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Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo Announces Additional Highlights from The Hong Kong Watch Auction: XIII

Including a Rolex Reference 6241 Yellow Gold Chronograph Wristwatch with “John Player Special” Dial, Offered for the First Time at Auction

The Hong Kong Watch Auction: XIII – November 25-26, 2021



Rolex

Ref. 6241 yellow gold chronograph wristwatch, “The French JPS”. Circa 1968.

Estimate: HK\$ 4,650,000-9,400,000/ US\$ 596,000-1,210,100

HONG KONG – 12 October 2021 – Following the [recent announcement](#) of a unique Patek Philippe reference 3448 cased in platinum with sapphire-set indexes, Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo is pleased to unveil additional highlights from **The Hong Kong Watch Auction: XIII**, taking place on 25 and 26 November, 2021. The two-day auction series will feature over 300 lots including important timepieces that are exceptional in terms of provenance, aesthetics, condition, and rarity, hailing from power houses including Patek Philippe, Rolex, Audemars Piguet, as well as from master independent watchmakers such as F.P. Journe, Harry Winston, and Gérald Genta.

Highlighting the sale is a Rolex Daytona reference 6241 yellow gold chronograph wristwatch with “Paul Newman John Player Special” dial (nicknamed JPS ref. 6241) that has never previously been offered at auction. Reference 6241 was introduced in 1965 with a production spanning just for four years until 1969, and it is among the rarest Daytona models ever produced. Research indicates that less than 300 examples were cased in 18K yellow gold. One of the most desired and visually striking iterations of the Daytona is indeed the present “John Player Special Paul Newman” and it is an exceedingly rare variant of the “Paul Newman” model. In addition, what makes this specimen the ultimate trophy is not only its exceptional preservation, but also the two French gold import hallmarks indicated with the owl symbol and the Geneva Helvetia hallmark stamped crisply on the caseback and lugs.

Other highlights from The Hong Kong Watch Auction: XIII

Patek Philippe

In addition to the unique [Patek Philippe reference 3448 ‘The Blue Royale’](#), this season Phillips will offer another stunning piece from Patek Philippe – the reference 1518 perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch cased in yellow gold from 1949. Truly a monumental model, reference 1518 was the first perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch ever produced in series when it was introduced in 1941. According to research, only 281 examples were manufactured in yellow and pink gold until the reference ceased production in 1954.

Rolex

Besides the JPS reference 6241, other highlights of Rolex models include a Paul Newman Cosmograph Daytona reference 6263 features a desirable panda MK 2 dial displaying “tropical” outer minute track and accompanied by the original warranty; a reference 16589 SADI fitted with a stunning full paved diamond dial and adorned with 24 baguette-cut sapphires set uniformly on the sectioned bezel with an opulent twist, like twinkles in a blue lagoon, 8 individual sapphire-set hour markers contrasted with a modern touch of Arabic numerals shimmers in grace. Another timepiece of note is a “Oyster-Split” reference 6265 from 1975 that is preserved in stunning condition.



Patek Philippe
Ref. 1518 yellow gold perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch with moon phases, circa 1949.
Estimate: HK\$2,700,000 - 3,900,000



Rolex
Ref. 6263 stainless steel chronograph wristwatch with “Paul Newman” dial and “tropical” outer minute track
Estimate: HK\$4,000,000 - 6,000,000



Rolex
Ref. 16589 SADI diamond and sapphire-set white gold chronograph wristwatch with baguette-cut sapphire bezel, circa 1998.
Estimate: HK\$630,000-1,300,000



Rolex
Ref. 6265 yellow gold chronograph wristwatch with “Oyster Split” dial and bracelet, circa 1975.
Estimate: HK\$780,000 – 1,560,000

Audemars Piguet

With 2022 being the 50th anniversary of the Royal Oak, it is important to look at how far one of the most iconic timepieces ever created has evolved over the decades. This season, three noteworthy highlights including an extravagant and bedazzled reference 15202 cased in white gold and features pavé diamond-set, a perpetual calendar in a black ceramic 41mm diameter case with an open worked dial, as well as a limited-edition Royal Oak perpetual calendar features a highly desirable green Grande Tapisserie dial and a sharp yellow accent week indicator. The present watch is one of 50 examples made for the Hong Kong retailer, Unique Timepieces.



Audemars Piguet
Ref. 15202BC.ZZ.1241BC.01 white gold and pavé diamond-set wristwatch, circa 2019.
Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 - 1,945,000



Audemars Piguet
Ref. 26585CE.OO.1225CE.01 black ceramic skeletonized perpetual calendar wristwatch with moon phases, leap year, week indication, bracelet, circa 2021
Estimate: HK\$2,300,000 - 4,000,000



Audemars Piguet
Ref. 26606ST.OO.1220ST.01 limited edition stainless steel perpetual calendar wristwatch with leap year indication, moon phases, circa 2018.
Estimate: HK\$800,000 - 1,600,000

Independent Watchmaking

Continuing the company's tradition of empowering and shining a spotlight on Independent watchmakers, Phillips is delighted to present a selection of important wristwatches such as the F.P. Journe Chronomètre à Résonance and Vagabondage III, Opus Two Perpetual Tourbillon and Opus Three by Harry Winston, and a minute repeating perpetual calendar wristwatch by Gérald Genta.



F.P. Journe
Chronomètre à Résonance, platinum dual time wristwatch with double escapement, power reserve indication, brass movement, circa 2001.
Estimate: HK\$935,000 - 1,870,000



F.P. Journe
Vagabondage III, limited edition semi-skeletonized pink gold tortoise-shaped wristwatch with digital jump hours and seconds, power reserve indication, circa 2018.
Estimate: HK\$ 390,000 - 700,000

Launched in 1999, the Chronomètre à Résonance had the effect of a tidal wave in the horological world. The movement is composed of two independent balances alternatively serving as an “exciter” and “resonator”. When in motion, the balances create the resonance effect and beat in opposition, naturally evening out each other’s discrepancies and thus permitting greater accuracy. The present example is of the rare and desirable first generation example from 2001, which is highly sought after by watch collectors due to its technical prowess combined with the historical relevance to the heritage of F.P. Journe. Introduced in 2017, the F.P. Journe Vagabondage III was the final version of the Vagabondage series, released as a limited edition of 68 pieces in pink gold. Discontinued in 2019, the present example in pink gold is numbered 17 and is offered in excellent overall condition and furthermore accompanied by the full set of accessories.



Harry Winston

Ref. 200MTQPAP38, limited edition platinum semi-skeletonized perpetual calendar tourbillon with leap year indication, retrograde day and date indication, hinged caseback, numbered 10 of limited edition of 11, pieces made in collaboration with Antoine Preziuso, circa 2004
 Estimate: HK\$778,000 - 1,556,000



Harry Winston

Opus 3 Ref. 520/MMVHRL, limited edition pink gold wristwatch with digital display of time, date, countdown features, numbered 17 of a limited edition of 25 pieces, circa 2013
 Estimate: HK\$390,000 - 600,000

The Opus series was inaugurated with the Opus One by François-Paul Journe in 2001. Antoine Preziuso’s beautiful Opus Two followed the year after. The Opus Two was created in 23 limited pieces in total with 11 of The Tourbillon with Perpetual Calendar such as the present example here.

Launched in 2003, at a time when Creative Independent Horology was still in its infancy, the Opus 3 with its bombastic design and mind-boggling digital time indication forged a new vision that would pave the path for what would come next. Unusual and perhaps one of the most complicated time and date only watches ever produced, the Opus 3 is a clear representation of Harry Winston and Vianney Halter. The present well-preserved example in 18K pink gold is numbered 17 of a limited edition of 25 examples in pink gold.

Gérald Genta is a name that certainly needs no introduction as his iconic and unique designs speaks for itself. Having designed some of the world’s most iconic models for the most established Swiss watch firms, Genta set out to create his own brand name in 1969. Encased in an elegant 34mm round-shaped platinum case with baguette diamond-set bezel, the present reference G40114 displays the firm’s cal. 210 through its sapphire crystal caseback and skeletonized dial. The watch features a perpetual calendar function with a minute repeater. Beautiful yet sophisticated, the self-winding movement is fully hand assembled and engraved allowing the wearer to admire the timepiece in all angles. The present example is numbered 1 on the caseband and it is mostly likely a unique piece that was specifically tailored-made for an esteemed collector of the brand.



Gérald Genta

Ref. G40114, platinum and diamond-set skeletonized minute repeating perpetual calendar wristwatch with leap year indication, moon phases, circa 1990
 Estimate: HK\$780,000 - 1,500,000

The present example is numbered 1 on the caseband and it is mostly likely a unique piece that was specifically tailored-made for an esteemed collector of the brand.

The Hong Kong Watch Auction XIII

Evening Session: 25 November 6pm HKT | Day Session: 26 November 10:30am HKT

Location: JW Marriott, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong

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Touring Previews

City	Date & Time	Location
Taipei	16-17 October 11:00-18:00	Bellavita Gallery B1 No. 28 Song Ren Road, Xinyi Dist., Taipei
Taichung	21 October 11:00-18:00	Fong Yi Gallery B1 No. 110 Sec. 1 Wu Quan W. Road, West Dist., Taichung
Shenzhen	26-27 October 11:00-19:00	Raffles Shenzhen 2/F (Hai Yu Room, Xiang Mi Room, Wu Tong Room) T7, One Shenzhen Bay, 3008 Zhongxin Rd, Nanshan Dist., Shenzhen
Geneva	3-7 November Click here for the full schedule	Hôtel La Réserve, 301 Route de Lausanne, Geneva
Beijing	4-5 November 11:00-19:00	Rosewood Beijing 4/F Jing Guang Centre, Hujialou, Chaoyang Dist., Beijing
Bangkok	4-5 November 10:00-19:00	Waldorf Astoria Bangkok, 151 Ratchadamri Road, Bangkok
Singapore	12-13 November 11:00-19:00	The St Regis Singapore, 29 Tanglin Road, Singapore
Shanghai	11-14 November <u>VIP preview</u> 11 November 14:00-20:00 12 November 13:00-20:00 <u>Public</u> 13-14 November 11:00-18:00	ART 021 Shanghai Contemporary Art Fair: Booth S44, 1/F Shanghai Exhibition Center No.1000, Yanan Road Mid, Jingan District Yanan, Shanghai <i>*ART021 tickets are required for entry</i>
Hong Kong	23-25 November 10:00-19:00	JW Marriott Hotel 3/F 88 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong

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1. Paul Newman's Rolex "Paul Newman" Daytona reference 6239 (CHF 17,709,894 / US\$17,752,500) – New York Auction: Winning Icons – 26 October 2017 – Highest result ever achieved for any vintage wristwatch at auction.
2. Patek Philippe reference 1518 in stainless steel (CHF 11,020,000 / US\$11,112,020) – Geneva Watch Auction: FOUR – 12 November 2016 – Highest result ever achieved for a vintage Patek Philippe wristwatch at auction.

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