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HANDBAGS & ACCESSORIES

Autumn Auction
24th November 2014

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center



**35cm Birkin in Graphite Niloticus Crocodile
by Hermès**
Estimate: HKD 350,000-450,000



**35cm Birkin in Poussiere Porosus Crocodile
by Hermès**
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Christie's Presents: A New World Of Collectible Luxury

HONG KONG - Dedicated to the pursuit of the finest things in life, Christie's will unveil the world of handbags and accessories for the first time ever at auction in Asia. International connoisseurs of style and craftsmanship will be able to bid for some of the most sought-after designs from renowned brands.

"As Asia's growing demand for quality luxury accessories continues to lean towards increasing sophistication and superlative craftsmanship, we are thrilled to introduce a new platform for auctions and private sales for this very promising category," said Matthew Rubinger, specialist in charge of the sale.

Building on the success of Christie's Handbags & Accessories online-only auctions, the team will be working with top clients and collectors through the end of September to build this important, ground-breaking sale. Curated into the auction will be signature pieces from Bottega Veneta, Chanel, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, and other designers.

"Asian art collectors have always appreciated the craftsmanship and aesthetics of the fine leather goods created by top European houses, so we have decided to organize sales of rare and limited edition accessories in Hong Kong. They will take place regularly at our salesroom at Alexandra House and at our auctions at the Convention Centre," said Rebecca Wei, President of Christie's Asia (excluding China).

Christie's Handbags & Accessories auction will take place on 24th November 2014 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, as part of Christie's Hong Kong autumn auctions week.

Rubinger on Christie's Handbag Highlights

Christie's is offering some of the finest examples of the 35cm Birkin handbags by Hermès.



An exotic Birkin, like the Graphite Niloticus Crocodile, offers a color that is rarely seen in Crocodile. Even more rarely seen in Crocodile, is a matte finish. The combination of Graphite Crocodile with Gold Hardware is also unique as this color is more often combined with Palladium Hardware. Our other highlight is a Birkin done in the finest skin that Hermès makes - Porosus Crocodile. This bag features small scales that are nearly perfectly symmetrical across the bag. The dye process for Hermès to create lighter colors is extremely difficult. Shades that are as light as Poussiere are very rare which makes this bag one of the finest examples of a Porosus Crocodile Birkin.

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