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Christie's Hong Kong's Watches Department
Retains Market Leadership in Asia for 3 Consecutive Years
in Offering The Most Valuable Patek Philippe & Vintage Timepieces at Auction

### THE CATEGORY REALISED A HISTORIC COMBINED TOTAL OF HK\$559 MILLION/ US\$72 MILLION FOR THE YEAR IN ASIA

#### Day & Evening Auctions on 27 November ACHIEVED A COMBINED TOTAL OF HK\$228,077,500/ US\$29,388,699

Combined Sell-Through Rate of 87%

4 World Auction Records for References Across Both Sales Including Patek Philippe References: 1436J, 2419J, 2497J, Richard Mille – Pink Sapphire Ref 07-02



#### **TOP LOT OF THE SALES**

Lot 2508 - PATEK PHILIPPE
A UNIQUE 18K GOLD MINUTE REPEATING WRISTWATCH WITH BLACKENED HANDS AND INDEX,
LARGE SUBSIDIARY SECOND DIAL, REPEATING SLIDER AND CROWN,
REF. 2419, RETAILED BY CARTIER, MANUFACTURED IN 1946,

Price realised: HK\$23,050,000/ US\$2,970,085

**Hong Kong –** On 27 November, Christie's Watches Department created another monumental chapter in horological world auction history, with the day auction An Exceptional Season of Watches including The Champion Collection (Part 1) and evening auction <u>Timeless Marvels</u> realising a combined total of HK\$228,077,500/ US\$29,388,699, pushing the category's annual sale total in Asia to **HK\$559 Million/ US\$72 Million** for the unprecedented offerings, across four live and five online-only auctions.

The sales achieved a combined sale through rate of 87%, with almost 30% of lots sold via Christie's Live<sup>™</sup>. The bustling saleroom invited bidding by an extensive collector base from 22 countries across 4 continents, as well as an contingent of millennial buyers who accounted for more than 40% of new buyers.

Alexandre Bigler, Vice President and Head of Watches, Christie's Asia Pacific, commented: "With the remarkable success of the day and evening sales this season, the historic results we achieved this year once again demonstrates Christie's Asia's continued market leadership in offering the most valuable Patek Philippe and vintage timepieces, and underscores our unmatched expertise in sourcing and selling the very finest horological masterpieces spanning eras, brands, and designs worldwide. The market is more vibrant than ever in the post-pandemic era, and we look forward to convening watch collectors and enthusiasts again in the two online auctions: <a href="Christie's Fine Watchmaking: Important">Christie's Fine Watchmaking: Important</a>

<u>Timepieces and the Independent Collection (24 November – 10 December)</u>, and <u>Watches Online : The Geneva Edit –</u> An Important Private Collection (2 – 14 December)."



#### **Sale Highlights - Timeless Marvels:**

- The evening sale achieved HK\$77,075,000/ US\$9,931,422 and achieved an 82% sell-through rate by lot.
- In addition to the top lot (shown on the cover page and image on the left), buyers showed a strong appetite for other vintage Patek Philippe wristwatches with exceptional provenance, highlighted by Ref. 1436 once owned by Henry Graves Jr., the legendary patron of the brand; as well as Ref. 2497 once acquired by Reginald H. Fullerton Jr., the grandson of Henry Graves Jr.. Both references set auction records.
- **Enamel creations, rare pocket watches, and dome clocks** were also 100% sold, highlighted by the amphora-form watch attributed to Piguet & Capt and made for the Chinese market in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and an openface keyless lever watch by Patek Philippe, made to celebrate the company's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.



Lot 2509
PATEK PHILIPPE.
AN EXTREMELY RARE AND HISTORICALLY
IMPORTANT 18K GOLD SPLIT SECOND
CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH
BREGUET NUMERALS, REF. 1436,
SOLD TO HENRY GRAVES JR. IN 1947,
MANUFACTURED IN 1946

Price realised: HK\$13,450,000/ US\$1,733,086

Lot 2510
PATEK PHILIPPE.
AN 18K GOLD PERPETUAL CALENDAR
WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP CENTRE
SECONDS AND MOON PHASES,
REF. 2497, MANUFACTURED IN 1951

Price realised: HK\$13,450,000/ US\$1,733,086



ATTRIBUTED TO PIGUET & CAPT.
AN 18K GOLD AND ENAMEL, PEARL-SET
MUSICAL, PERFUME FLASK AND
AUTOMATON AMPHORA-FORM WATCH
MADE FOR THE CHINESE MARKET,
CIRCA 1805

Price realised: HK\$6,250,000/ US\$805,338



PROPERTY FROM
THE CHAMPION COLLECTION
Lot 2512
PATEK PHILIPPE.
A UNIQUE 18K WHITE GOLD OPENFACE
KEYLESS LEVER WATCH WITH WOOD
MINIATURE AND A UNIQUE ASSOCIATED
18K WHITE GOLD, WOOD AND RUBY-SET
PATEK PHILIPPE WATCH STAND,
REF. 982/181G-001,
MADE TO CELEBRATE THE COMPANY'S
175TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2014

Price realised: HK\$3,000,000/ US\$386,562



PROPERTY FROM
THE CHAMPION COLLECTION
Lot 2515
PATEK PHILIPPE.
A VERY FINE AND RARE LIMITED EDITION
STAINLESS STEEL CUSHION-SHAPED
SINGLE BUTTON SPLIT SECONDS
CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH
ROSE GOLD SUNBURST DIAL AND BLACK
BREGUET NUMERALS,
MADE IN A LIMITED SERIES OF 10 PIECES
REF. 5950/1A-011, CIRCA 2014

Price realised: HK\$5,625,000/ US\$724,804



PROPERTY FROM
THE CHAMPION COLLECTION
Lot 2516
PATEK PHILIPPE.
A POSSIBLY UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT
18K PINK GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET
TONNEAU-SHAPED AUTOMATIC MINUTE
REPEATING PERPEPTUAL CALENDAR
WRISTWATCH WITH RETROGRADE DATE,
MOON PHASES, LEAP YEAR INDICATION
AND BLACK DIAL WITH
DIAMOND-SET INDEXES
REF. 5013R-014, CIRCA 2010

Price realised: HK\$4,000,000/ US\$515,416



Sale Highlights - An Exceptional Season of Watches including The Champion Collection (Part 1):

- The sale totalled HK\$151,002,500/ US\$19,457,276, with sell-through rates of 87% by lot and 89% by value. Close to one-third of lots were sold via Christie's Live™.
- The top lot was lot 2294 RICHARD MILLE, A PINK SAPPHIRE, 18K PINK GOLD AND DIAMOND-SET SKELETONIZED LADY'S AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL DIAL, REF. RM 07-02, CIRCA 2016, sold for HK\$10,450,000/ US\$1,346,524 (shown left), setting a world auction record for the reference.
- Patek Philippe modern complications fetched remarkable prices, particularly for minute-repeating wristwatches references 5074, 5207, and Nautilus model Ref. 5711.
- Rolex vintage pieces continued to command exceptional prices, led by Ref. 6238 which is one of only two known examples.
- Timepieces by fast-rising brands and independent watchmakers are becoming increasingly desirable among buyers as the sale saw a 100% sell-through rate for F.P JOURNE, A. LANGE & SÖHNE, Voutilainen, Parmigiani Fleurier, and Laurent Ferrier pieces.



Lot 2378
PATEK PHILIPPE.
A RARE PLATINUM AUTOMATIC
"CATHEDRAL" MINUTE REPEATING
PERPETUAL CALENDAR WRISTWATCH
WITH MOON PHASES, 24 HOUR AND
LEAP YEAR INDICATION
REF. 5074, CIRCA 2012

Price realised: HK\$6,850,000/ US\$882,650



Lot 2379
PATEK PHILIPPE.
A RARE 18K PINK GOLD MINUTE
REPEATING INSTANTANEOUS
PERPETUAL CALENDAR TOURBILLON
WRISTWATCH WITH MOON PHASES,
DAY/NIGHT AND LEAP YEAR INDICATION
REF. 5207, CIRCA 2013

Price realised: HK\$5,625,000/ US\$724,804



PATEK PHILIPPE.
A VERY RARE STAINLESS STEEL
AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH SWEEP
CENTRE SECONDS, DATE, BRACELET
AND OLIVE GREEN DIAL
NAUTILUS MODEL, REF. 5711, CIRCA 2021

Price realised: HK\$3,250,000/ US\$418,776



PROPERTY FROM
THE CHAMPION COLLECTION
Lot 2288
VOUTILAINEN.
A UNIQUE PLATINUM DUAL-TIME
WRISTWATCH WITH LACQUERED DIAL
28 GML CENTER MODEL, UNIQUE PIECE,
CIRCA 2015

Price realised: HK\$5,250,000/ US\$676,484



Lot 2333
ROLEX.
A VERY RARE 14K
CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH
BRACELET, REF. 6238, CIRCA 1967

Price realised: HK\$5,000,000/ US\$644,270



LOI 2205
ROLEX.

A GROUP OF FOUR 18K WHITE GOLD
AUTOMATIC CHRONOGRAPH
WRISTWATCHES WITH YELLOW MOTHEROF-PEARL, PINK MOTHER-OF-PEARL,
TURQUOISE CHRYSOPRASE AND GREEN
CHRYSOPRASE DIALS
DAYTONA MODEL, REF. 116519, "BEACH",
CIRCA 2000 TO 2002

Price realised: HK\$2,250,000/ US\$289,922



THE CHAMPION COLLECTION
Lot 2214
F.P. JOURNE.
AN 18K PINK GOLD AND SILVER
LIMITED EDITION TOURBILLON
WRISTWATCH, MADE TO CELEBRATE THE
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF F.P.JOURNE
30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TOURBILLON
MODEL, LIMITED EDITION TO 99 PIECES,
CIRCA 2013

Price realised: HK\$3,250,000/ US\$418,776



PROPERTY FROM
THE CHAMPION COLLECTION
LOT 2217
F.P. JOURNE.
AN EARLY 18K PINK GOLD
DUAL TIME CHRONOMETER
WRISTWATCH WITH RESONANCECONTROLLED TWIN INDEPENDENT
GEAR-TRAIN MOVEMENT AND
POWER RESERVE
CHRONOMÈTRE À RÉSONANCE MODEL,
CIRCA 2002

Price realised: HK\$3,000,000/ US\$386,562



Lot 2248
A. LANGE & SÖHNE.
AN EXTREMELY RARE 18K PINK GOLD
LIMITED EDITION TOURBILLON
WRISTWATCH WITH CHAIN FUSÉE AND
POWER RESERVE
POUR LE MÉRITE MODEL,
LIMITED EDITION TO 150 PIECES,
REF. 701.011, CIRCA 1999
Price realised: HK\$3,250,000/ US\$418,776

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