction is a reinvented version of the trunk with modern needs in mind, including numerous drawers and storage spaces for books, papers, a larger collapsible table and a folding stool, and everything else needed in a nomadic work station. The interior is exquisitely finished in straw marquetry and features the maison's LV initials, while the exterior is enveloped with its signature monogram canvas.

Estimate: HK\$400,000 – 600,000/ US\$51,000 – 77,000  
Dimensions: 40 w x 94 h x 45 d cm



The distinguished Japanese owner of this trunk collection is also a seasoned watch connoisseur, and so commissioned Louis Vuitton to tailor-make a unique standing trunk that can safeguard his extravagant timepieces. Sheathed in the house's monogram eclipse canvas on the exterior, the **Special Order Watch Monogram Trunk** has a large storage space on top, and an array of drawers that can house accessories, documents, and other miscellaneous items. This iconic watch trunk is a true statement collectible for discerning watch and trunk collectors, who are admirers of the brand and its craftsmanship.

Estimate: HK\$350,000 – 550,000/ US\$45,000 – 70,000  
Dimensions: 55 w x 114 h x 55 d cm

Other beautifully handcrafted trunks to be offered this spring include:



**A Monogram Jewellery Box**

Estimate: HK\$30,000 – 40,000/  
US\$3,800 – 5,100

Dimensions: 31 w x 20 h x 21 d cm



**A Courier Monogram Trunk**

Estimate: HK\$60,000 – 100,000/  
US\$7,700 – 13,000

Dimensions: 85 w x 55 h x 51 d cm



**A Damier Azur Box**

Estimate: HK\$12,000 – 16,000/  
US\$1,500 – 2,000

Dimensions: 17 w x 17 h x 17 d cm

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## AUTUMN AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS



The Japanese collector embraces a profound love for traditional tea ceremonies, so he specially sent a full set of his favourite tea ceremony utensils from Japan to France, and commissioned the brand to create an one-and-only trunk that fits his collectibles perfectly.

Covered in the signature Damier canvas that matches a traditional Japanese room, this **Special Order Japanese Tea Ceremony Damier Trunk** features numerous drawers with the collector's full set of tea ceremony utensils. Among these utensils, a pair of black tea bowls were custom made by the famed Japanese porcelain artist Kyosuke Hayashi, and was an auctioned lot from the Take Action Foundation X Louis Vuitton fundraising charity gala in 2010 with Christie's as the auction partner. The gala was hosted by Hidetoshi Nakata, the celebrated former football player and the director of the foundation.

Estimate: HK\$500,000 – 700,000/ US\$64,000 – 90,000  
Dimensions: 71 w x 66 h x 35 d cm

One of only 5 sets made in the end of 2009, this **Rare Christmas Ornaments Monogram Trunk** features tailored compartments containing 53 Christmas tree ornaments in various shapes and sizes, inspired by Louis Vuitton's signature symbols. The brand worked with CIAV (International Center for the Glassworker's Art) to produce these dazzling ornaments with once obsolete glasswork techniques. This is a must-have for those who wish to celebrate the holidays with extravagance!

Estimate: HK\$500,000 – 700,000/ US\$64,000 – 90,000  
Dimensions: 50 w x 80 h x 50 d cm



Other noteworthy trunks to be offered this autumn include:



**A Courrier Damier Trunk**  
Estimate: HK\$80,000 – 120,000/  
US\$10,000 – 15,000  
Dimensions: 101 w x 50 h x 53 d cm



**A Standing Wardrobe Damier Trunk**  
Estimate: HK\$120,000 – 180,000/  
US\$15,000 – 23,000  
Dimensions: 55 w x 114 h x 54 d cm



**A Monogram Box**  
Estimate: HK\$15,000 – 20,000/  
US\$1,900 – 2,500  
Dimensions: 24.5 w x 13 h x 16.5 d cm

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## NOTES TO EDITOR

### Preview for Spring Auction:

#### Hong Kong

1 – 4 April, and 14- 18 May | Christie's Galleries, 22/F, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central  
21 – 23 May | Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

### Spring Auction:

Hong Kong | 23 May | Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

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