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**HANDBAGS & ACCESSORIES AUTUMN AUCTION
ACHIEVED HK\$45,863,125 / US\$5,942,915**

**Christie's Market Leadership in Handbag Auctions Continues with
Two Consecutive Records Set**

**INCLUDING THE MOST EXPENSIVE HANDBAG SOLD AT AUCTION
A HERMÈS HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE RETOURNÉ KELLY 25
HK\$3,375,000/ US\$437,330**

**Sale Totals Achieved Over Double The Pre-Sale Low Estimate
81% of Lots Surpassed Pre-Sale High Estimate
25% of Lots Bought by New-to-Christie's Buyers**

Sold by Lot 96% | Sold by Value 98%



**TOP LOT OF THE SALE
WORLD RECORD FOR ANY HANDBAG SOLD AT AUCTION**

**A RARE, MATTE WHITE HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE RETOURNÉ
KELLY 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE
HERMÈS, 2019**

Price Realised: HK\$3,375,000/ US\$437,330

Over 4 times above pre-sale high estimate of HK\$800,000/ US\$103,663



2nd TOP LOT OF THE SALE

**A RARE, MATTE WHITE HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE
BIRKIN 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE
HERMÈS, 2016**

Price Realised: HK\$3,000,000/ US\$388,738

Over 3 times above pre-sale high estimate of HK\$800,000/ US\$103,663

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Hong Kong – On 27 November, the [Handbags & Accessories auction](#) totalled HK\$45,863,125 / US\$5,942,915, with sell-through rates of 96% sold by lot and 98% sold by value. A world auction record was achieved by the top lot: [A RARE, MATTE WHITE HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE RETOURNÉ KELLY 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE, HERMÈS, 2019](#), which sold for **HK\$3,375,000/ US\$437,330**. This was complemented by the result of the 2nd top lot of the sale - [A RARE, MATTE WHITE HIMALAYA NILOTICUS CROCODILE BIRKIN 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE, HERMÈS, 2016](#), which sold for HK\$3,000,000/ US\$388,738. Both lots broke the previous world auction record set by Christie's Hong Kong in Autumn 2017.

Winsy Tsang, Vice President & Head of Sale, Handbags & Accessories, Christie's Asia Pacific, commented "We are thrilled to kick off the Hong Kong Autumn Auctions season by setting numerous new records during the course of the sale, including both Hermès Himalaya lots selling for HK\$3 million and higher. These exceptional results and new price benchmarks reaffirm our continued market leadership. The sale drew wide participation and intense bidding by collectors from 15 countries across 4 continents via all sale channels. These phenomenal results are a testament to a robust market and an ever-growing appetite for rare and desirable designs. We look forward to continuing this strong buying momentum in the *Handbags & Accessories Online: The New York Edition* (24 November - 10 December)."

Other top performing lots include:



AN EXCEPTIONAL, SHINY BLACK POROSUS CROCODILE SELLIER KELLY 25 WITH 18K WHITE GOLD & DIAMOND HARDWARE
HERMÈS, 2019

Price Realised: HK\$1,500,000/ US\$194,369



A RARE, MATTE BLEU MARINE ALLIGATOR, DEEP BLUE MADAM, ORANGE H SWIFT, BLEU INDIGO & BLEU OBSCUR SOMBRERO, CRAIE EPSOM LEATHER FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE
HERMÈS, 2020

Price Realised: HK\$2,000,000/ US\$259,159
Almost 3 times above pre-sale high estimate of
HK\$800,000/ US\$103,663



A CUSTOM CIEL & BLEU JEAN TOGO LEATHER FRINGE BIRKIN 25 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE
HERMÈS, 2009

Price Realised: HK\$625,000/ US\$80,987
Almost 4 times above pre-sale high estimate of
HK\$160,000/ US\$20,733

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