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## CHRISTIE'S GENEVA WATCH AUCTIONS TOTAL CHF23,534,875 / \$23,667,210



Lot 135

**Geneva** – This autumn, Christie's Geneva presented two auctions of watches at the Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues Geneva, which together realised a total of CHF23,534,875 / \$23,667,210 / €20,292,339.

The auction of **Rare Watches** on 13 November realised a total of CHF12,758,375 / \$12,836,827 / €11,002,996 and sold 91% by lot and 95% by value. The top lot of the sale (lot 135) was a so-called "Senza Luna" by Patek Philippe, reference 3448 in white gold, a perpetual calendar watch without the moon phase indication, made in 1981, which sold for CHF972,500 / \$978,480 / €838,697. It is the only example to date of a "Senza Luna" watch confirmed by the Extract from the Archives of Patek Philippe to have been made with a dial without moon phase disc. The Extract dated 9 October 2017

Demand for high quality timepieces was particularly evident and over 70% of the sale was purchased by private clients, echoing the high percentage of consignments from private collectors around the world. Throughout the day there was active participation online via Christie's LIVE™, with over 200 registrants to Christie's online platform from around the world.

The 7th edition of **Only Watch** on 11 November raised a total of CHF10,776,500 / \$10,830,382 / €9,289,343 and was sold 100% to benefit research of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The auction room welcomed watchmakers, collectors and philanthropists, alongside 300 supporters, and many more bidders joined the sale via Christie's online bidding facility and on the telephones. A total of 45 countries participated in the sale.

There was much competition for each of the 50 unique watches, donated by leading watch manufacturers and the atmosphere in the room was electric, with several rounds of applause. Read the full release [here](#).

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