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Au Bord Du Lac: An Interior by François-Joseph Graf



Au Bord Du Lac, *exterior left*, and the 'Japanese' Dining Room, *right*. Photographs by Gregoire Gardette

London – Christie's London is pleased to offer *Au Bord Du Lac: An interior by François-Joseph Graf* in a live auction on 26 January. This unique home, on the shores of Lake Geneva, was one of François-Joseph Graf's earliest projects after launching his agency in 1986. The collection features French decorative arts, furniture and paintings, predominantly from the late 19th century. Each room had a distinct identity and aesthetic, created by Graf for his clients without slavishly adhering to a particular style or period. Graf combined luxurious materials such as lacquer and gilt-bronze with lustrous ceramics and glass and his own rich fabrics, which when brought together created a home which was both comfortable and opulent. Highlights include a serene garden scene painted at Gerberoy in 1917 by Henri Le Sidaner (estimate: £300,000-500,000), a group of 'Japonisme' furniture designed by Édouard Lièvre and Gabriel Viardot (estimates from £7,000 to £40,000), an impressive collection of Art Nouveau ceramics by Pierre-Andrien Dalpayrat with innovative colourful glazes (estimates from £1,000 to £40,000), and a suite of burgundy-japaned Aesthetic Movement room panelling painted with exotic birds used in the dining room (estimate: £30,000-50,000). The sale is on public view at Christie's in London from 20 to 25 January.

To read the sale introduction by François-Joseph Graf and to view the full sale please click [here](#) for the e-catalogue.

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