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'64-Bodied Ferrari 250 GTO Comes to Market



'Most expensive car in the world' - now, where have we heard that before? Well, as a rarest-ofthe rare, a GTO is right up there. RM Auctions will be offering the iconic Ferrari GT as a sale by Private Treaty, rather than in an open auction, so the collecting community might never know its eventual selling price.

The car, chassis **4675 GT**, was constructed in 1963 in the 'regular', early **GTO** body style as a *Rosso Cina* customer racing car for a **Sig. P. Annunziata** of **Rome**. After an accident in the **1963 Tour de France Auto** – not an uncommon experience – it was rebodied by the factory in the later **GTO** style with lines similar to the mid-engined **250 LM**.

In this configuration, **4675 GT** was raced extensively in the 1964 season (at the height of the 'Cobra Ferrari Wars') by such drivers as **Guido Fossati**, **Oddone Sigala**, **Vincenzo Nember** and **Luigi Taramazzo**, aided by occasional drives from **works Ferrari** GT pilot **Jean Guichet**.

In 1964, paired with **Carlo Facetti**, **Guichet** drove the car in the **Targa Florio** and, driving solo this time, finished a fine second in the **Spa-Francorchamps 500Km**.



In the same private ownership since 1996, the **1963 Ferrari 250 GTO** will be offered for sale through the European offices of **RM Auctions**. For further details, please contact **Max Girardo** on +44 (0)20 7851 7070 or email mgirardo@rmauctions.com.

RM's next auction will be at <u>Amelia Island on March 13</u> with an exciting inaugural <u>Monaco Sale on May 1</u>. You can read about early consignments to **Monaco** <u>elsewhere on Classic Driver</u>...



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