CHRISTIE'S

PRESS RELEASE | HONG KONG | 22 MAY 2023| FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHRISTIE'S APPOINTS KEVIN CHING AS CHAIRMAN, ASIA

Hong Kong – Christie's today announces the appointment of Kevin Ching as Chairman, Asia, effective 24 May. Based in Hong Kong, he joins a strong regional leadership team under the helm of Francis Belin, President, Christie's Asia Pacific. With a wealth of experience in the art and luxury industry in Asia and an exceptional network, Kevin will play an instrumental role in deepening and expanding Christie's client relationships across the region as a member of Christie's global Executive Management Group. He also will collaborate with colleagues internationally to cultivate Asian collecting in Christie's salerooms worldwide.

Francis Belin, President, Christie's Asia Pacific commented: "*I am delighted to welcome Kevin to Christie's in the role of Chairman, Asia. Kevin is a highly respected figure in the industry and his presence on our Asia Pacific leadership team will further strengthen and grow our client network in the region. Asia's market momentum continues to be strong and globally influential, and Kevin's appointment is part of Christie's long-term and strategic commitment to enhancing our business in the region, as we prepare for the pivotal relocation of our Asia Pacific headquarters to The Henderson in Hong Kong in 2024."*

Kevin Ching, Chairman, Asia remarked: "*It is an honour to be joining Christie's at such an important and exciting moment for the business in Asia and as the region's art and luxury market thrives. My passion for the industry is steadfast and this role will allow me to further foster and cultivate relationships with Asia's esteemed collectors. I share Christie's strategic vision for the future of the auction market, and I look forward to empowering Asian clients on their collecting journeys around the world in my new capacity.*"

Kevin brings to Christie's more than 17 years of broad experience in strategic business planning and client development in Asia. In his previous role as Sotheby's Chief Executive Officer in Asia from 2006 to 2021, Kevin was responsible for the auction house's strategic expansion in the region, particularly into Mainland China. Some of his notable achievements include organising the world's largest exhibition of more than 100 sets of Ming Dynasty furniture from the renowned private collection of Grace Wu Bruce; the record-breaking sale of the highly important Barbara Hutton-Mdivani jadeite necklace (currently showing at the 'Cartier and Women' Exhibition at the Hong Kong Palace Museum) and the sale of the 'Mesmerising Landscape' painting by Zhang Daqian in 2022 for US$47 million, a new world record at auction.

Kevin was previously a board executive director and group legal counsel of Dickson Concepts, overseeing its legal and general business affairs in the international world of luxury products. Prior to that, he was a partner in Johnson Stokes & Master, one of the largest law firms in Hong Kong, and the Chief Representative of its Beijing Office.

CHRISTIE'S

NOTES TO EDITORS

Image Download Link: please click **here**

PRESS CONTACTS

ASIA
Gigi Ho | +852 2978 6719 | gigiho@christies.com
Flora Fung | +852 2978 6876 | florafung@christies.com

GLOBAL
Natasha Le Bel, NLeBel@christies.com

About Christie's

- Founded in 1766, Christie's is a world-leading art and luxury business. Renowned and trusted for its expert live and online auctions, as well as its bespoke private sales, Christie's offers a full portfolio of global services to its clients, including art appraisal, art financing, international real estate and education. Christie's has a physical presence in 46 countries, throughout the Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia Pacific, with flagship international sales hubs in New York, London, Hong Kong, Paris and Geneva. It also is the only international auction house authorized to hold sales in mainland China (Shanghai).
- Christie's auctions span more than 80 art and luxury categories, at price points ranging from $200 to over $100 million. Christie's has sold 8 of the 10 most important single-owner collections in history, including the Paul G. Allen Collection—the most valuable collection ever offered at auction (November 2022). In recent years, Christie's also achieved the world record price for an artwork at auction (Leonardo da Vinci's *Salvator Mundi*, 2017), for a 20th century artwork (Andy Warhol's *Shot Sage Blue Marilyn*, 2022) and for a work by a living artist (Jeff Koons' *Rabbit*, 2019). Christie's Private Sales offers a seamless service for buying and selling art, jewellery and watches outside of the auction calendar, working exclusively with Christie's specialists at a client's individual pace.
- Following the groundbreaking 2021 sale of the first digital art NFT ever offered by a global auction house (Beeple's *Everydays*), Christie's recently launched the first fully on-chain auction platform dedicated to exceptional NFT art. As an industry leader in digital innovation, Christie's also continues to pioneer new technologies that are redefining the business of art, including the use of hologram technology to tour life-size 3D objects around the world, and the creation of viewing and bidding experiences that integrate augmented reality, global livestreaming, buy-now channels, and hybrid sales formats.
- Christie's is dedicated to advancing responsible culture throughout its business and communities worldwide, including achieving sustainability through net zero carbon emissions by 2030, and actively using its platform in the art world to amplify under-represented voices and support positive change.
- Browse, bid, discover, and join us for the best of art and luxury at: www.christies.com or by downloading Christie's apps.

** Please note when quoting estimates above that other fees will apply in addition to the hammer price - see Section D of the Conditions of Sale at the back of the sale catalogue.*
**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium.*

# # #

FOLLOW CHRISTIE'S ON: