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## **ArtCurial expands its Watch department and welcomes Geoffroy Ader**

**as Exclusive Expert for Collectors**

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Geoffroy Ader succeeds Romain Rea who launched this department within Artcurial 13 years ago. He now has decided to dedicate himself to editorial projects and expert consulting for watch manufacturers and also the expansion of his retail stores. Marie Sanna-Legrand took over as head of the Watch Department two years ago. In 2014, the department totalled 4 million Euros of sales, an increase of 48% compared to 2013, mainly thanks to the success of the monographic sale, Panerai Only. This same year the auction house set a world record for a Rolex watch sold at auction at 336 600 € / 453 333 \$. In 2015, Artcurial decided to concentrate its watch auctions in Monaco and organise two events in the Principality each year in January and July.

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