

Artcurial auction dazzles in Monaco

From an exceptional Bulgari diamond and ruby Serpenti watch to a Victorian sapphire necklace - find treasure at this sparkling event



Bulgari 18ct-gold, black-enamel, diamond and ruby Serpenti watch, estimated at €100,000-€150,000

As dismal January draws to a close, luxury lovers should look to **Monaco**, where auction house **Artcurial** is hosting its fourth winter session in the suitably glamorous surroundings of the **Yacht Club**. The event – divided into Jewellery, Important Watches, Hermès Vintage and *Le temps est féminin*, a themed sale devoted entirely to women’s timepieces – takes place over three days, from January 23 to 25.



Lacloche diamond art deco bracelet, estimated at €25,000-€35,000

The **Jewellery** auction, which kicks off on January 23, features pieces by **Cartier**, Lorenz Bäumer, **Christian Dior** and **Boucheron**. “There are some surprises, such as an **art deco** necklace from Maison Boucheron, which should delight collectors,” says Julie Valade, director of jewellery at Artcurial. Other pieces include a **sapphire** Victorian **necklace**, estimated at €80,000-€100,000; two diamond art-deco **bracelets** by Lacloche, one of which is estimated at €25,000-€35,000; and a 1970s **lapis lazuli** pendant by **Van Cleef & Arpels**, estimated at €15,000-€20,000.



Panerai Radiomir watch from 1950, estimated at €80,000-€120,000



Hermès Clemence Birkin bag, estimated at €8,000-€12,000

The Important **Watches** auction also takes place on the first day of the event and is a trove of exceptional pieces, from an **Audemars Piguet** Royal Oak dating from 2006 (estimated at €22,000-€30,000) to a Radiomir by **Panerai**, dating from 1950, which is estimated at €80,000-€120,000 and was once owned by Amadeo Vesco, a commando with the **Italian** MAS. A particularly striking design, which is expected to draw plenty of attention, will appear on the second day of the auction at *Le temps est féminin*: an 18ct-gold, black-enamel, **diamond** and ruby **Serpenti** watch by **Bulgari**, estimated at €100,000-€150,000.



Hermès Kelly bag, estimated at €20,000-€30,000

The sale winds down with a collection of vintage **Hermès** bags, which include original Birkins, Kellys and Constances. A Clemence Birkin **bag** in tin and graphite is estimated at €8,000-€12,000, and a black Hermès Kelly model is expected to fetch €20,000-€30,000.