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CHRISTIE'S SHANGHAI SALE ACHIEVED

RMB148,304,400/USD 21,143,021

Voie Lactée - 09.11.1956 by Zao Wou-Ki Becomes the Most Expensive Work of Art Sold at Christie's Shanghai

Exceptional Combined Sell-Through Rate of 96%



Shanghai, China – Christie's completed its seventh year of sales in Shanghai, achieving a combined total of **RMB148,304,400/USD 21,143,021**. The evening sale achieved a remarkable 97% sell-through rate, led by *Voie Lactée - 09.11.1956* by Zao Wou-Ki, which became the most expensive work of art to be sold in Christie's Shanghai when it achieved RMB 56,400,000.

Francis Belin, President Christie's Asia Pacific, commented: "The very strong results achieved in Shanghai in addition to those realized during New York Asian Art Week underscore the confidence we are seeing in the market. Our tightly curated sales featured a broad mix of Chinese and Western works which was met with great enthusiasm, achieving a remarkable 96% combined sell- through rate. We remain committed to contributing to the art market here in China and to meeting the demands of Chinese collectors and to continue enriching the way we engage."

Julia Hu, General Manager China, continued: "This season presented one of the most diverse offerings of works to date, made possible by the international collaboration of our specialists and art departments. In the evening sale alone, over 50% of the works were from the Western art category- the most comprehensive selection ever offered. Among this group, six artists were presented at auction in Shanghai for the first time and were 100% sold. The exceptional results achieved for all genres of Asian and Western works demonstrate that the Shanghai salesroom has further established itself as a truly international platform".

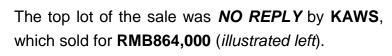
SALE HIGHLIGHTS



The second sale dedicated sale to Moutai, **The Spirit of China – Kweichow Moutai** was enthusiastically received, realising a total of **RMB 14,784,000** with **96%** sold by lot.

The top lot of the sale was 12 bottles of **FeiTian MAOTAI 1977**, which sold for RMB960,000.00 (illustrated left).

Returning for another successful season, the Crosscategory FIRST OPEN sale which includes The Contemporary Scholar's Studio section of works realised RMB 9,404,400, and a sell-through rate of 96%.







The top lot of the evening auction of 20th Century and Contemporary Art was *Voie Lactée - 09.11.1956*, by Zao Wou-ki (*illustrated left*) which was sold for RMB 56,400,000, becoming the most expensive work of art to be sold in Christie's Shanghai.

Overall the sale was with 97% sold by lot and totaled RMB 124,116,000.

A wide selection of Western artworks was also offered, with **Le profil du temps** by **Salvador Dali** (*illustrated right*) achieving the top price for the category of **RMB7,680,000**.

First time artists represented at auction in Shanghai, Alex Katz, Gerhard Richter, Andreas Gursky, Eddie Martinez, Tony Cragg and Katharina Grosse also achieved strong prices and were 100% sold by lot.





Gerhard Richter



Andreas Gursky DUBAI WORLD 1



Alex Katz JENNIFER AND MATHIFII

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