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Sotheby's Hong Kong Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite Spring Sale Presents Exquisite Design Masterpieces and Work by Legendary Jewellery Makers

Featuring
A Rare and Important Art Deco Gem Set and Diamond Mystery Clock,
'Le Ciel', By Cartier, 1928



Public Exhibition: 31 March – 3 April | Auction: 4 April
Hall 5, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Hong Kong, 17 March 2017 Sotheby's Hong Kong *Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite* Spring Sale 2017 will take place on 4 April at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, featuring rare and exquisite design masterpieces alongside works by legendary jewellery makers. Highlights include a very rare and important Art Deco Gem Set and Diamond clock by Cartier, a unique pair of ruby and diamond bangles by design extraordinaire, BHAGAT and remarkable gem-set and diamond necklace by Mauboussin. These are complemented by a selection of diamonds, superb natural coloured gemstones, pearls, and jadeite jewels.

QUEK Chin Yeow, Deputy Chairman of Sotheby's Asia and Chairman of International Jewellery, Asia, said, "We are delighted to present to the market this Spring a meticulously-curated selection of some of the world's most exquisite design masterpieces by legendary jewellery makers. Featured in the sale is a rare and remarkable Art Deco Mystery Clock by Cartier which represents the peak of the art movement's era of creativity and the ultimate embodiment of Cartier's clock making craftsmanship, as well as a unique pair of ruby and diamond bangles by the contemporary design mastermind, BHAGAT."

MAGICAL MESSENGER OF MYSTERY: 'LE CIEL'



Superb and Rare Art Deco Gem Set and Diamond Mystery Clock, 'Le Ciel', Cartier, 1928
 Est. HK\$10.5 million – 14 million / US\$1.36 million – 1.81 million

Representing the epitome of Art Deco's most creative period and the quintessence of Cartier's clockmaking, Sotheby's is proud to present this rare and exceptional bejewelled timepiece at the upcoming spring auction. This special collection of clocks produced by Cartier between 1922 and 1931 incorporated antique Chinese jade carvings from the 18th and 19th centuries. 'Le Ciel' is one of only thirteen clocks from the collection still known to exist.

Embracing the wondrous orbit of the planets, the design is saturated with symbolism. The celestial dial, embellished with bejewelled shooting stars and planets, depict the majesty of the midnight sky – as the diamond-set comet hands celebrate the mystical planetary cycle. The dial is supported by a pair of two antique jade carps resting on an everlasting fountain. The elements of the sky and water are seamlessly perfected in harmony represented by the adornments of the fish, through the adulescence of the moonstone and the beauty of carved coral. In Chinese culture, carps symbolise strength and power and abundance. Exemplifying freedom and vitality, the combination of fish and water has enraptured Chinese art since antiquity.

FRENCH CHIC



Rare Gem Set and Diamond Pendent Necklace, Mauboussin
 Ext. HK\$5.9 million – 7.5 million / US\$765,000 – 970,000

Established by George Mauboussin in late 19th century Paris, Maison Mauboussin won many awards in the 1920's for its innovative creations which boasted legibility of design, clear bold lines and a proclivity towards geometric patterns. Following the First World War, fashion changed radically. Necklaces were longer; the sautoir was very sought after by the élégantes of the 1920s, who wore long necklaces often supporting a pendant, and paired with two or three bracelets. The fascination with the Far East also drew inspiration to use more coloured gemstones, in the form of leaves, foliate motifs or exotic fruits, highlighted with diamonds and black enamel or onyx. Set with carved gemstones, the long sautoir can be separated into four bracelets with a detachable pendant of giardinetto motif. Designed in 1929, this piece embodies the archetypal designs of the era.

DELIGHTFUL DIAMONDS



Fine Diamond Bracelet, Harry Winston
 HK\$2 million – 2.5 million / US\$ 258,000 – 323,000

Harry Winston's innovative design philosophy – in which individual gemstones, rather than metal settings, would dictate each design – helped revolutionise fine jewellery designs, and remains the cornerstone of a timeless aesthetic that continues to inspire all Harry Winston creations. A fascination for diamonds is what charted the career path for Harry Winston. This classic bracelet displays the signature 'Winston' flair of distinctive arrangements of pear-shaped and circular cut diamonds set in fine, handmade, articulated, unobtrusive wire settings of platinum.

MUGHAL MASTER OF MAGIC



Unique Pair of Ruby and Diamond Bangles, BHAGAT

HK\$ 1.95 million – 2.8 million / US\$252,000 – 361,000

Hailed as one of the greatest living jewellers, BHAGAT's stylistic signature represents a sublime fusion of artistry and craftsmanship. Drawing inspiration from classical Indian forms and motifs, BHAGAT seamlessly weaves rich Mughal art and splendors of Islamic architecture with contemporary, sumptuous sensibilities. Drawing inspiration from his surround and nature, this pair of bangles reflects BHAGAT's own interpretation of this ubiquitous ornament. Designed as a series of sinuous flower buds encrusted with diamonds carved out of one solid piece of platinum, the radiating diamond buds terminate in calibrated ruby ovals. The ingenuity of the surreptitiously hidden hinge and clasp is unique and devised entirely by BHAGAT. With fewer than 60 creations completed each year, this pair of bangles was labouriously handcrafted over a period of several months making it indeed one of a kind.

BEAUTY OF BEASTS



Diamond, Sapphire and Emerald Ring, 'Panthère', Cartier

HK\$ 1.5 million – 2 million / US\$194,000 – 258,000

Fierce yet graceful, Cartier's iconic panther collection prowled through the century as an emblem of fearless femininity, crowning esteemed jewellery connoisseurs such as the Duchess of Windsor, Daisy Fellowes, Princess Nina Aga Khan, Nina Dyer, and Barbara Hutton. Bold and noble in equal measure, this stunning ring of a panther – poised yet relaxed in its glory, continues to celebrate the untamed spirit and the fascinating legend of Panthère de Cartier. Provocative and proud, the panther – now a classical icon - rests over the soft curves of the fingers; its emerald-gaze transfixed as the sapphire and diamond-set coat dazzles in bejewelled splendour.

JADEITE ELEGANCE



Important Jadeite and Diamond Demi-Parure

HK\$ 20 million – 30 million / US\$2.58 million – 3.87 million

Jadeite has long been a symbol of supreme status and abundant wealth throughout history. Known to bring the wearer both peace and protection, the best of jadeites have adorned the most privileged with its rich green hue, highly prized as the 'Imperial Green' colour. One of the classic ways to polish a piece of jade is into a cabochon – a full and plump form that symbolises prosperity. Having one cabochon of unparalleled translucency and colour is a rare occurrence of its own – but to source a number of cabochons of matching translucency and colour harmoniously with one another, is a true challenge. This important jadeite and diamond parure offered boasts nine matching jadeite cabochons of extraordinary translucency and brilliant imperial green hue, a masterpiece of nature.

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I) SOTHEBY'S HONG KONG SPRING SALES 2017 CALENDAR *(The schedule is subject to change)*

Auction	Category
1 April	A Monumental Collection <i>From the Cellars of a Connoisseur</i> (Part III)
2 April	Finest and Rarest Wines and The Macallan Brushwork II – All The World's A Stage Modern and Contemporary Art Evening Sale
3 April	Fine Classical Chinese Paintings Modern Asian Art – Day Sale Moments of Flash Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art – Day Sale Yamaguchi Takeo – Composing Monochrome Contemporary Asian Art – Day Sale
4 April	Fine Chinese Paintings Curiosity III Contemporary Ink Art Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite
5 April	Important Watches Yellow-Ground Wares from the Collection of Maureen Pilkington Fishes in the Imperial Pond: An Exceptional Xuande Bowl In His Majesty's Palm: Exquisite Porcelain Playthings Chinese Art from Two American Private Collections Song Ceramics from a Distinguished Private Collector Beasts of Antiquity – Important Jade Animals from the Chang Shou Studio Portable Treasures – The Dr S.Y. Yip Collection Important Chinese Art

HONG KONG EXHIBITION AND AUCTION VENUE

Hall 5, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (New Wing), 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

II) MAGNIFICENT JEWELS AND JADEITE: ASIA TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS CALENDAR

Date	City	Venue
18 – 19 March	Taipei	Hua Nan Bank International Convention Centre

III) SOTHEBY'S HONG KONG GALLERY UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Date	Event	Venue
20 – 26 March	<i>Masters of Design:</i> A Selling Exhibition of Mid-Century Modern Furniture	Hong Kong Sotheby's Gallery

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