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Phillips names Benoit Repellin head of jewelry in Europe

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Benoit Repellin is joining Phillips after a long stint at Sotheby's. Image courtesy of Phillips

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Global auction house **Phillips** has named Benoit Repellin its new head of jewelry in Europe as it continues growing the department.

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Mr. Repellin will begin working in his role on Feb. 1. With 10 years of experience and extensive work in the European market, he will work to support and establish a strong presence for Phillips' jewels in Europe.

"Europe remains an extremely important market for sourcing and selling jewels, and I believe Benoit has the expertise, network and creativity to help us reach the next level of development in this category," said Graeme Thompson, worldwide head of jewelry at Phillips, in a statement.

Marking a jewelry milestone

Mr. Repellin's appointment is indicative of Phillips' continued expansion. In his new role, based in Geneva, he will travel extensively and will be working closely with the teams in New York, London and Hong Kong, as well as Geneva.

Prior to his new role, he was with Sotheby's for nine years where he most recently worked as director and head of magnificent jewels sales. In that time, he focused on expansion in the European market, winning high profile consignments.

The jewelry department at Phillips has significantly expanded over the years, as Phillips achieved a record annual total for global jewelry auctions in 2021, posting a 75 percent increase from 2019.

"There is tremendous opportunity to build a highly competitive jewelry business with a modern sensibility in today's auction market, and Benoit's appointment marks the next step for Phillips in achieving this," Mr. Thompson said in a statement.



Phillips has achieved record jewelry sales in 2021. Image courtesy of Phillips

In May, Phillips launched its first private selling event for its collaboration with the auction house's jewelry sales department, Flawless, and Vivarium by Vivienne Becker.

The event, "Woman to Woman," ran for three weeks from May 10 to May 31, combining a selling exhibition with talks and discussions highlighting how women have influenced and shaped the modern world of jewelry. The exhibition showcased 42 pieces by 15 leading female designers of the 20th and 21st centuries, including work from Solange Azagury-Partridge, Feng J, Suzanne Belperron and more ([see story](#)).

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