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## VISCOUNT LINLEY APPOINTED HON. CHAIRMAN OF CHRISTIE'S EMERI



**London** – Christie's announces that David Linley has been promoted to Hon. Chairman for Christie's in Europe, the Middle East, Russia and India from his former role of Chairman of Christie's UK.

Jussi Pykkänen, Global President of Christie's, said: "Art collecting is truly global and our clients wish to work across sale locations, collecting categories and acquire or sell via auction, private sale and online. Christie's Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen across the globe are informed, passionate and devoted to helping collectors. As a team they are a vital part of our activities, working daily with clients to help support and navigate all the opportunities for collecting offered at Christie's and beyond."

In his new position, David Linley will work closely with the Chairman's office teams, now to be headed in the UK by Orlando Rock. Now in his 10<sup>th</sup> year at Christie's, Linley has travelled extensively across the world working closely with a growing number of collectors.

David Linley said: "Across the last 10 years I have seen a shift in collecting habits and tastes among those with whom I work closely. These clients, many of whom travel around the world, have many homes and many passions, have become truly global collectors, both in how they acquire the works they love and the eclectic nature of what interests them. It is no longer true to say that these key players are confined to a certain category and watching this transformation has helped to inform me in my travels as an ambassador for Christie's."

"I have worked with David for many years and have witnessed his passion for design and the dialogue that can occur between objects and art from any period and artist. In his new position, David will work

more extensively on an international basis, a reflection of Christie's commitment to serving our clients, wherever they are based," continued Pylkkänen.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

#### **VISCOUNT LINLEY**

David Linley was appointed to the non-executive Board of Christie's in 2005 and assumed the role of Chairman of Christie's UK in December 2006. David Linley's passion for the arts was nurtured at school in Bedales, from where in 1980-82, he studied at Parnham House School for Craftsman in Wood. David Linley has written numerous books and lectured at leading institutions including the V&A Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, the LA County Museum of Art, the Dallas Museum of Art and the Art Institute of Chicago. He also retains a leading role in his eponymous company, LINLEY, which designs and manufactures furniture, upholstery and accessories.

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#### **About Christie's**

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in the first half of 2015 that totalled £2.9 billion / \$4.5 billion. In 2014, Christie's had global auction and private sales that totalled £5.1 billion/\$8.4 billion, making it the highest annual total in Christie's history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers around 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery.

Christie's has a global presence with 54 offices in 32 countries and 12 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Mumbai. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in growth markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

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