

Press release

Advance report on the Fine Jewels sale on 15 May 2024



Colourful creations by the luxury brands

At this year's spring sale of exquisite jewellery, everyone will instantly notice the first-rate offerings from the French company Van Cleef & Arpels. Their brightly coloured gemstones, such as lapis lazuli and chrysoprase, are playful creations. Yet their variety of pure diamond jewellery items is also superb. In particular, two diamond rings with over six carats leave a lasting impression.

The **Van Cleef & Arpels** brand is known for its creative and innovative designs which are inspired by nature, fairy tales or cultural influences. Its creations are marked by unique shapes, colours and patterns. A striking example is the series with the characteristic use of bright blue lapis lazuli in combination with diamonds, from which a **necklace** (€14,000–18,000), a **bangle** (€18,000–22,000), **ear clips** (€4,000–5,000) and a **ring** (€3,000–4,000) will be called up. Another creation by the renowned luxury brand is a spring-like **necklace**. The magical blooms in fresh colours are composed of coral, diamonds and chrysoprase (estimate: €26,000–35,000). The diamond jewellery by **Van Cleef & Arpels** is in no way inferior to the coloured gemstones. Here the **diamond bracelet** "Galuchat" merits special attention: with about 420 cut diamonds, it weighs a total of approx. 7.2 carats (estimate: €28,000–40,000).



Van Cleef & Arpels
Lapis lazuli diamond necklace
Estimate: €14,000–18,000



Van Cleef & Arpels
Chrysoprase-coral-diamond necklace
Estimate: €26,000–35,000



Van Cleef & Arpels
Diamond bracelet "Galuchat"
Estimate: €28,000–40,000

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This Spring, the extensive range of diamonds on offer is high carat in the true sense of the word. Many of these gemstones have more than three carats – including the two highlights: two diamond rings of supreme quality which, with over six carats each, are both heavyweights among the diamonds. On one of the two **solitaire rings**, the star is a cut diamond with 65 carats (estimate: €60,000–90,000), while the other **diamond ring** contains a central diamond in emerald cut of 6.05 carats that is framed by more diamonds on either side (estimate: €60,000–90,000).

The selection of exquisite coloured gemstones is also quite impressive. Amongst the historic pieces of jewellery is an **emerald-diamond ring** from the 1920s. The transparency of the 3.1-carat emerald is extraordinary, as gems of such purity are extremely rare to find (estimate: €2,400–3,000). A pair of **sapphire ear clips** is more recent. The inlaid Ceylon sapphires are from one of the most coveted sapphire mining areas and weigh 7.1 and 8.6 carats respectively. What's more, the extremely large gemstones show no signs of heat treatment whatsoever (estimate: €14,000–18,000).



Solitaire ring
1 cut diamond | 6.50 carats | D/VVS2
Estimate: €60,000–90,000



Ceylon sapphire ear clips
Origin: Sri Lanka | 7.1 carats and 8.6 carats
Estimate: €14,000–18,000



Diamant ring
1 diamond in emerald cut | 6.05 carats | F/VS1
Estimate: €60,000–90,000

It is an extraordinary pleasure for Van Ham to be given the opportunity to offer a private collection from North Rhine-Westphalia that is auctioned for a good cause. It includes luxury items and valuable pieces of jewellery. The **diamond bracelet** by **Bulgari** from the Serpenti Collection is an absolute eye-catcher (estimate: €43,000–60,000). The iconic design of the snake is an homage to the company's emblem, which symbolizes sensuality and seduction. This exquisite bracelet is likely to put an instant spell on potential buyers. With four carats and of inclusion-free quality, the emerald cut diamond ring from this collection is also a special highlight. The legendary **Birkin Bags** from **Hermès** are bound to stir the blood of the fashionistas. They will be offered, for instance, in the versions made of Clemence leather in blue jeans (estimate: €10,000–12,000) or ostrich leather in cyclam (estimate: €15,000–20,000). So, those who have been on the waiting list for the coveted handbags by the French label for quite a while already might be able to get their hands on the new lot piece a bit sooner. And there is no reason to feel guilty when you exceed your own limit, as the proceeds of these items will be donated to a charitable foundation.

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Hermès
Birkin 30 | 2009 | Ostrich leather | Cyclam
Estimate: €15,000–20,000



Bulgari
Serpenti | Diamond-emerald bracelet
Estimate: €43,000–60,000



Hermès
Birkin 30 | 2009 | Clemence leather | Blue jeans
Estimate: €10,000–12,000

Van Ham – About us

Founded in 1959, the Cologne-based auction house Van Ham is a family business run by Markus Eisenbeis, now in its second generation. The internationally acclaimed auctions cover the areas of Modern & Contemporary Art, Old Masters & Impressionism, Works of Art & Art Nouveau as well as Fine Jewels & Watches. In 2023, Van Ham achieved the best result in its history with a total turnover of around 53.8 million euros, putting it in second place among German auction houses. Van Ham is the market leader among art auction houses in Germany in the Jewels & Watches segment and is also the leader for online sales with over 40 curated Online Only auctions per year.

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