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THE MOST VALUABLE HANDBAG IN THE WORLD “THE MOUAWAD 1001 NIGHTS DIAMOND PURSE”

NOW ON VIEW IN CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG
17 – 20 Oct 2017
To be offered at Private Sales



- **Designed by renowned jeweller, Robert Mouawad**
- **First offered at the original price of US\$3.8 million in 2010**
- **Incorporates 4,517 diamonds (105 yellow, 56 pink, and 4,356 colorless) with a total weight of 381.92 carats**
- **Hand-crafted by ten highly skilled artisans working for a total of 8,800 hours**
- **In 2010 the Guinness World Records certified the piece as the most valuable handbag in the world**

Hong Kong – Christie's is honored to offer the 1001 Nights Diamond Purse by internationally famed jeweler Robert Mouawad, which holds the world record for the most valuable handbag ever produced with an original price of US\$3.8 million in 2010.

Taking its inspiration from one of the world's most epic tales of romance, intrigue, and fantasy, the Mouawad 1001 Nights Diamond Purse incorporates 4,517 diamonds (105 yellow, 56 pink, and 4,356 colorless) with a total weight of 381.92 carats. This bejeweled masterpiece was hand-crafted by ten highly skilled artisans working for a total of 8,800 hours. In 2010 the Guinness World Records certified the piece as the most valuable handbag in the world.

This one-of-a-kind handbag will be sold through Private Sales and will be exhibited in the gallery of Christie's Hong Kong until 20 Oct 2017, followed by a tour to Christie's Geneva from 9 – 13 November before going to London.

Exhibition Information:

Date: 17 – 20 October 2017

Time: 10:30am – 5:30pm

Location: 22/F, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central, Hong Kong

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From now till 26 Oct 2017, Christie's Hong Kong is also offering **Christie's Handbags Online: The Daily Collector**, for handbag and accessories collectors and connoisseurs to purchase exquisite pieces from various luxury brands including Hermès, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Christian Dior, Fendi, Bottega Veneta and many more, in an attractive price range from HK\$5,000 to 160,000.



Sale Information

Website: <https://onlineonly.christies.com/s/christies-handbags-online-daily-collector/categories/391>

Bidding until: 26 Oct 2017

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**Please note when quoting estimates above that other fees will apply in addition to the hammer price - see Section D of the Conditions of Sale at the back of the sale catalogue.*

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