

# CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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## Fine Watches and Wristwatches

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Total: £692,592	Lots Offered: 229	Lots Sold: 174
\$1,217,577	Sold by Lot: 76%	Sold by £: 88%
€1,028,499	Sale No: 5865	Exchange Rate: \$1.758 / €1.485

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
432	£136,800	\$240,494	€203,148	£40,000-60,000	Anonymous
Patek Philippe. A fine stainless steel chronograph wristwatch with two-tone dial, original certificate and box, manufactured in 1949					
<b>Highest Price for a Wristwatch at UK Auction in 2005</b>					
426	£26,400	\$46,411	€39,204	£20,000-30,000	Trade
Rolex. A fine and rare large 18 carat gold automatic triple calendar wristwatch with moonphase, <i>circa</i> 1950					
365	£19,440	\$34,176	€28,868	£20,000-30,000	UK Trade
Rolex. A rare stainless steel triple calendar chronograph wristwatch, <i>circa</i> 1960					

### Comment: Aurel Bacs, International Co-Head, Watch Department:

“We are very pleased with today's results and in particular with the record price achieved for the top lot (lot 432) which sold after a fierce battle between 7 telephone bidders from 4 continents for £136,800. Selling at over 3 times the pre-sale low estimate, this is the highest price for a wristwatch at UK auction in 2005. Today's auction beautifully rounded up this season and confirmed Christie's leading role in the international auction market for watches. Including the strong total of £876,372 for the 2 days of sales at South Kensington held today and yesterday, Christie's finishes its year with a record international total of over US\$50 million for watches and pocketwatches.”