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Snagging top Sotheby's talent, Christie's appoints new Asia chairman

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Christie's incoming Asia chairman Kevin Ching is pictured with Christie's Asia Pacific president Francis Belin. Image credit: Christie's

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Following a string of successful activations within the region, auction house Christie's is enhancing global efforts by way of a strategic onboarding.

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Effective Wednesday, May 24, Kevin Ching will slot in as Chairman, Asia, at the company. The former CEO of Sotheby's Asia brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with strategic business planning and client development across APAC to the art and luxury-centric role.

"I am delighted to welcome Kevin to Christie's in the role of Chairman, Asia," said Francis Belin, president at Christie's Asia Pacific, in a statement.

"Kevin is a highly respected figure in the industry and his presence on our Asia Pacific leadership team will further strengthen and grow our client network in the region," Mr. Belin said. "Asia's market momentum continues to be strong and globally influential, and Kevin's appointment is part of Christie's long-term and strategic commitment to enhancing our business in the region, as we prepare for the pivotal relocation of our Asia Pacific headquarters to The Henderson in Hong Kong in 2024."

Chairing Christie's

Christie's newest team lead arrives with more than 17 years of experience growing the presence of one of Christie's primary competitors, having helmed expansion efforts in Asia from 2006-2021 on behalf of the firm, paying particular attention to mainland China.

Highlights at Sotheby's include the organization of the world's largest exhibition of more than 100 sets of Ming Dynasty furniture from the renowned private collection of Grace Wu Bruce; the sale of the Barbara Hutton-Mdivani jadeite necklace the piece is currently on display as part of the Cartier and Women' exhibition at the Hong Kong Palace Museum ([see story](#)) and the sale of the Mesmerizing Landscape' painting by Zhang Daqian for \$47 million, garnering a new world record at auction in 2022.

We are delighted to announce that Kevin Ching will join Christie's as Chairman, Asia based in Hong Kong.

Kevin is a renowned leader in the auction business bringing with him over 17 years of broad experience in strategic business planning and client development in Asia.

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Between a board executive director and group legal counsel of Hong Kong-based luxury goods company Dickson Concepts wherein the executive oversaw the corporation's legal and general business affairs, aptly dealing in the international world of luxury products and partner role at Johnson Stokes & Master, one of Hong Kong's largest law firms Mr. Ching would additionally serve as the chief representative of the firm's Beijing Office the regional lead carries a storied background in legal affairs.

The Christie's global Executive Management Group member will focus on deepening and expanding client relationships across the region, according to a statement from the auction house. He will work to collaborate with colleagues across the globe, in the spirit of cultivating cultured collections across Christie's international salesrooms.

Mr. Ching will soon report to Mr. Belin, who oversees the company's luxury vertical ([see story](#)).

"It is an honor to be joining Christie's at such an important and exciting moment for the business in Asia and as the region's art and luxury market thrives," said Mr. Ching, in a statement.

"My passion for the industry is steadfast and this role will allow me to further foster and cultivate relationships with Asia's esteemed collectors," Mr. Ching said. "I share Christie's strategic vision for the future of the auction market, and I look forward to empowering Asian clients on their collecting journeys around the world in my new capacity."