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EDOUARD BOCCON-GIBOD

APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR, CHRISTIE'S FRANCE

London - Christie's is pleased to announce that Edouard Boccon-Gibod has been appointed as Managing Director, France. Edouard Boccon-Gibod was previously the Chairman of Publications Metro France. Prior to this he was Managing Director and Chairman at the TF1 group during a 19 year career with the company. He will take up his new post on December 8th 2014 and report to the President of Christie's Europe, Jussi Pylkkanen.

Edouard will lead the management, growth and development of all Christie's business in France, working closely with its President, Francois de Ricqles. His predecessor at Christie's France, Aline Sylla Walbaum, will assume a new role in Christie's as International Managing Director, of the Luxury categories : Jewellery, Wine and Watches.

Jussi Pylkkanen said: "*Christie's Paris has an outstanding record, with a specialist team of great calibre. Edouard has a track record we admire and I strongly believe his experience will transfer well to the art world. We all wish him every success and look forward to working with him. He is a man of great talent."*

Steven Murphy, Christie's Chief Executive Officer said: "*Paris is, of course, one of the most important cultural capitals of the world. So Christie's Paris has the dual role of showcasing the artistic heritage and culture of France as well as being a convening place for all of our clients from around the world who have made Paris part of their cultural life*".

M. Boccon-Gibod said today, "*It is with great passion and enthusiasm that I join Christie's France to begin a new professional adventure with such a fascinating company*".

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Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in the first half of 2014 that totaled £2.69 / $4.47 billion, making it the highest half year total in Christie's history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers around 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from $200 to over $100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales in the first half of 2014 totalled £498.9 million ($828.2 million).

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