



# CHRISTIE'S

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## CHRISTIE'S GENEVA ANNOUNCES

**TOTAL FOR 2016 GENEVA SALE SEASONS: CHF282,534,174**

**35 LOTS SOLD OVER \$ 1 MILLION in 2016 IN GENEVA**



Rahul Kadakia selling the top lot of the auction, the fancy vivid pink diamond for \$18,174,631

**Geneva** - The Magnificent Jewels sale concluded the company's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary sale season in Geneva with a sale total of CHF 96,860,750/\$97,117,588, bringing the total for all Geneva auctions throughout 2016 to CHF282,534,174. The sale was driven by international interest and appeal for exceptional and privately sourced objects. The top lot of the jewellery auction was the extraordinary fancy vivid pink pear-shaped diamond of 9.14 carats, achieving the second highest price for a pink pear-shaped diamond sold at auction at CHF18,127,500 / \$18,174,631, price per carat: \$2,000,000

The revival of the Parisian 18<sup>th</sup> century Boehmer et Bassenge haute joaillerie house was heralded by two spectacular lots, establishing a new record price for a pair of earrings sold at auction (CHF17,567,500) and achieving CHF8,327,500 for the D Colour diamond necklace, entitled *Le Jardin d'Isabelle*. The third piece ever made by the house – another pair of earrings with the main D-colour flawless diamonds weighing 11 carats each - will be sold in Hong Kong on 29 November.

To mark Christie's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the November Magnificent Jewels auction offered eight lots which have passed once or twice already through our salerooms at some point in our long history. The section was highlighted by an Art Déco ruby and diamond bracelet, by Van Cleef & Arpels, selling for CHF 1,291,500 /\$1,294,857, four times its pre-sale estimate

**Overall 35 lots sold over 1\$ Million throughout 2016 with the top three lots being:**

The Oppenheimer Blue, a rectangular-cut, fancy vivid blue diamond weighing 14.62 carats, selling for \$57.5 million in May 2016, setting the auction record for the most expensive jewel ever sold at auction

A pear-shaped, fancy vivid pink diamond, weighing 9.14 carats, selling for \$18,174,631 in November 2016

*Miroir de l'Amour*, a pair of pear-shaped D colour flawless diamond earrings, weighing 52.55 and 50.47 carats, by Boehmer et Bassenge, selling for \$17,613,175, setting a new world auction record for a pair of earrings

## MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

**Sale total: CHF96,860,750 / \$97,117,588 sold 82% by value and 77% by lot**



Rahul Kadakia, International Head of Christie's Jewellery Department commented on the auction and state of the jewellery auction market: "The sale showed depth and stability of the market, combined with international interest for the best lots offered in the auction market. The two outstanding lots by Boehmer et Bassenge established the highest price for any pair of earrings ever sold at auction. The PINK established the second highest price for a pear shaped pink diamond sold at auction and also demonstrated the continued demand for exceptional stones. The sensational diamond necklace by Harry Winston was bought back by Nayla Hayek, Winston CEO for CHF8.3 million, commenting on the purchase: "a masterpiece, which we are delighted to own again". Quality and rarity, combined with provenance and freshness to the market defined the success of the auction."

## RARE WATCHES

**Sale total: CHF14,702,500 / \$14,864,227 sold 92% by value and 85% by lot**



"Christie's welcomed collectors from around the world for its autumn auction of Rare Watches including Nautilus 40 Part II. Bids were received from a dynamic room, a very active internet participation and busy phone lines. The sale result of CHF 14.7 million reflects very well the current state of the international watch market, searching for exceptional, fresh to the market watches, consigned by private individuals. The international community of watch collectors was also strongly bidding for exceptional pocket watches, as per example lot 143 (see top ten) or lot 207, an early and possibly unique 18k "Cabriolet" key wound lever pocket chronometer by Patek Philippe, offered for CHF10,000-15,000 and selling for 20 times its high estimate for CHF259,000. The second offering of the Patek Philippe Nautilus 40 celebration section was strongly sought after with exceptional results achieved for lot 318, ref 3700/1G, doubling its pre-sale estimate and lot

322, ref3700/031 achieving the second highest price in the auction. We are looking forward to our next Important Watches including Nautilus 40 Part III auction in Hong Kong on 28 November", commented Thomas Perazzi, Head of the Geneva Watch department and auctioneer.



## FINEST AND RAREST WINES

**Sale total: CHF3,785,592 / \$3,853,082 sold 98% by value and 94% by lot**

"Christie's Geneva autumn wine sale represents the highest sale total for any Christie's wine auction to date in 2016, alongside some very strong sell through rate at 98% sold by value and 94% by lot. This result also represents a strong welcome back to Geneva and a sign that the concept of offering a taste around the world, Pétrus, Lafite-Rothschild, Latour and Domaine Romanée-Conti, combined with a focus on Chartreuse and 19th century Madeira, proved to catch the interest of a wider client base. Recent auctions in London and the specific online-only sales for

the category have also performed very strongly, a fantastic way to start the celebration into 50 years of stand-alone wine auctions, starting this December,” commented Edwin Vos, Head of Continental Europe Wine department

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## MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

Geneva, Tuesday 15 November 2016, Sale 1418

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

167 lots sold **Total: CHF96,860,750 / \$ 97,117,588/ €89,954,578** 77 % sold by lot  
 217 lots offered 1CHF = \$1.0026 / 1 CHF = €0.9287 82 % sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (CHF)	Price Realised	Buyer
216	A pear-shaped, fancy vivid pink, VS2 clarity diamond, weighing 9.14 carats Price per carat: \$2,000,000	16,000,000-18,000,000	<b>CHF18,127,500</b> \$18,174,631 €16,835,009	Asian Private
188	<i>Miroir de l'Amour</i> A pair of pear-shaped, D colour, flawless diamond earrings, weighing 52.55 cts and 50.47 carats, by Boehmer et Bassenge WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A PAIR OF EARRINGS Price per carat: \$170,000	20,000,000-30,000,000	<b>CHF17,567,500</b> \$17,613,175 €16,314,937	Anonymous
223	A D colour diamond fringe necklace, by Harry Winston	6,500,000-8,500,000	<b>CHF8,327,500</b> \$8,349,151 €7,733,749	Harry Winston
187	<i>Le Jardin d'Isabelle</i> A D colour diamond and coloured diamond necklace by Boehmer et Bassenge	8,000,000-12,000,000	<b>CHF8,047,500</b> \$8,068,424 €7,473,713	Anonymous
115	A rectangular-cut D colour, potentially IF diamond ring, weighing 32.33 carats, by Bulgari Price per carat: \$135,000	2,000,000-3,000,000	<b>CHF 4,351,500</b> \$4,362,814 €4,041,238	Asian Private
143	A two-strand natural pearl necklace	2,000,000-3,000,000	<b>CHF 2,887,500</b> \$2,895,008 €2,681,621	European Trade
222	A D colour diamond bracelet	1,800,000-2,500,000	<b>CHF2,707,500</b> \$2,714,539 €2,514,455	Middle East Trade
217	A Kashmir sapphire and diamond bracelet, by Van Cleef & Arpels	1,700,000-2,700,000	<b>CHF 2,497,500</b> \$2,503,993 €2,319,428	US Private
186	A Burmese ruby, weighing 7.08 carats Price per carat: \$324,000	1,700,000-2,200,000	<b>CHF2,287,500</b> \$2,293,448 €2,124,401	Anonymous
155	An octagonal, fancy vivid orangy yellow, flawless diamond, weighing 10.30 carats Price per carat: \$205,000	2,000,000-3,000,000	<b>CHF2,107,500</b> \$2,112,980 €1,957,235	Anonymous

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**Next Sales:**

*Magnificent Jewels in Hong Kong on 29 November*  
*Important Jewels in London on 30 November*

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