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Announcing Two Exceptional Pieces of Craftsmanship TO LEAD CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG SPRING SALE OF MAGNIFICENT JEWELS



A Magnificent Colombian Emerald and Diamond Necklace

by Edmond Chin for the House of Boghossian
HK\$28,000,000-38,000,000
US\$3,600,000-5,000,000

Hong Kong – In anticipation of the Hong Kong Spring auctions, Christie's Hong Kong Jewellery department is proud to present two unique and extraordinary pieces of craftsmanship as early highlights. The famed jewels are world renowned for their extreme rarity, impeccable workmanship, and historical significance. It is without a doubt that this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will stimulate passionate bidding from enthusiastic collectors around the world.

The Emerald and Diamond 'Palmette' Necklace

The Magnificent Emerald and Diamond Necklace is created by the renowned designer Edmond Chin for the illustrious House of Boghossian. The exquisite design of unsurpassed craftsmanship features a delicate repeating palmette motif with white diamonds as spacers.

Great lengths and difficulty were taken to carefully amass 11 perfectly matching no oil emeralds, and marks the first time such an exclusive selection of emeralds will be offered at auction.

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The Jonker V

The Jonker No. 5 diamond forms a key part of a legendary collection of diamonds from the world famous 726 carats Jonker rough, discovered by Jacob Jonker.

When unearthed on January 17th, 1934, it was the fourth largest gem quality diamond ever uncovered. The stone was subsequently purchased by the Diamond Corporation Ltd., a company owned by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer. In 1935, it was purchased by Harry Winston and was displayed during the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary.

Before the Jonker rough was cut, it was painstakingly examined for months before taking its final form of 13 exquisite polished pieces, of which the Jonker Diamond No. 5 was born as a rectangular-cut diamond of 25.27 carats.

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The Jonker 5: A 25.27 carats D colour VVS2 clarity (Type IIa) rectangular-cut diamond ring, by Harry Winston

HK\$17,500,000-28,000,000

US\$2,200,000-3,600,000

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