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### **Christie's Hong Kong Presents**

### AN EXQUISITE AND RARE SELECTION OF HANDBAGS AND ACCESSORIES

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## Hermès Faubourg Sellier Birkins: Snow, Midnight, Day, Night Presented Together for the First Time in Auction History



Clockwise from the top right-hand corner:

A RARE, MATTE BLEU MARINE ALLIGATOR, DEEP BLUE MADAME, ORANGE H SWIFT, BLEU INDIGO & BLEU OBSCUR SOMBRERO, CRAIE EPSOM LEATHER FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2023 Estimate: HK\$1,100,000 – 2,000,000 / US\$150,000 - 260,000

A RARE, MATTE BÉTON ALLIGATOR, WHITE TOGO, SWIFT & SOMBRERO , ORANGE H & CRAIE SWIFT & BLEU BRUME CHÈVRE LEATHER SNOW FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2021

Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 - 2,200,000 / US\$160,000 - 280,000

A RARE, MATTE ÉBÈNE ALLIGATOR, GOLD MADAME, ORANGE H SWIFT, BRÛLÉE & ÉBÈNE SOMBRERO, CRAIE EPSOM LEATHER FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2020

Estimate: HK\$800,000 - 1,600,000 / US\$110,000 - 210,000

A RARE, MATTE BLACK ALLIGATOR, BLACK MADAME, SOMBRERO, ORANGE H & JAUNE AMBRE SWIFT LEATHER NIGHT FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH BLACK PVD HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2021

Estimate: HK\$1,100,000 - 2,000,000 / US\$150,000 - 260,000

25 November | Live Auction | 197 Lots | Total Low Estimate: HK\$38,228,000 / US\$4,909,000 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

**Hong Kong** – Christie's Hong Kong's Handbags & Accessories Department is delighted to present an **exquisite and rare selection of** <u>handbags and accessories</u> in a live auction on 25 November 2023, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Featuring over 197 lots, the sale encompasses unrivalled designs that transcend the boundaries of time. This carefully curated selection showcases prestigious brands such as Hermès and Louis Vuitton, destined to appeal to discerning collectors and enthusiasts of all ages.

Continuing the unwavering demand for famed Hermès designs, this season, Christie's Hong Kong is thrilled to present a historic showcase featuring all four distinctive and exquisite variations of the **Faubourg Sellier Birkin: Snow, Midnight, Day, and Night**. This marks the **first time all four variations have appeared together in auction history**, offering an extremely rare opportunity for collectors to own the set. Each colour variation intricately captures the essence of the iconic handbag design, artfully reflecting the ever-changing façade of the legendary flagship boutique situated at 24 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré in Paris, at different moments in time.

The curation of this sale is further enriched by a selection of remarkable and one-of-a-kind pieces. Highlights include an iconic **Leather Feathers So Black Sellier Kelly 28** designed by Jean Paul Gautier in 2010. This unique creation holds an irresistible charm, and stands as one of the most desirable limited-edition pieces in the market. The exceptional craftmanship of Mason Lemarié, the esteemed French haute couture feather metier, is prominently showcased in the meticulous construction of the black feather panel. The rarity of this piece is further emphasised by its exclusive release in the Kelly Sellier styles, with only a select few featuring the striking black feather design. As a result, this particular item represents the ultimate embodiment of the So Black combination, making it an extraordinary and highly sought-after masterpiece.



AN EXCEPTIONAL, BLACK CALF BOX LEATHER FEATHERS SO BLACK SELLIER KELLY 28 WITH BLACK PVD HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2010 Estimate: HK\$800,000 – 1,200,000 / US\$110,000 - 150,000

Additional highlights of the sale include beautifully adorned **Kellywood** handbags, a magnificent assembly of **Kelly Dolls**, and the long-awaited auction debut of a **Désordre Birkin**, infusing the sale with a palpable sense of anticipation.

Winsy Tsang, Vice President, Head of Department, Handbags & Accessories, Christie's Asia Pacific, commented, "This highly anticipated live auction celebrates the highest echelons of handbag craftsmanship, and is meticulously curated to cater to the tastes of collectors and enthusiasts in Asia and beyond. We are delighted to be offering fashion lovers an array of ultra-rare and stunning pieces, including the exceptional chance to add all four Faubourg Sellier Birkin variations to their wardrobe. We look forward to convening with handbag collectors at all stages for this unmissable sale – from passionate connoisseurs, to those who are brand new to the world of luxury auctions."

#### **HIMALAYA: THE HOLY GRAIL**

The **Hermès Himalaya** remains a highly sought-after and prestigious addition to any collection. Regarded as the Holy Grail for Hermès, these handbags are renowned for their exclusivity, rarity, and exceptional craftsmanship. They are highly coveted luxury accessories with significant retention value, symbolising status and distinguished taste for their fortunate owners.



AN EXCEPTIONAL, MATTE WHITE HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE DIAMOND BIRKIN 25 WITH 18K WHITE GOLD & DIAMOND HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2020 Estimate: HK\$1,600,000 - 2,600,000 / US\$210,000 - 330,000



A RARE & EXCEPTIONAL, CUSTOM MATTE
WHITE HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE
DIAMOND CONSTANCE ÉLAN WITH 18K
WHITE GOLD & BROWN DIAMOND
HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2021 Estimate: HK\$1,800,000 - 2,800,000 / US\$240,000 - 360,000



A RARE, MATTE GRIS CENDRÉ HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE RETOURNÉ KELLY 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2015

Estimate: HK\$1,000,000 - 1,800,000 / US\$130,000 - 230,000

### STAR LOTS: UNPARALLELED CRAFTSMANSHIP



Also featured in this auction is the Kellywood, a truly exceptional version that celebrates the harmonious fusion of two expert crafts: saddlery leatherwork and joinery techniques. The original Kellywood was meticulously crafted from natural Bog Oak wood and Fauve Barenia leather. Subsequently, a new edition emerges, featuring beechwood and a colourful leather panel inspired by classic Hermès silk scarf pattern: Perspective Cavaliere. The Kellywood continues to wow handbag enthusiasts with its finest craftsmanship and creativity.

Top Left:

A RARE, FAUVE BARÉNIA LEATHER & BOG OAK KELLYWOOD 22 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2020

Estimate: HK \$600,000 - 800,000 / US\$78,000 -100,000

Bottom Right:

A RARE, FAUVE BARÉNIA LEATHER & BEECHWOOD PERSPECTIVE CAVALIÈRE KELLYWOOD 22 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2022

Estimate: HK\$800,000 - 1,200,000 / US\$110,000 - 150,000

Another remarkable highlight of this auction is a custom Fringe Kelly Danse, adorned with cascading fringes that add a dynamic and playful dimension to its design. This exquisite creation elevates the Kelly Danse to a new level of sophistication and visual intrigue.

Right:

A RARE, CUSTOM MATTE LIME ALLIGATOR FRINGES KELLY DANSE WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2023

Estimate: HK\$320,000 - 420,000 / US\$42,000 - 54,000



### **LIMITED EDITION: KELLY DOLLS**

Not to be missed in the offering is an exceptional assembly of **Hermès Kelly Dolls**, which are unique collectibles and blend the timeless elegance of the Kelly design with a playful doll-like twist, featuring movable arms and a smiling face. Each doll is thoughtfully crafted from a variety of rare materials and leathers, catering to the discerning tastes of well-versed connoisseurs.







Left: A CUSTOM MATTE MIMOSA ALLIGATOR & ROSE AZALÉE SWIFT LEATHER QUELLE IDOLE WITH GOLD HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2019

Estimate: HK\$1.000.000 - 2.000.000 / US\$130.000 - 260.000

Top Right: A LIMITED EDITION CHAI, MAUVE SYLVESTRE, TERRE BATTUE & CÉLESTE EPSOM LEATHER KELLYDOLE PICTO WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2022

Estimate: HK\$350,000 - 450,000 / US\$45,000 - 58,000

Bottom Right: A LIMITED EDITION MAUVE SYLVESTRE, CHAI, LIME & NATA EPSOM LEATHER KELLYDOLE PICTO WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2023

Estimate: HK\$350,000 - 450,000 / US\$45,000 - 58,000

#### HERMÈS LIMITED EDITION: FRESH FINDS AT AUCTION

Making a highly anticipated debut in the market, the **Rock Birkin** combines elegance with pure black rock style, drawing inspirations from biker jackets. It features smooth and soft leather, exterior pocket chains, and leather-wrapped padlocks – exuding rocker vibes.

The **Désordre Birkin**, adding a modern touch to the classic Birkin, is currently a hot topic among handbag lovers and is in high demand. This unique and unseen silhouette exudes modernity and contemporary sophistication.





Left: A LIMITED EDITION BLACK VOLUPTO LEATHER ROCK BIRKIN 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2023

Estimate: HK\$380,000 - 550,000 / US\$49,000 - 71,000

Top Right: A LIMITED EDITION BLACK TOGO & SWIFT LEATHER DESORDRE BIRKIN 30 WITH GOLD HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2023

Estimate: HK\$240,000 - 320,000 / US\$31,000 - 41,000

Bottom Right: A LIMITED EDITION GOLD TOGO, SWIFT LEATHER & FAUVE VACHE HUNTER DESORDRE BIRKIN 30 WITH GOLD HARDWARE

HERMÈS, 2023

Estimate: HK\$240,000 - 320,000 / US\$31,000 - 41,000

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

#### **Previews:**

Hong Kong | 15 – 18 November | 22/ F, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central Hong Kong | 25 November | Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

#### Live Auction:

#### **Handbags & Accessories**

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