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**CHRISTIE'S LONDON AUCTIONS OF *ISLAMIC ART*  
REALISE  
£16.1 MILLION / \$24.8 MILLION / €18.2 MILLION**

- **17<sup>th</sup> century Kirman 'vase' carpet sells for £6.2 million – a world record price for any Islamic work of art sold at auction**
- **Strong results at every level of the market as international collectors converge and compete in London sales**

**London** – The auctions of *Islamic and Indian Art* this week at Christie's in London realized a combined total of £16,063,626 / \$24,764,665 / €18,187,175 and were 93% sold by value. The top price of the week was paid for a rare, mid-17<sup>th</sup> century Kirman 'vase' carpet from South-East Persia which sold at the auction of *Oriental Rugs and Carpets* on 15 April at King Street for £6,201,250 / \$9,599,535 / €7,038,419 – a world record price for any Islamic work of art sold at auction, and for any carpet sold at auction.

**William Robinson, Director and Head of Islamic Art, Christie's London:** *"This week's results at our auctions at King Street and South Kensington demonstrated a fierce demand for quality and rarity, spurred by the opportunities to acquire desirable works of Indian and Islamic art. The highlight of the week was the sale of the Kirman carpet for a world record price of £6.2 million, but throughout the sales at every price level we saw impressive prices for works of art, carpets and textiles, with strong interest and bidding from a truly international pool of collectors."*

**Art of the Islamic and Indian Worlds**

13 April 2010, King Street

**£6,569,125**

(\$10,077,037 / €7,409,973)

**Oriental Rugs and Carpets**

15 April 2010, King Street

**£8,235,250**

(\$12,746,619 / €9,345,874)

**Indian and Islamic Textiles and  
Indian and Islamic Works of Art**

15 and 16 April, South Kensington

**£1,259,251**

(\$1,941,009 / €1,431,328)

Full results of the sales can be found at the following link:

<http://www.christies.com/results/>

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