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## Christie's appoints new president of the Americas

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Leonardo da Vinci's *Salvator Mundi* (Savior of the world) painting sold for a staggering \$450.3 million at an auction Nov. 15 held by Christie's New York. Image credit: Christie's

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Auction house Christie's has looked internally for management of its North and South America operations.

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Jennifer Zatorski, who is currently the president of the auction house's art department, is being promoted to president of North and South America. The internal move is due to a departure from Brook Hazelton, who decided to leave Christie's.

"It has been a great pleasure working with Brook and I appreciate his dedication to Christie's and his many contributions to our business over the last several years," said Guillaume Cerutti, CEO of Christie's, in a statement. "We wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

Christie's management shakeup

Ms. Zatorski will be working closely with Marc Porter, chairman of the Americas, and will oversee operations in the region.

The new president has worked with Christie's for more than 25 years and most recently oversaw the global expansion of collecting categories.

"I am delighted to appoint Jen as president, Christie's North and South America," Mr. Cerutti said in a statement. "A consummate professional, her wisdom and insight is sought after and valued by colleagues across the company.

"The depth and breadth of her experience coupled with her unwavering commitment to continued innovation and diversification of our business, makes her uniquely well-positioned to lead our operations for this important region," he said.

Christie's new management follows February news that showed the auction house is leading the global art market with total sales in 2017 totaling \$6.6 billion, an increase of 26 percent compared to 2016.



*Christie's also recently celebrated Audrey Hepburn in an exhibition. Image credit: Christie's*

Christie's total global sales increase of more than 25 percent was led by the record-breaking sale of Leonardo da Vinci's *Salvator Mundi*, which sold for \$450.3 million in November. An increased supply of masterpiece-level art met continued demand, leading auction sales at Christie's to increase by 33 percent to \$5.9 billion ([see story](#)).

"It is an honor to take on this new role and to build on our successes in the Americas where our priority is serving our clients in the most creative and comprehensive way," Ms. Zatorski said in a statement. "Over my career, I have had the privilege of working with every specialist department and every part of the business.

"Working together with Marc Porter, my mission is to ensure that Christie's in the Americas remains a superb place to work, to visit and to connect with great art and objects."

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