

# CHRISTIE'S

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## CHRISTIE'S SETS RECORD WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL FOR A HANDBAGS SALE IN AMERICAS

**HANDBAGS ONLINE: THE NEW YORK EDIT TOTALS \$4,114,782  
NINE LOTS SOLD IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 EACH**



**Hermès**  
**Barenia Leather Perspective Cavalière Kellywood with Palladium Hardware**  
**From the Collection of Rebag**  
Price Realized: \$176,400

**NEW YORK** – Christie's is thrilled to announce the outstanding results of [Handbags Online: The New York Edit](#), totalling \$4,114,782, the highest value realized for a handbag sale in the Americas. The auction was 94% sold by lot and 140% by low estimate, nine lots sold for more than 100,000, an all-time high for an online auction.

*“The success of our latest auction speaks to the enduring status of exceptionally well-crafted handbags as both extremely valuable assets and ultra-desirable personal luxuries. Our record-breaking result is fresh proof that these collectible handbags are worthwhile assets to invest in, and that our overall market, which continues to see expansive growth, is strong. In a time when so many fashion forecasters have stressed the growing trend of quiet luxury, our bidders have demonstrated a renewed appetite for luxury with a capital L. From diamond-encrusted Birkins to colorful leather Marquetry to eye-catching white Alligator skin, our collectors sought out handbags as exuberant as they were exquisite, in iconic styles whose values have stood the test of time.”* -Paige Rubin, Head of Sale, Handbags, Americas

The sale featured a selection of handbags curated by **Rebag**, including the top lot of the sale—an [Hermès Barenia Leather Perspective Cavalière Kellywood With Palladium Hardware](#), which realized \$176,400. This sale marked the model's first appearance in the American auction market and a world-record price for this model at auction.

The sale also featured both of the newest and rarest examples of Hermès Faubourg Birkins: A [Neige Faubourg Birkin 20](#) and a [Minuit Faubourg Birkin 20](#), both of which realized \$151,200. Another favourite of serious collectors and a highlight of the sale was a stunning and rare [Matte White Niloticus Crocodile Himalaya Birkin 30 with Palladium Hardware](#), which realized \$151,200.

Many lots sold for well over their low estimates, including a [Limited Edition Toile & Black Swift Leather Cargo Hac Birkin 40 With Palladium Hardware](#), which realized \$40,320, and a [Couture Maroquinerie White Niloticus Crocodile Himalaya Lady Dior Bag With Silver & Crystal Hardware](#), which realized \$21,420. Both sold for more than 400% of their low estimates.

**SELECT RESULTS | CHRISTIE'S HANDBAGS ONLINE: THE NEW YORK EDIT | 30 MAY – 12 JUNE**



**A RARE, MATTE BLACK ALLIGATOR, BLACK MADAME, SOMBRERO, ORANGE H & JAUNE AMBRE SWIFT LEATHER NIGHT FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH BLACK PVD HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2022

Price Realized: \$151,200



**A RARE, MATTE BÉTON ALLIGATOR, WHITE TOGO, SWIFT & SOMBRERO, ORANGE H & CRAIE SWIFT & BLEU BRUME CHÈVRE LEATHER SNOW FAUBOURG SELLIER BIRKIN 20 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2021

Price Realized: \$151,200



**A RARE, MATTE WHITE NILOTICUS CROCODILE HIMALAYA RETOURNÉ KELLY 28 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2022

Price Realized: \$119,700



**A LIMITED-EDITION NATUREL BARÉNIA LEATHER & OSIER MINI PICNIC KELLY 20 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2022

Price Realized: \$113,400



**A LIMITED-EDITION TOILE & BLACK SWIFT LEATHER CARGO HAC BIRKIN 40 WITH PALLADIUM HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2021

Price Realized: \$40,320



**A COUTURE MAROQUINERIE WHITE NILOTICUS CROCODILE HIMALAYA LADY DIOR BAG WITH SILVER & CRYSTAL HARDWARE**  
DIOR, 2021

Price Realized: \$21,420



**AN EXCEPTIONAL, SHINY  
BOUGAINVILLEA POROSUS  
CROCODILE MINI CONSTANCE 18  
WITH 18K WHITE GOLD &  
DIAMOND HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2015

Price Realized: \$107,100

**AN EXCEPTIONAL, SHINY BLACK  
POROSUS CROCODILE BIRKIN  
35 WITH 18K WHITE GOLD &  
DIAMOND HARDWARE**  
HERMÈS, 2011

Price Realized: \$107,100

**A LIMITED EDITION WHITE  
MULTICOLORE COATED CANVAS  
ALZER 65 WITH GOLD  
HARDWARE**  
LOUIS VUITTON BY TAKASHI  
MURAKAMI, CIRCA 2004

Price Realized: \$21,420

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