



AUCTION WATCH

How color is selling at the world's major auctions.

The November and December 2017 auctions at Christie's and Sotheby's included many fine gems as well as some historically important jewelry at their sales in Geneva, New York and Hong Kong, some of which sold, some of which did not.

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A D-flawless, Type 11a, 163.41-ct diamond; with by emeralds and diamonds; in gold; sold for **CHF33,500,000**. (Photo: Christie's)



A 50.51-ct Ceylon sapphire and diamond ring; no indications of heating; signed Harry Winston; sold for **CHF1,872,500**; estimated at CHF1,200,000 to CHF2,000,000. (Photo: Christie's)



An 8.43-ct Burmese ruby and diamond ring; in gold and platinum; no indications of heating; sold for **CHF516,500**; estimated at CHF325,000 to CHF425,000. (Photo: Christie's)

A 15.18-ct Colombian emerald and diamond ring; in gold, indications of insignificant clarity enhancement; sold for **CHF106,250**; estimated at CHF100,000 to CHF170,000. (Photo: Christie's)



An 8.67-ct fancy intense blue diamond, VVSI, Type IIb; in gold; sold for **CHF13,137,500**; estimated at CHF7,500,000 to CHF10,500,000. (Photo: Christie's)



The 14.63-ct natural fancy vivid pink *Pink Promise*; in platinum; VVS1; Type IIa; sold for an auction record of **HKD249,850,000; (US\$31.8M)**; estimated at HKD220,000,000 to HKD320,000,000 (US\$28M to US\$42M). (Photo: Christie's)



Spinel and diamond ring; in platinum and gold; no indications of heating; sold for **CHF300,000**, above its highest estimate of CHF250,000. (Photo: Christie's)



The 19.07-ct historic *Le Grand Mazarin* light pink old-mine brilliant-cut diamond, VS2, Type IIa; sold for **CHF14,375,000**. (Photo: Christie's)



Two Ceylon sapphires (22.10x21.50x12.88 mm, and 17.52x16.15x10.50 mm) joined by a radiant-cut diamond, no indications of treatment; signed Cartier; in platinum and gold; **failed to sell**; estimated at US\$800,000 to US\$1,200,000. (Photo: Christie's)



A 5.08-ct fancy pink diamond; VSI; Type IIa; in gold; sold for **CHF3,252,500**; estimated at CHF1,250,000 to CHF1,500,000. (Photo: Christie's)



A 24.34-ct *royal blue* Ceylon sapphire; no indications of heating; sold for **CHF402,500**; estimated at CHF320,000 to CHF420,000. (Photo: Christie's)



A 3.31-ct natural fancy gray-blue diamond, VS1; sold for **US\$650,500**; estimated at US\$500,000 to US\$700,000. (Photo: Christie's)



Twin-stone natural fancy vivid blue diamonds (3.36 cts and 2.71 cts); in platinum; VVS2 and VS1; signed Graff; sold for **US\$12,575,000**; estimated at US\$6,500,000 to US\$8,500,000. (Photo: Christie's)



An 8.27-ct *pigeon-blood red* Burmese ruby and diamond ring in platinum; no indications of heating; signed Harry Winston; sold for **CHF5,487,500**; estimated at CHF800,000 to CHF1,200,000. (Photo: Christie's)



A 9.43-ct octagonal step-cut Kashmir sapphire with diamonds; circa 1920; in platinum; no indications of heating; sold for **US\$672,500**; estimated at US\$350,000 to US\$550,000. (Photo: Christie's)



A 9.17-ct fancy intense pink brilliant-cut diamond pendant; in platinum; sold for **CHF5,150,000**; estimated at CHF3,700,000 to CHF4,500,000. (Photo: Christie's)



Earrings with two Kashmir sapphires (10.49 cts and 10.29 cts) and diamonds; no indications of heating; in gold and platinum; sold for **CHF1,692,500**; estimated at CHF1,100,000 to CHF1,500,000. (Photo: Christie's)



An 11.81-ct Kashmir sapphire and diamond ring in platinum; no indication of heating; *Belle Epoque*; sold for **US\$1,722,500**; estimated at US\$700,000 to US\$1,000,000. (Photo: Christie's)



Oval Paraiba tourmaline and diamond ring; mounted in gold; sold for **HKD437,500**; estimated at HKD150,000 to HKD250,000. (Photo: Christie's)

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Jadeite necklace, with 29 beads; measuring 14.7mm to 15.9mm; with a ruby and old-cut diamond clasp; mounted in gold; natural color *Fei Cui* without any resin; sold for **HKD95,725,000**; estimated at HKD56,800,000 to HKD 80,000,000. (Photo: Christie's)

Approximately 18.53-ct pink sapphire and diamond ring; mounted in gold; no indications of heating; sold for **HKD6,340,000**; estimated at HKD4,800,000 to HK6,500,000. (Photo: Christie's)



An 8.82-ct Kashmir sapphire and diamond ring; no indications of heating; sold for **US\$790,000**; estimated at US\$500,000 to US\$700,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 33.63-ct natural fancy light pink diamond, with side diamonds; VVS1; Type IIa; signed Harry Winston; circa 1970; sold for **CHF12,647,000**; estimated at CHF7,900,000 to CHF13,700,000 (Photo: Sotheby's)



The Raj Pink, the world's largest known natural fancy intense pink diamond, 37.30 cts; VS1; estimated at CHF19,570,000 to CHF29,355,000; **failed to sell**. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 45.74-ct *royal blue* Burmese sapphire and diamond ring; no indications of heating; signed Van Cleef & Arpels; sold for **CHF1,455,000**; estimated at CHF685,000 to CHF885,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 12.48 emerald and diamond ring; signed Van Cleef & Arpels; insignificant traditional treatment; sold for **US\$765,000**; estimated at US\$250,000 to US\$350,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



Pair of Burmese sapphire (20.10 cts and 20.00 cts) and diamond earclips; no indications of heating; sold for **US\$975,000**; estimated at US\$250,000 to US\$350,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



An 18.86-ct Burmese ruby and diamond ring; no indications of heating; sold for **CHF4,969,800**; estimated at CHF2,155,000 to CHF4,110,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 15.91-ct Kashmir sapphire and diamond ring; no indications of heating; **failed to sell**; estimated at CHF1,755,000 to CHF2,725,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 7.41-ct natural fancy vivid blue diamond; internally flawless; surrounded by pink diamonds; signed Moussaieff; **failed to sell**; estimated at CHF13,700,000 to CHF17,615,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



An 8.31-ct natural fancy vivid yellow diamond and white diamond ring; VS1; sold for **HKD2,620,000**; estimated at HKD2,300,000 to HKD3,000,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 5.69-ct natural fancy vivid blue diamond, with side diamonds; VVS1; sold for **US\$15,130,800**; estimated at US\$12,000,000 to US\$15,000,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



Colombian emerald (16.06x12.00x6.95mm) and diamond ring; signed Tiffany & Co; circa 1920; insignificant to minor traditional treatment; sold for **US\$1,695,000**; estimated at US\$300,000 to US\$400,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 7.59-ct *royal blue* Kashmir sapphire and diamond ring; no indications of heating; sold for **CHF1,275,000**; estimated at CHF735,000 to CHF980,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



Natural saltwater pearl and rose diamond brooch; sold for **CHF68,750**; estimated at CHF6,000 to CHF8,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



A 3.10-ct ruby, diamond (3.40 ctw) and ruby ring; **failed to sell**; estimated at HKD950,000 to HKD1,000,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)



Natural jadeite and diamond ring; measuring 17.68x14.17x9.95mm; **failed to sell**; estimated at HKD1,300,000 to HKD1,800,000. (Photo: Sotheby's)