

JEWELRY

Phillips expands West Coast presence with jewelry specialist

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Phillips continues to grow its jewelry department. Image credit: Phillips

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Auction house Phillips is growing its jewelry team with the appointment of Alexis Vourvoulis as senior specialist and vice president in Los Angeles as the company looks to expand its influence on the West Coast.

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Ms. Vourvoulis joins Phillips from Bonhams, where she sourced material for Los Angeles and New York as well as provided appraisals. She will work to enact a strategy for the company's jewelry business in the Americas, a growing segment in the auction market.

Jewelry growth

Ms. Vourvoulis will work closely with Phillips' existing Los Angeles team to increase the auction house's presence in California. She will also work closely with the teams responsible for 20th century and contemporary art, design, photographs, editions and watches to create cross-marketing opportunities for Phillips.

"Alexis has a deep understanding of the jewelry market and a commitment to putting clients first," said Susan Abeles, head of jewelry for the Americas and senior international specialist at Phillips, in a statement. "A well-respected expert in the industry having worked in Florida, California, New York and Paris, she is passionate about estate jewelry, possesses extraordinary personal skills and is actively working with a number of charitable organizations. She's a great addition to our team."



Alexis Vourvoulis is joining Phillips. Image courtesy of Phillips

Phillips just recently relaunched its jewelry category in New York with a sale last December. In her new role on the jewelry team, Ms. Vourvoulis will reunite with a former Bonhams colleague.

In April, Phillips named Graeme Thompson its new worldwide head of jewelry. Mr. Thompson came to Phillips from Bonhams, where he was director of jewelry in Asia ([see story](#)).

"We are delighted to have Alexis join our team as we're building a world-class jewelry department around the world," Mr. Thompson said in a statement. "California is a key target for our development efforts and I believe Alexis is perfectly positioned to increase our activities and visibility in the region."

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