

# CHRISTIE'S

**22 YEARS AS JEWELLERY AUCTION MARKET LEADERS**

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## CHRISTIE'S GENEVA SPRING SEASON REALISED SFR. 167.1 MILLION/ US\$169.2 MILLION

**THE OPPENHEIMER BLUE DIAMOND SELLS FOR  
SFr.56.8 MILLION/US\$57.5 MILLION SETTING  
A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR ANY JEWEL SOLD AT AUCTION**

- THE HAVAS BREGUET ET FILS POCKET WATCH SOLD SFr.3,245,000/US\$3,322,880  
**BECOMING THE MOST EXPENSIVE WATCH OF THE SEASON**
- A 2 MILLION WINE SALE LEAD BY 10 BOTTLES OF PETRUS 1982 SOLD FOR  
SFr.32,900/US\$33,690
- COMBINED SALE THROUGH RATES OF 89% BY LOT



**Geneva** –The *Magnificent jewels* sale on 18 May concluded the 48<sup>th</sup> Christie's Spring Season with a combined total of SFr.167,185,332/US\$169,528,430 and combined sales through rates of 89% by lot. The highlight of the week was the **Oppenheimer Blue** diamond which sold for SFr.56,837,000/US\$57,541,779, setting a new world record for any jewel sold at auction. The exceptional stone was acquired after 25 minutes of bidding.

In addition to the spectacular stone, the *Superb Jewels from the collection of H.S.H. Gabriela Princess zu Leiningen* realised SFr.22,260,750/US\$22,536,783 selling 100% by lot bringing the total of the jewellery auction to SFr.146,818,625/US\$148,639,176.

The Geneva season started on Monday 16 May with the auction of *Rare Watches including important private collections* which realised SFr.18,397,125 /US\$18,838,656, selling 93% by lot and 97% by value. The top lot of the sale was the exceptional Charles-Louis Havas Breguet et Fils pocket watch which sold for SFr.3,245,000/US\$3,322,880, becoming the most expensive watch sold during the spring season in Geneva and is the second most expensive Breguet et Fils watch ever sold at auction.

A day later, on 17<sup>th</sup> May, the *Fine and Rare wine sale* fetched SFr.1,969,582/\$US2,016,852 selling 89% by lot and 94% by value. The top lot of the auction was lot 91, ten bottles of Petrus 1982 sold SFr.32,900/\$US33,690. Bids from 17 different countries were received during the day long auction and 20 % of the bidders were registered on Christie's LIVE.

#### **MAGNIFICENT JEWELS INCLUDING THE SUPERB JEWELS FROM THE COLLECTION OF H.S.H. GABRIELA PRINCESS ZU LEININGEN**



- RECORD FOR ANY JEWEL SOLD AT AUCTION
- HIGHEST LOT OF THE GENEVA SPRING SEASON : **THE OPPENHEIMER BLUE**
- A TOTAL OF SFr.22.2M/\$US22.5M FOR THE SUBERB JEWELS FROM THE COLLECTION OF H.S.H. GABRIELA PRINCESS ZU LEININGEN SELLING 100%
- 507 REGISTRANTS FOR THE SALE
- THE JEWELLED ELEGANCE COLLECTION REALISED SFr.7.2 MILLION SELLING 92% PER LOT

##### **Rahul Kadakia, International Head of Christie's Jewellery Department :**

« Once again, the Magnificent jewels sale was a great success welcoming clients from all over the world. Selling the Oppenheimer blue diamond was a real privilege and the result of SFr.56,8M proves that there is still a strong demand for high end quality stones. Provenance is also a key element to success as it was the case for *The Superb Jewels from the collection of H.S.H Gabriela Princess zu Leiningen* which totaled SFr.22.2M with 100 % of sold lots, highlighted by the **Pohl diamond** which sold for SFr.4,309,000/US\$4,362,432 (US\$120,876 per carat).

#### **RARE WATCHES INCLUDING IMPORTANT PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**



- THE HAVAS BREGUET POCKET WATCH BECOMES THE MOST EXPENSIVE WATCH SOLD OF THE SEASON
- PRIVATE CLIENTS FROM 29 COUNTRIES BOUGHT 70 % OF THE SALE

##### **Thomas Perazzi, Head of the Geneva Watch department:**

"This sale which sold 157% above the low estimate, showed the strong presence of international private clients. This spectacular sale is the result of the strong work of the international team travelling with the very important watches all around the world, all the way to Asia, the Middle-East and the USA. In addition to the Breguet which was acquired by a private Swiss Museum, 70% of the lots were bought by private clients. The

vintage watches offered attracted high interest from private collectors especially lots 171, 117 and 174 a Patek Philippe, reference 2499, which was sold six years ago at Christie's in Geneva for SFr.579,000 and achieved on Monday SFr.965,000 ».

## FINE AND RARE WINES



- 67% BIDDERS REGISTERED FROM EUROPE
- 26% BIDDERS REGISTERED FROM ASIA
- 20% BIDDERS REGISTERED ON CHRISTIE'S LIVE.

**Edwin Vos, Head of Continental Europe, Wine department :** « The market was present for high quality wines such as the Armand Rousseau Collection which sold way above the high estimate, especially for lots dated from the 1990's such as lots 509 (SFr.21,150), 510 (SFr.19,975) and 512 (SFr 14,100). Strong interest was also noticed for Bordeaux wines from the 1980's and 1990's and for Jayer wines which always encounter a real success ».



# CHRISTIE'S

*Rare watches including important private collections*  
Geneva, 16 May 2016, Sale #1413

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

252 lots sold		Total: SFr.18.397.125 / \$18.838.656 / €16.667.795	93% sold by lot
272 lots offered			97% sold by value
Lot	Description	Estimation (SFr.)	Price Realized
123	Breguet No. 217 "Montre perpétuelle à répétition à quantième de mois et dates et équation, échappement libre à encre".	600.000-1.200.000	SFr.3.245.000 \$3.322.880 €2.939.970
171	Patek Philippe. A possibly unique sector dial and previously unknown staybrite stainless steel chronograph wristwatch, ref. 530, manufactured in 1938 RECORD FOR A STAINLESS STEEL SECTOR DIAL WATCH	500.000-800.000	SFr.1.205.000 \$1.233.920 €1.091.730
117	Patek Philippe. An 18K gold two crown world time wristwatch ref. 2523/1, manufactured in 1965	500.000-800.000	SFr.1.121.000 \$1.147.904 €1.015.626
174	Patek Philippe. An 18K gold perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch with moon phases, ref. 2499, manufactured in 1956	600.000-900.000	SFr.965.000 \$988.160 €874.290
85	Patek Philippe. An 18K pink gold double-dial wristwatch with twelve complications, ref. 5002R, manufactured in 2012	700.000-900.000	SFr.917.000 \$939.008 €830.802
208	Patek Philippe. An 18K white gold perpetual calendar automatic wristwatch, ref. 3448, manufactured in 1973	300.000-500.000	SFr.629.000 \$644.096 €569.874
213	Patek Philippe. A fine platinum automatic "cathedral" minute repeating perpetual calendar wristwatch, ref. 5074P, manufactured in 2012	350.000-550.000	SFr.413.000 \$422.912 €374.178
116	Patek Philippe. A very fine and rare 18K gold perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch, ref. 2499, manufactured in 1976	250.000-450.000	SFr.353.000 \$361.472 €319.818
59	Patek Philippe. A stainless steel wristwatch with black lacquered dial and Breguet numerals, ref. 1503, manufactured in 1944	30.000-50.000	SFr.329.000 \$336.896 €298.074
82	Patek Philippe. An extremely fine and very rare platinum minute repeating tourbillon wristwatch, ref. 3939H, manufactured in 1999	250.000-350.000	SFr.305.000 \$312.320 €276.330

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*Fine and Rare Wines*  
Geneva, 17 May 2016, Sale #1414

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553 lots sold		Total: SFr. 1.969.582/ \$2.016.852 / €1.780.502	89% sold by lot
625 lots offered			94% sold by value
Lot	Description	Estimation (SFr.)	Price Realized
91	PÉTRUS 1982 POMEROL, CRU EXCEPTIONNEL, 10 BOTTLES PER LOT	32.000-36.000	SFr.32.900 \$33.690 €29.742
481	HENRI JAYER, VOSNE-ROMANÉE, CROS PARANTOUX 1992 1ER CRU, CÔTE DE NUITS 8 BOTTLES PER LOT	22.000-26.000	SFr.30.550 \$31.283 €27.617
463	DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI, ASSORTMENT CASE ABOVE 12 BOTTLES PER LOT	17.000-21.000	SFr.21.150 \$21.658 €19.120
509	ARMAND ROUSSEAU CHAMBERTIN 1990 GRAND CRU, CÔTE DE NUITS ABOVE 9 BOTTLES PER LOT	14.000-18.000	SFr.21.150 \$21.658 €19.120
178	PÉTRUS 1989 POMEROL, CRU EXCEPTIONNEL 8 BOTTLES PER LOT	14.000-18.000	SFr.19.975 \$20.454 €18.057
416	CHÂTEAU LAFITE-ROTHSCHILD 1982 PAUILLAC, PREMIER CRU CLASSÉ, 11 BOTTLES PER LOT	20.000-26.000	SFr.19.975 \$20.454 €18.057
510	ARMAND ROUSSEAU, CHAMBERTIN, CLOS DE BÈZE 1990 GRAND CRU, CÔTE DE NUIT 10 BOTTLES PER LOT	15.000-20.000	SFr.19.975 \$20.454 €18.057
193	CHÂTEAU MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD 2000 PAUILLAC, 1ER CRU CLASSÉ 12 BOTTLES PER LOT	13.000-18.000	SFr.18.800 \$19.251 €16.995
89	PÉTRUS 1978 POMEROL, CRU EXCEPTIONNEL 12 BOTTLES PER LOT	10.000-14.000	SFr.16.450 \$16.845 €14.871
512	ARMAND ROUSSEAU CHAMBERTIN 1991 GRAND CRU, CÔTE DE NUITS 2 MAGNUMS PER LOT	3.300-3.800	SFr.14.100 \$14.438 €12.746
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*Geneva Magnificent Jewels*

Geneva, 18 May 2016, Sale #1415

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244 lots sold		Total: SFr.146,818,625 / \$148,639,176 / €131,828,443	86% sold by lot
285 lots offered			93% sold by value
Lot	Description	Estimation (SFr.)	Price Realized
242	<b>The Oppenheimer Blue</b> A 14.82 ct fancy vivid blue rectangular-cut diamond \$3,935,826 per carat <b>WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR ANY JEWEL</b>	38,000,000-45,000,000	SFr.56,837,000 \$57,541,779 €51,033,942
224	<b>The Oriental Sunrise</b> A pair of 12.20 ct and 11.96 ct fancy vivid orange-yellow oval-cut diamond earrings \$476,238 per carat	9,500,000-12,500,000	SFr.11,385,000 \$11,505,926 €10,204,634
234	A pair of intense blue and pink diamond ear pendants	5,400,000-6,400,000	SFr.5,877,000 \$5,949,875 €5,276,958
196	A pair of 3.02 ct and 2.50 ct fancy intense blue diamond ear pendants \$872,000 per carat	3,500,000-5,500,000	SFr.4,757,000 \$4,815,987 €4,271,310
346	<b>The Pohl Diamond</b> A 36.09 ct rectangular-cut diamond ring (D/VS1 Pot) by Cartier \$120,876 per carat	3,800,000-5,500,000	SFr.4,309,000 \$4,362,432 €3,869,051
337	A 55.61 ct Burmese sapphire and diamond necklace, by Cartier	2,000,000-3,000,000	SFr.3,245,000 \$3,285,298 €2,913,686
202	A pair of 21.73 ct and 21.32 ct pear-shaped diamond earrings (G/VS1 and VS2) \$74,995 per carat	2,200,000-2,800,000	SFr.3,189,000 \$3,228,544 €2,863,403
174	A 25.94 ct pear-shaped diamond ring, by Van Cleef & Arpels \$113,534 per carat	2,500,000-3,000,000	SFr.2,909,000 \$2,945,072 €2,611,991
345	A 39.70 ct Colombian emerald and diamond necklace, by Cartier	2,500,000-3,500,000	SFr.2,825,000 \$2,860,030 €2,536,568
315	A 20.42 ct rectangular-cut diamond ring (D/VS1 Pot) by Boucheron \$113,287 per carat	2,000,000-3,000,000	SFr.2,285,000 \$2,313,334 €2,051,702
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