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THE ORANGE

THE LARGEST FANCY VIVID ORANGE DIAMOND IN THE WORLD
SETS A NEW RECORD PRICE AT AUCTION



Rahul Kadakia, Head of Christie's Jewellery Department, Switzerland and Americas, selling *The Orange* at Christie's Geneva

CHRISTIE'S GENEVA MAGNIFICENT JEWELS SALE TOTALS \$125.3 M THE HIGHEST TOTAL EVER FOR A GENEVA JEWELLERY AUCTION

Geneva – On 12 November 2013, **THE ORANGE**, the largest fancy vivid orange diamond ever offered at auction (14.82 carats), achieved \$35,540,612 / SFr.32,645,000 (\$2.4m per carat) at Christie's Geneva, setting a world record price per carat for any diamond sold at auction, as well as a world record price for an orange diamond.

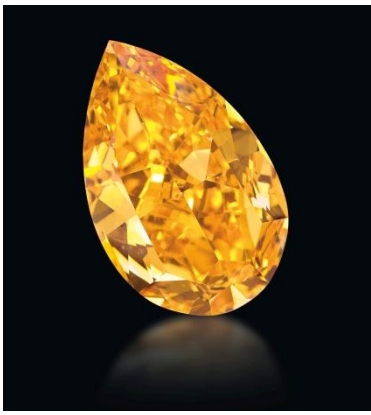
Christie's Magnificent Jewels auction fetched a record total result of **\$125,360,131 / SFr.115,146,625 / €93,591,177**, selling 89% by lot and 96% by value.

The exceptional jewels formerly part of the collection of **Simón Itturi Patiño**, known as 'The Andean Rockefeller', sold well above their pre-sale estimates totalling \$14.7 million / SFr.13.5 million.

The sophisticated jewellery collection of Parisian style icon **Hélène Rochas** attracted the interest of numerous international collectors and sold 100%, realising a total of \$2.3 million / SFr.2.1 million.

François Curiel, International Head of Christie's Jewellery Department, declared: *"Time and again, a stone will appear on the market that is truly a miracle of nature. The 14.82ct orange diamond is one such a stone, a rare gem, which will perhaps only be seen once in a lifetime. In the sale on Tuesday, it soared far above all previous records for any orange diamond ever sold at auction, placing The Orange amongst the greatest pinks and blues, which are traditionally the most appreciated coloured diamonds."*

OVERALL 22 LOTS SOLD ABOVE \$1 MILLION



THE MOST VALUABLE ORANGE DIAMOND IN THE WORLD

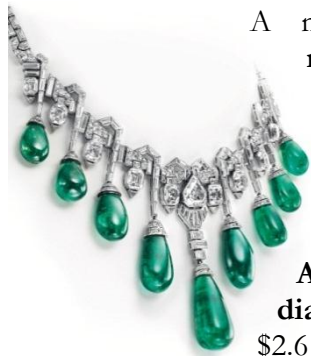
Amongst the most exceptional gemstones in nature, pure orange diamonds of more than 5 carats have very rarely been seen at auction. Weighing 14.82 carats, **THE ORANGE** diamond is the largest ever offered at auction and is now also the most valuable, having realised \$35,540,612 / SFr.32,645,000 / €26,533,856 at Christie's Geneva and set a world record price per carat for any diamond sold auction, as well as an auction record for an orange diamond (*illustrated left*).

'In a \$125 million auction, the Orange, the Patiño collection, natural pearls, Royal jewels and stylish creations from the collection of Hélène Rochas were competed for with a passion rarely seen before. The energy in the auction room was constant throughout the sale with collectors and members of the trade bidding without abandon', said Rahul Kadakia, Head of Jewellery, Christie's Switzerland and Americas

TOP LOTS

The property of a Royal family, a **spectacular seven-strand natural pearl necklace** sold for **\$9 million / SFr.8.3 million** (*illustrated right*).

An impressive **58.29 carat sapphire** lavishly mounted in the unique and multi-gem 'Côte d'Azur' brooch designed by Anna Hu sold for \$4.5 / SFr.4.2 million (\$78,400 per carat), setting a world auction record per carat for a Burma sapphire and a record price for a contemporary designer.



A magnificent **Art Deco emerald and diamond necklace**, by **Van Cleef & Arpels**, formerly from the collection of **Princess Faiza of Egypt**, daughter of King Fouad I of Egypt (1868-1936), sold for **\$4.2 million / SFr.3.8 million** (*illustrated left*).

An exceptional **Burmese ruby and coloured diamond ring**, set with an oval-shaped ruby, weighing approximately 5.09 carats, sold for **\$2.6 million / SFr.2.4 million** (\$515,000 per carat).



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