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5 watches you shouldn't miss from Antiquorum's Hong Kong auction

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Those who can't attend Antiquorum's watch auction in Hong Kong on 7 February should register as telephone or online bidders as soon as possible, as our top 5 selection is only the tip of the ticking iceberg...

Porsche Design Worldtime by IWC



The Porsche Design watches made by respected brands such as IWC, Orfina and Eterna are becoming increasingly valuable collectors' items. This year, Porsche Design is pushing a new series of watches produced in-house, and classics such as this [Worldtime by IWC](#) could reap the rewards. The 1990s timepiece is estimated to fetch between 1,200 and 2,000 CHF, making it a good place to start a Porsche Design collection.

A. Lange & Söhne Tourbograph Pour Le Mérite



The timepieces of A. Lange & Söhne are among the most highly respected in collector circles. Values of the ultra-complicated examples in particular show no signs of slowing, most notably such 'Holy Grail' models as the [Tourbograph pour le Mérite](#). Its gold body encases several complications, and is the only model of this type that uses a fusée-and-chain transmission, ensuring consistent power distribution. The only model that can trump this in terms of desirability is the platinum example, of which only 51 left the Glashütte manufactory.

Rolex GMT Master (Ref. 1675)



In their 1980 song 'Golden Brown', The Stranglers sang a ballad about women and heroin - and you might find this special [Rolex GMT Master](#) just as addictive. We find this 1977 model particularly fetching, the colours perfectly summarising the style of the era in which it was made.

Jaeger-LeCoultre Reverso Memory



Even though other manufacturers made attempts to create rotating watches, the Reverso remains the only successful survivor. In Hong Kong, four variants of this iconic timepiece will go under the hammer; our choice is [ref. 255.8.82](#) with flyback mechanism.

Patek Philippe Automatic (Ref.: 3428)



It's very difficult to find a 1960s Patek with authenticity papers, and this example is seemingly perfect. Equipped with the patented Gyromax balance wheel, the stylish white-gold watch - [ref. 3428](#) - would make the ideal centrepiece in any Patek collection. However, one should be aware of the somewhat ambitious estimate of 88,000 - 122,000 CHF.

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