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Bonhams at Geneva 8th March 2004 - Review

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The 8th annual Bonhams Geneva motor car auction which took place on Monday 8 March at the International Automobile Museum achieved record results with almost 80% of lots sold, close to 88% by value, with an overall sale total of two million Swiss francs. Out of the 12 lots from the Carlo Talamo collection, 11 were sold, realising a total of SFrs 874,345. Carlo Talamo's favourite car, a 1994 Rolls-Royce Corniche "S" Turbo convertible, which went for the record price of SFrs 168,587, is the most expensive Rolls-Royce Corniche ever sold at auction.

A late entry **1965 Ferrari 275 GTB** achieved a strong SFrs. 422,941 to a UK bidder.

Before a busy salesroom and with competition from many telephone bidders, Bonhams' auction, held in Geneva's International Automobile Museum, was extremely successful. Eleven out of 12 exceptional cars offered from the Carlo Talamo Collection were sold, including three lots sold above estimate - a **1992 AC Cobra MKIV Lightweight Roadster** (SFrs 130,009), a beautiful **1991 Bentley Continental Convertible** (SFrs 135,520) and the well-known "Giallina" **Rolls-Royce Corniche** (a record SFrs 168,587).

An English buyer in competition with an Indian collector bought the **1931 Packard Deluxe Eight**

840 Roadster for SFrs 135,520 – an excellent result for this rare and imposing car.

Automobilia also did well, including a Ferrari engine turned into a glass topped table signed by Carlo Talamo, which sold for SFrs 10,350.

Remarkable prices were achieved for modern English convertibles including a record price for Carlo Talamo's **Rolls Royce Corniche** – a fitting tribute to his passion for the marque and to fine automobiles in general.

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Bonhams next European Auction will be at Monaco on the 15th of May. For further information please contact simon.kidston@bonhams.com or benoit.gilles@bonhams.com by email or at the address below.

Classic Driver have already covered some of the preliminary entries - please click [HERE](#) to view the complete article.

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