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Rimowa opens bidding for collaborative artwork

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Daniel Arsham designs one-of-a-kind Rimowa piece. Image credit: Rimowa

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High-end luggage brand Rimowa is looking into its archive for a one-off partnership with an artist.

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In an auction taking place through Sotheby's, Rimowa and artist Daniel Arsham are selling a sculpture based on the camera cases of Rimowa's past. The sculpture will be housed in a larger Rimowa case of similar design.

Unearthing the past

The sculpture by Mr. Arsham is an "eroded" version of the classic Rimowa camera cases from more than 20 years ago. The winning buyer will receive the sculpture in the larger case, which is presented as a modern, larger version as the eroded case, as well as art handling gloves.

Also, the buyer will be gifted a signed drawing of the piece, a letter from Mr. Arsham and a special-edition luggage sticker set, also designed by the artist.

Rimowa states that the limited-edition is a seamless collaboration between the past and future, as well as a romanticized take on science fiction and archaeology. Similar with his past creations, Mr. Arsham's design is meant to feel as though the case has been found an archaeological dig site, unearthed from the ground.



Rimowa's case is on sale at Sotheby's online. Image credit:Rimowa

The auction is currently open for bidding and will run until May 13. From May 4 until the day of the auction's close, the piece will be on display in Sotheby's new headquarters in New York.

As of time of press, the current bid is at \$13,000.

Rimowa is often taking on unique collaborations to better serve its affluent customer base.

The brand recently highlighted the connection between travel and audio through a collaboration with luxury audio equipment manufacturer Bang & Olufsen.

The two are releasing a limited-edition pair of wireless Beoplay H9i headphones in anodized aluminum and genuine leather that embodies the two brands. The high-tech product comes in a warm light gray color and features an innovative touch interface, along with active noise cancellation, and is packaged in an aluminum case in Rimowa's luggage style ([see story](#)).

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