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**DUBAI** – This March Christie's celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> auction anniversary in Dubai and to underline this event an additional auction will be added to the season: **ELEMENTS OF STYLE**. Christie's has carefully curated a collection of rare handbags, jewels, watches, and objects of lifestyle, with a total of 150 lots from around the world for discerning collectors who aspire to artistic and exquisite life style. The sale will offer 60 handbags - to be offered for the first time at auction in Dubai - as well as jewellery, ladies watches, limited edition fountain pens by Montblanc and vintage trunks and luggage pieces by Louis Vuitton, all lots fitted for a lifestyle moment.

Over the past three years Christie's Dubai witnessed an ever growing interested in Ladies watches and observed the strong results achieved in our Hong Kong sale room for vintage handbags over the past two years. By combining the two and adding some other lifestyle goods, the "Element of Style" sale concept was invented and will commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> sale season. The Christie's Handbags & Accessories category offers unprecedented, one-of-a-kind pieces to exceptional vintage items of the highest quality, focusing on Hermès, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, and Celine. The June 2015 Hong Kong auction achieved several world auction records, including the most expensive handbag ever sold at auction, a Hermès Diamond Birkin, making Christie's the leader in the Handbag Auction market.

Exquisite and rare collector's items are the highlights in this additional Elements of Style auction on 17 March in Dubai and offers exceptional pieces to limited collector's items in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours.



The colours from the Unites Arab Emirates are well represented in this first edition of offerings from the additional Elements of style auction in Dubai and therefore let's start to see what the red section has to offer:

In the colour red the sale will be offering 6 different bags by Hermès with the star lot being a bougainvillier niloticus Birkin 30 with gold hardware, made in 2012 with an estimate of \$30,000-40,000-lot 124. Chanel is represented with a red and black python classic single flap bag with gold hardware made a year earlier for \$3,000-4,000-lot 118. The luxury brand Cartier is not only represented by a nice red lacquered pen (estimate: \$500-1,000-lot 131) but also a lady's 18 carat gold diamond and ruby set watch, dating back to 1990 for an estimate of \$30,000-40,000-lot 123.



## THE COLOUR GREEN

The colour green is highlighted by an 4.88 carat emerald and diamond ring size 6 set by Harry Winston (estimate: \$70,000-100,000-lot 73), which can nicely be combined with a pair of drop ear pendants, made of cabochon opals, black onyx and circular-cut diamonds (estimate: \$15,000-20,000-lot 77). The handbags of the same colour are by Chanel or Hermès in different shades of green, such as a matte dark green crocodile 2.55 double flap Chanel bag, made in 2011 (estimate: \$8,000-10,000-lot 72) or a matte apple green crocodile jumbo classic double flap bag with silver hardware from last year's collection for the same price-lot 72. Hermès presents a granny swift leather Constance 24 handbag (estimate: \$4,000-6,000-lot 23) and a kiwi epsom leather micro mini Kelly bag made in 2011 for \$2,000-3,000-lot 22.



## BLACK AND WHITE

This section has much on offer, 5 white and 3 black Chanel and Hermès bags, over 20 watches with black or white dials, diamond jewellery such as the sunning 8.25 carats cushion rose-cut diamond ring set by Sabbadini (estimate: \$180,000-250,000 – lot 75) or the very elegant Tiffany & Co pair of ear pendants (\$6,000-8,000-lot 50), one white and one black Montblanc fountain pen as well as the most unique and customized piece, a Louis Vuitton dressing table, made out of a vintage black suitcase with professional make-up lighting and fuchsia alcantara interior (estimate 8,000-12,000-lot 122).



## THE COLOUR BLUE

Might you want to buy a Montblanc limited edition fountain pen from the Prince Regent series made out of blue resin and 18 carat gold for \$2,000-3,000-lot 98, a watch by Piaget, with moon phases and adventure crystal dial made circa 2009 (estimate: \$30,000-50,000-lot 69), a limited edition Birkin bag by Hermès made of bleu saphir, bleu iris and bleu de malte ostrich ghillies with permabrass hardware for \$20,000-30,000-lot 60 or a simpler version in bleu saint cry leather Birkin for \$7,000-9,000-lot 102, or piece of jewellery signed by David Webb, a stunning aquamarine, sapphire and diamond cuff for \$150,000-200,000-lot 70, as well as a Tiffany & Co multi-gem and

diamond longchain necklace with an estimate of \$20,000-30,000-lot 103 or a rarity piece, a vanity case made of 14 carat gold diamond-set, enamel and Jade by Cartier around 1930 (estimate: \$12,000-14,000-lot 85) - here is your selection for this season:



### THE COLOUR BEIGE

In the colour beige you could obtain a limited edition matte poussière alligator, tabac camel ostrich and sesame lizard grand marriage Birkin 35 bag for \$45,000-50,000-lot 147; or a Cartier wristwatch from circa 2000, in this case a diamond-set Pascha model for \$40,000-80,000-lot 148. To go with the handbag a purse by Hermès in étoupe and bleu aztèque Kelly flash for \$600-800-lot 46. A design by Paloma Picasso for Tiffany & Co. could give the final touch: a set of gold diamond PALM jewellery, comprised of a necklace and bracelet (estimate \$8,000-12,000-lot 125). The ultimate object for him would be a vintage Louis Vuitton suitcase modified as humidor for 100 cigars by Bernardini Luxury vintage for \$7,000-10,000-lot 17



### March 2016:

### Activity Calendar

13 March, 11.00 AM	Christie's Press Conference
13-16 March	Christie's preview
13-14 March	Christie's Education Course
15 March, 7.00 PM	Christie's Important Watches Auction
16 March, 7.00 PM	Christie's Dubai: Modern and Contemporary Art
17 March, 7.00 PM	Christie's Elements of Style Auction

### About Christie's

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expertise, as well as international glamour. 2016 marks Christie's 250th anniversary. 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 350 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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