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Paris – Christie's is pleased to announce that **Alexis Maggiar** has joined Christie's as International Director of the Department of Arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas.

Having started his career in 2001 with Alain de Monbrison and subsequently Calmels Cohen Auctioneers at the Hotel Drouot, Alexis joined an international auction house in 2007 where he evolved until becoming European Director of the African and Oceania Arts Department in 2017.

For more than a decade, Alexis has contributed to significant discoveries in the field, setting numerous auction records and participating in the success of collector's sales in his category in both Paris and New York. The results obtained in this field salute the strength of his expertise and his aesthetic sense.

Fascinated by the dialogue between arts and cultures, his commitment has largely favoured the recognition of this category at the top of the art market.

Alexis will report to **Cécile Verdier**, President of Christie's France, who will oversee this international department for which Paris

remains the historic auction capital.

Cécile Verdier, President of Christie's France: "I am delighted to welcome Alexis at Christie's. I am convinced that he will bring to this department, in addition to his long experience, great knowledge, involvement and commitment to clients, a new business approach and market vision."

The African and Oceanic Arts sales held two to three times a year at Christie's are now a must-attend event. Alexis will therefore have the essential role of leading the global strategy and developing this category in France and Europe but also in the United States. He will work closely with Victor Teodorescu, in charge of sales in Paris, Rémy Magusteiro junior specialist and the entire international team.

The next sale of African, Oceanic and American Art will take place on December 3rd in Paris.

Christie's longstanding commitment to diligent research requires that all objects have a verifiable provenance. There is a legitimate market for African art in which Christie's has played an important role for many years. We are committed to this category and want to share and celebrate the arts and culture of different regions and historical periods with all communities.

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About Christie's

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Alongside regular sales online, Christie's has a global presence in 46 countries, with 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

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