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PHILLIPS ANNOUNCES: *ONLY WATCH* CHARITY AUCTION & *THE GENEVA WATCH AUCTION: TWO* TO TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA ON 7 AND 8 NOVEMBER 2015

HIGHLIGHTS ON VIEW IN OCTOBER
IN HONG KONG, BEIJING, NEW YORK, LONDON AND GENEVA

HONG KONG INAUGURAL WATCH AUCTION TO TAKE PLACE ON 1 DECEMBER

ONLY WATCH CHARITY AUCTION: 7 NOVEMBER 2015, 3PM

THE GENEVA WATCH AUCTION TWO: 7- 8 NOVEMBER 2015, 6:30PM

VIEWING: 5-8 NOVEMBER 2015, HÔTEL LA RÉSERVE, GENEVA

AUCTION LOCATION: HÔTEL LA RÉSERVE, GENEVA

GENEVA – 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 – Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo is pleased to announce details of the Fall season auctions dedicated to fine collectors' watches that will take place on 7 and 8 November 2015 at Hôtel La Réserve, Geneva. Highlights from the auctions will be available to view in Hong Kong (2 to 5 October), Beijing (9 to 12 October), New York (17 to 20 October) and London (24 to 27 October) prior to the pre-sale exhibitions in Geneva.

The Only Watch auction beginning at 3PM on **Saturday 7 November** is dedicated to unique timepieces created and donated by the finest watchmakers for research on **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)** – it will offer 44 one-of-a-kind timepieces created especially for this noble cause – establishing watchmakers' continued support for scientific and medical research on neuromuscular diseases.

Phillips' second watches auction will take place on the grounds of Hôtel La Réserve, Geneva, as with the sales in May, and will begin on the evening of **Saturday 7 November** at 6:30PM, continuing at 6:30PM **Sunday 8 November**. Faithful to its publically communicated core values and mission, Phillips has rigorously applied its industry-leading standards in terms of quality, condition, originality, and provenance in its selection of watches for this sale. Phillips has, as a result, put together a highly compact and exciting auction of only approximately 200 watches that reunites some of the most beautiful watches that can possibly be obtained. *The Geneva Watch Auction: Two* is estimated to realise over \$14 million (€12.5 million / \$13.7 CHF).

Included in the sale are the following exceptional highlights,
beginning with an exciting selection of vintage Rolex
watches:



Rolex "James Bond" Submariner from "Live and Let Die",
Reference 5513

Estimate SFr 150,000 – 250,000

Quite possibly the most recognizable watch in history with over 1 billion people having watched the film "Live and Let Die", the wristwatch seen on Sir Roger Moore is in fact a Rolex Submariner reference 5513 made in 1972, and was later modified for the movie.

The acclaimed Rolex Submariner worn by Sir Roger Moore was memorable for its buzz saw bezel that spun and could cut through rope to escape dangerous situations, and the hyper intensified magnetic field with the ability to deflect bullets. Used for both humor and heightened dramatic events, the magnetic reach could unzip Miss Caruso's dress, and catch a spoon off a coffee saucer.

The present Rolex reference 5513 "Q" is the most unforgettable watch prop used in a movie and is even signed inside the caseback "Roger Moore 007". As a highlight in the most iconic scenes "Live and Let Die", this watch is sure to interest both watch collectors and true fans of cinematography alike.



Rolex Daytona "Solo Quicksilver", Reference 6239
Estimate SFr 250,000 - 500,000

Simultaneously rare and stunning, the "Solo Rolex Quicksilver" is so exceptional that it graces the cover of the landmark tome, "Ultimate Rolex Daytona" by the renowned scholar, Pucci Papaleo. A reference 6239 in stainless steel made in 1968, it's fitted with an extraordinary, and quite possibly unique dial with only the word 'ROLEX' written in bold black printing at 12 o'clock. Playfully nicknamed the 'Solo Quicksilver', the model name "Cosmograph" seen on nearly all other 6239s is missing, giving strong prominence to the iconic brand name.

This watch is, unquestionably, one of the rarest versions of the legendary Daytona. Possessing remarkable elegance, its importance in the field of collectible Rolex watches cannot be overstated. It is a trophy watch worthy of crowning the world's most important collections of Rolex watches.



Rolex "Paul Newman" Cosmograph Daytona, Retailed by Hermès, Reference 6241
Estimate SFr 300,000 - 600,000

As Hermès is a leading retailer, it only made sense for them to work with Rolex, a front-runner in the watchmaking industry. This highly sought after Rolex Cosmograph Daytona Reference 6241 features an acrylic bezel with printed tachometer and round "pump" pushers. What adds to the collectability of this piece is the highly attractive "Paul Newman" black dial with gold registers and gilt writing.

The present example is rare, not only because it is encased in yellow gold, but it also bears the highly desirable "HERMÈS" stamping on the outer case back. Additionally, the caseback is stamped with French gold import marks and the stamp of Rolex France. Confirmed by Hermès in Paris, this very watch was retailed by Hermès and sold on 30 November 1971.

The double-signature adds a certain element of collectability that one cannot find in other watches, which is the wonderful duo of Hermès and Rolex working in tandem. The present example is the only one known, making it most probably unique, and makes this watch an ultimate trophy for discerning Daytona collectors.



Rolex Reference 6062
Estimate SFr 500,000 - 1,000,000

To many of the world's most experienced collectors of vintage Rolex wristwatches, reference 6062 represents the pinnacle of the "crowned" firm's entire production. In fact, reference 6062 is one of only two models ever to feature a full calendar paired with the indication of the phases of the moon, together with reference the 8171 - an example of which will also be offered in this sale.

In 40 years of auctions, we can hardly count more than a handful of legitimate and unrestored pink gold star-dial reference 6062s, underlining this model's utter exclusivity. The present example is now offered at auction for only the second time since it was made over 60 years ago.



Rolex Bombay "La Caravelle" Cloisonné, Reference 6102
Estimate SFr 350,000 - 700,000

In the 1950s, Rolex produced some of the most iconic cloisonné dial wristwatches in conjunction with world renowned Stern Frères of Geneva.

The present reference 6102, in virtually mint condition and seemingly unworn, is adorned with a spectacular cloisonné dial made by one of Geneva's most acclaimed enamellers, Mrs. Koch, who worked with Stern to produce some of the most sought after Rolex watches to date. The dial depicts a wonderful scene featuring a multi-colored boat at sea, topped with faceted baton hour markers.

Speaking of cloisonné enamels, our Patek Philippe highlights begin with an extraordinary reference 605 HU World Time Pocket Watch with Cloisonné Enamel Dial:



Patek Philippe World Time Cloisonné, Reference 605 HU
Estimate SFr 500,000 - 1,000,000

When it comes to high-end, luxury watches, Patek Philippe's timepieces were consistently crafted with utmost excellence over the course of its storied history.

The present reference 605 HU is one of a small number world time pocket watches made by the brand during the 1940s and early 1950s. Accompanied by the Extract from the Archives, Patek Philippe notes the "special theme" dial, which in fact has the movement number engraved underneath the dial.

It is arguably the most important example to appear on the market in recent memory, as it is the only example of this reference known with a depiction of a dragon on the dial. Quite likely unique, it has not appeared at auction in over two decades.

The absolute top lots of the sale are the following steel reference 1436 Split Seconds Chronograph and first series reference 2499 Perpetual Calendar Chronograph:



Patek Philippe Steel Split Seconds Chronograph, Reference 1436
Estimate SFr 1,500,000 - 3,000,000

Reference 1436 is one of the finest complicated wristwatches ever made by Patek Philippe. It is one of only two vintage split second chronograph references produced by the distinguished firm. Normally, these were cased in yellow gold, and only a very small number were completed in pink gold. According to scholarship, less than a handful of stainless steel cases were produced and fitted with movements during the first half of the 1940s. The present stainless steel 1436 is offered here only for the second time ever since its original sale in 1949, having only seen three owners since its original purchase over half a century ago. It is one of only two known reference 1436 in stainless steel, made and completed in the 1940s.

Inside the case back there are no traces of any watchmakers signs, and it is possible, given the extraordinary condition of the movement that it has never been dismantled or worked on since leaving Patek Philippe's workshops in 1949.



**Patek Philippe Perpetual Calendar Chronograph,
Reference 2499 First Series
Estimate SFr 800,000 – 1,400,000**

Patek Philippe's reference 2499 is one of the company's most treasured perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatches to date.

This exceptional example in yellow gold is the only known 2499 from the first series to be fitted with a champagne colored dial. Furthermore, the watch is accompanied by the Extract from the Archives confirming it was in fact born with a champagne dial.

Distinguished by its square shaped pushers, tachometer scale and applied Arabic numerals, the present example is part of the first series, and considered to be highly desirable by collectors. As reference 2499 is highly sought after, what sets this piece apart is its rarity and remarkable condition, as the lugs and case are seemingly unpolished

Other highlights include the following from Vacheron Constantin and Audemars Piguet:



**Vacheron & Constantin "Cornes de Vache" Chronograph,
Reference 6087
Estimate SFr 50,000 – 100,000**

Vacheron Constantin Chronographs

Scholars and enthusiasts have long considered Vacheron Constantin's Chronographs to be among the most beautiful chronograph wristwatches ever designed. Some references are so utterly rare that until today have never appeared at auction, and were only known by archival images that survived in the books of Vacheron Constantin.

We are particularly delighted that, in this auction, we have been entrusted by different collectors coming from numerous countries with an incredibly handsome and varied selection of wristwatch chronographs. In our view, shared by numerous scholars in the field, this is the most varied and rich offering of different Vacheron Constantin chronographs for at least a decade. We are pleased to offer nine chronographs, seven of which are different models, including an ultra rare 6026 in pink gold – one of only six made, and a superb example of the coveted reference 6087, the so-called "Cornes de Vache".



**Audemars Piguet Minute Repeater, retailed by Cartier
Estimate SFr 300,000 – 600,000**

Audemars Piguet produced very few minute repeating wristwatches through the 1920s. The present watch was originally purchased by Henry Haven Windsor, Jr., the son of the founder of Popular Mechanics magazine and an avid watch collector. After his father's death, when Windsor was 26 he became editor and publisher of the magazine, which had originally been founded in 1902.

The combination of many highly desirable elements such as the platinum case, the minute repeating movement, the Cartier signature and Breguet numerals on the dial is impressive. Few complicated vintage wristwatches can better echo the style of the 1920s and 30s as this watch.

This is the second season of auctions to take place since Phillips announced the creation of its Watch Department dedicated exclusively to the world's finest collectors watches. The department is based in Geneva and partners exclusively with Bacs & Russo, the firm of Aurel Bacs and Livia Russo.

As of August 2015, Phillips announced the appointment of Sam Hines as International Head of Watches in Hong Kong. Sam is currently heading the global team of Watch Specialists from Phillips' recently opened Asian Headquarters in the landmark Building in Hong Kong.

Highlights of the Geneva auctions will be available for viewing at the following locations:

2-5 October 2015	Hong Kong	Peak Suite, Four Seasons Hotel
9-12 October 2015	Beijing *	Salon Monaco
17-24 October 2015	New York	Phillips HQ - 450 Park Avenue
24-27 October 2015	London	Phillips HQ - 30 Berkeley Square
5-7 November 2015	Geneva	Hôtel La Réserve

** Please note, the Beijing exhibition will be limited to the Only Watch auction highlights*

ABOUT PHILLIPS, IN ASSOCIATION WITH BACS & RUSSO:

The Phillips Watch Department, created in November 2014, is dedicated exclusively to the vast world of Fine Collectors Watches. The department, based in Geneva, is partnered with the firm of Aurel Bacs and Livia Russo. Bacs & Russo, specialising in Fine Collectors Watches, has been established in response to the ever-increasing need for collectors around the world to easily access scholarship, guidance and quality across the board. The inaugural watch auctions held on 9 and 10 May 2015 realised a combined total of SFr 29.6 million / \$31.8 million / €28.4 million, selling 97% by lot. The auctions sold four watches for over \$1 million and established multiple records including for any stainless steel wristwatch, for any Rolex sold at auction, and for any Rolex Day-Date.

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