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Christie's Watches Department Proudly Presents

"THE RUBY SERIES"

**An Extraordinary Collection of Eight Ruby-Set Masterpieces
By Patek Philippe**

Seen Together For The First Time In Asia

Live Auction | Hong Kong | 28 November

Previews

Shanghai | 24 – 25 October

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LEADING HIGHLIGHT: PATEK PHILIPPE

A HISTORICALLY VERY IMPORTANT 18K GOLD PERPETUAL CALENDAR CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH CHARLES STERN'S UNIQUE SPECIAL REQUEST DIAL WITH CABOCHON RUBY HOUR MARKERS AND 3-MINUTE PHONECALL COUNTDOWN FEATURE, REF. 1518, MANUFACTURED IN 1943

**HK\$4,000,000 - 12,000,000/
US\$500,000 - 1,500,000**

Hong Kong – Following the phenomenal July sale of the "The Titanium Collection" which set world auction records for the Patek Philippe Ref. 5033 and 2524/1, Christie's is poised to extend its market leadership in Asia in offering the finest Patek Philippe watches by presenting **"The Ruby Series"**. This astounding collection features eight of the most-coveted and comprehensive Patek Philippe ruby-set timepieces manufactured from 1943 to 2015.

Through the centuries, rubies have captivated collectors and royalty alike, commanding higher prices per carat than any other gemstone apart from coloured diamonds in modern times. It is for this reason Patek Philippe has only produced such exclusive ruby-set pieces by special order or by invitation to their most valued clients.

Leading the collection is one of the great stars in Patek Philippe's galaxy – **Charles Stern's Unique Dial with Cabochon Ruby Hour Markers fitted to an extremely fine and rare 18K Gold Perpetual Calendar Chronograph Wristwatch with Moon Phases and Tachymeter** (image above, estimate: HK\$4,000,000 - 12,000,000/ US\$500,000 - 1,500,000). This watch carries immense historical significance, and was made upon special request in 1943 by Patek Philippe's legendary co-owner for his personal use. The legacy continued when it was passed to his son, Henri Stern, the President of Patek Philippe, to wear as his personal watch with this dial for around three years until 1946.

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Other highlights include: the exceptional **reference 3974R**, a possibly unique 18K Pink Gold automatic minute repeater with ruby-set numerals produced in 1992 and still in superb condition (estimate: HK\$ 6,300,000 – 12,000,000/ US\$800,000 - 1,500,000); a breathtaking and possibly unique **reference 3448/8** self-winding perpetual calendar bracelet watch made in 1968 with baguette rubies as hour markers (estimate: HK\$4,000,000 - 7,800,000/ US\$500,000 - 1,000,000); a possibly unique **reference 3939** minute repeater tourbillon with ruby hour markers, elevated to the very top level (estimate: HK\$4,000,000 - 7,800,000/ US\$500,000 – 1,000,000); a magnificent & never seen before white gold **Aquanaut, reference 5063**, thought to be a unique bespoke piece set with 12 baguette-shaped rubies echoing the pattern of the dial (estimate: HK\$4,000,000 - 7,800,000/ US\$500,000 - 1,000,000).

Another two noteworthy highlights from the 1950s: the **reference 600/1**, an exquisite pocket watch fitted with ivory-coloured enamel dial with ruby-set numerals bearing the King of Saudi Arabia's portrait (estimate: HK\$200,000 - 400,000/ US\$25,000 - 50,000); a 1955 **reference 2481 'Large Calatrava'**, this extremely beautiful centre seconds model is 37 mm in diameter and is one of the largest Patek Philippe watches of the period. This reference is also often found with the portrait of King Abdul Aziz, however this stunning example has ruby hour markers without the portrait, which is a great rarity (estimate: HK\$400,000 - 800,000/ US\$50,000 - 100,000).

Alexandre Bigler, Vice President and Head of Watches, Christie's Asia Pacific, commented, "We are very honoured to be able to offer to watch enthusiasts worldwide this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire these eight rare Patek Philippe ruby-set masterpieces spanning vintage, modern and contemporary eras, seen here together for the first time in public. We look forward to marking another historic moment in watch history this November in Hong Kong."

SALE HIGHLIGHTS



PATEK PHILIPPE
A IMPORTANT AND POSSIBLY UNIQUE 18K
PINK GOLD AUTOMATIC MINUTE REPEATING
PERPETUAL CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH
MOON PHASES, 24 HOUR, LEAP YEAR,
DAY/NIGHT INDICATION AND
RUBY-SET NUMERALS, REF. 3974R,
MANUFACTURED IN 1992

**HK\$6,300,000 - 12,000,000/
US\$800,000 - 1,500,000**



PATEK PHILIPPE
A POSSIBLY UNIQUE AND MAGNIFICENT
18K WHITE GOLD AND
RUBY-SET AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH
WITH DATE, AQUANAUT,
REF. 5063, MANUFACTURED IN 1997

**HK\$4,000,000 - 7,800,000/
US\$500,000 - 1,000,000**

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PATEK PHILIPPE
A HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE AND
POSSIBLY UNIQUE 18K GOLD
AUTOMATIC PERPETUAL
CALENDAR WRISTWATCH WITH
MOON PHASES AND
RUBY-SET NUMERALS,
REF. 3448/8, MANUFACTURED IN 1968

HK\$4,000,000 - 7,800,000/
US\$500,000 - 1,000,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
AN IMPORTANT AND POSSIBLY UNIQUE
18K PINK GOLD MINUTE REPEATING
TOURBILLON WRISTWATCH WITH
RUBY-SET NUMERALS,
REF. 3939, CIRCA 2008

HK\$4,000,000 - 7,800,000/
US\$500,000 - 1,000,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE
18K PINK GOLD WRISTWATCH WITH
RUBY-SET DIAL AND
DETACHABLE BRACELET,
REF. 2481, MANUFACTURED IN 1955

HK\$400,000 - 800,000/ US\$50,000 - 100,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
AN IMPRESSIVE AND VERY RARE PLATINUM AND
RUBY-SET PERPETUAL CALENDAR
CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH
MOON PHASES, LEAP YEAR AND
DAY/NIGHT INDICATION
REF. 5271, CIRCA 2015

HK\$1,800,000 - 2,600,000/ US\$230,000 - 350,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
AN 18K PINK GOLD
OPENFACE KEYLESS LEVER WATCH
WITH RUBY-SET ENAMEL DIAL WITH
PAINTED PORTRAIT OF
KING OF SAUDI ARABIA
REF. 600/1, MANUFACTURED IN 1956

HK\$200,000 - 400,000/ US\$25,000 - 50,000

NOTES TO EDITOR

Preview:

Shanghai | 24 – 25 October | Ampire Building, No. 97 Yuanmingyuan Road, Shanghai 200002, China

Dubai | 29 October – 5 November | Gate Village, Building 5, Podium Level, Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai, UAE

Hong Kong | 14 – 18 November | 22/F, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central

Auction: [Important Watches Including The Ruby Collection](#)

Date & Time: 28 November 2020, 2pm

Location: Hall 3C, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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