

## ON VIEW IN DUBAI THIS WEEK

**Watches Made for the Middle Eastern Market,  
Spectacular Complicated Models,  
Vintage and Modern Classics and  
Timepieces Appealing to Female Collectors**

**From the Dubai “Watches” Auction on 24 November**



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Dubai, 18 November 2019 – Hot on the heels of a series of strong sales in Hong Kong and Geneva this autumn, Sotheby's **Dubai Watches** auction will present an impressive selection of rare, fresh-to-the-market vintage and contemporary timepieces on 24 November. Highlights include some of the most spectacular complicated watches on the market, highly collectible pieces with “Arab dials”, modern classics, and luxurious diamond-set timepieces by the world's most prestigious manufactures. The growing contingent of female watch collectors in the region will also be able to choose from a wide range of watches, blending elegance and style with functionality – a highly sought-after combination. All watches are on public view in Sotheby's Dubai DIFC premises until 24 November.

**Frederic Watrelot, Head of Sotheby's Dubai Watch sales**, said: *“Demand for luxury watches continues to grow in the Middle East, driven both by the appetite of established collectors and the increased interest of the young generation. For many of these watch enthusiasts, auctions have become the ultimate way to discover rare, unique and high-quality pieces, but also to collect sustainably. There is something for every collector in the sale and we look forward to welcoming them to the pre-sale exhibition this week.”*

## SPECTACULAR COMPLICATED WATCHES

### A UNIQUE WAY TO LOOK AT TIME: GREUBEL FORSEY GMT

[Lot 41](#) - A pink gold 25° inclined 24 seconds tourbillon, worldtime and dual time zone wristwatch with power reserve indication and three-dimensional globe, *circa* 2014

Est. US\$180,000 - 250,000 (AED 658,000 - 914,000)

One of the most complicated watches produced by Greubel Forsey, the GMT Earth (picture p.1 and right) is a technical and aesthetical prowess. The multi-time zone watch shows the world in a truly unique way. The dial features a 24 second inclined tourbillon, tilted at 25°. The hours and minutes are shown in a large sub-dial, and a second time zone sits to the left. The watch's most impressive feature is a titanium globe, which rotates once every 24 hours and shows the Earth as seen from a position above the North Pole.



### A "COSMIC COMPLICATION": PATEK PHILIPPE Celestial, REFERENCE 6102

[Lot 59](#) - A platinum astronomical wristwatch with date, sky chart, phases and position of the moon and time of meridian passage of sirius and the moon, *circa* 2014

Est. US\$170,000 - 250,000 (AED 621,000 - 914,000)

Another star in the sale, marrying poetry with precision, is the Patek Philippe reference 6102 Celestial Moon Age, powered by the incredible 240 LU CL C calibre. Highlighting Patek Philippe's great tradition of astronomical watches, the Celestial devotes its dial to a rotating chart of the heavenly bodies. At any time, its owner can admire the exact configuration of the nocturnal sky in the northern hemisphere, the movement of the stars and the phases and orbit of the moon.

### AUCTION DEBUT FOR A PATEK PHILIPPE REFERENCE 5271 IN DIAMONDS

[Lot 85](#) - A platinum and diamond-set perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch with moon phases, day, night and leap year indication, *circa* 2014

Est. USD 180,000-250,000 (AED 658,000 - 914,000)

A dream for the Patek Philippe lovers, this lot is, according to our research, is the first reference 5271 in diamonds ever to appear at auction. Introduced in 2014, the 5271 features the manufacture's famous in-house perpetual calendar chronograph and is distinguished by a beautiful black dial with white graphics and spectacular baguette-cut diamonds that grace the bezel, lugs and deployant clasp.



## WATCHES MADE FOR MIDDLE EASTERN MARKET

### ROLEX DAY-DATE, REFERENCE 1807 WITH “ARAB DIAL”

[Lot 78](#) – A yellow gold wristwatch with day, date and bracelet, made for The Sultanate Of Oman, *circa* 1972

Est. US\$20,000 — 30,000 (AED 73,000 - 110,000)

The sale is distinguished by a large group of watches with “**Arab dials**” which have become highly sought-after by international collectors. Commissioned by or for Middle Eastern dignitaries in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, these pieces are distinguished by their dials which feature the emblems or coat of arms of countries, institutions or companies in the region. A great example in the sale is this rare find: a Rolex Day-date from 1972 with two unusual features: the dial is personalised with the thought-after Khanjar crest, the emblem of the Sultanate of Oman, and the bezel and bracelet’s middle links are enhanced with the rare bark finish.



### MADE FOR ISTANBUL: PATEK PHILIPPE REFERENCE 5130

[Lot 137](#) - A limited edition white gold world time wristwatch, made for Istanbul, *circa* 2013

Est. US\$ 40,000 — 60,000 (AED 146,000 - 219,000)

Specially produced for the Istanbul market, this limited edition is distinguished by a 24-hour world time chapter ring with 'Istanbul' highlighted in red. Complete with its original Certificate of Origin, the present watch is a forever classic for all watch enthusiasts.

### GERALD GENTA'S OCTO MOSAIC IN ARABIC, REFERENCE OIP. Z.60

[Lot 52](#) - A white gold perpetual calendar dual time zone wristwatch with day and leap year indication, *circa* 2000

Est. US\$ 12,000 — 18,000 (AED 44,00 – 66,000)

The Octo Mosaic Dual time perpetual calendar wristwatch was introduced in 2007. Its mesmerizing dial indicates time in Arabic a second time zone at 12 o'clock, date and leap year at 6 o'clock, day of the week at 9 o'clock and finally the month at 3 o'clock. The bezel is also enhanced with Arabic calibrations.



## MODERN CLASSICS



A modern classic, the Patek Philippe's Nautilus features strongly in the sale, with one of the most sought-after vintage and contemporary references on offer:

### PATEK PHILIPPE NAUTILUS, REFERENCE 5980

[Lot 56](#) - A pink gold flyback chronograph bracelet watch with date, *circa* 2014  
Est. US\$ 100,000 — 150,000 (AED 365,500 - 548,000)

This watch has a black gradient ribbed dial with an iconic 'bull's eye' subsidiary dial for the 60 minute and 12-hour register. Cased in pink gold, the watch is fitted with a very heavy pink gold bracelet with rounded links, making the watch extremely comfortable to wear.

## LADIES' WATCHES

### VACHERON CONSTANTIN LADY KALLA, REFERENCE 17701/710G

[Lot 99](#) - A White Gold and Diamond-Set Bracelet Watch, *circa* 2004  
Est. US\$ 150,000 — 250,000 (AED 548,000 - 914,000)

Embellished with more than 122 swirling emerald-cut diamonds and weighing in total of approximately 30 carats, this stunning Lady Kalla embodies the exquisite craftsmanship of Vacheron Constantin's Kalla series – a very distinctive line of luxury gem-set watches.



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