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Artcurial expands into Switzerland with the acquisition of Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen

After a record year in 2022, Artcurial is expanding its business into Switzerland. Artcurial has just finalised the acquisition of the Swiss auction house *Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen*, which will become *Artcurial Beurret Bailly Widmer*.

Founded in 2011 in Basel by Nicolas Beurret and Emmanuel Bailly, and later joined by Markus Schöb of Galerie Widmer, the auction house is also located in Zurich and St Gallen. It specialises in the sale of primarily modern and contemporary art. *Artcurial Beurret Bailly Widmer* will keep its current structure and operations and continue to hold its three annual physical and digital sales. Its next Fine Art sale will be held during Art Basel on 21st June in Basel.

As part of this merger with Artcurial, the auction house is preparing several development projects over the next two years in Switzerland.

Artcurial, one of the leaders in Europe

In 2022, Artcurial celebrated its 20th anniversary and recorded its best year since its creation. It consolidated its position as France's leading auction house.

Recent changes in the Artcurial Group have enabled the company to remain responsive and to continue its development as the European leader in the intermediation of exceptional goods, with its various companies, namely John Taylor (luxury real estate) and Arqana (horse auction house). With three sales locations in Paris, Monaco and Marrakech and after the opening of offices in Belgium, Italy, Germany, Austria and Spain, Artcurial is now expanding into Switzerland with the acquisition of the Swiss-German auction house *Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen*.

Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen, one of the leaders in Switzerland

At the beginning of 2011, Nicolas Beurret (from Basel) and Emmanuel Bailly (French) founded the auction house *Beurret & Bailly Auktionen* in Basel, the cultural capital of Switzerland, famous for its numerous museums and international events such as Art Basel. Specialising in the sale of 20th and 19th century paintings, works on paper and sculpture, the auction house opened a branch in Zurich at the end of 2011.

In 2018, Markus Schöb (Switzerland), owner of Galerie Widmer, a leading art dealer in Eastern Switzerland, joined *Beurret & Bailly*. With three annual sales in Basel, Zurich and St. Gallen, *Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen* is now one of the most renowned auction houses in Switzerland.

« The acquisition of the Swiss auction house Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen will enable Artcurial to develop an auction business in this area of Europe, which is now so significant in terms of collectors. »

- Nicolas Orłowski,
CEO, Artcurial

« Our auction house is now one of the leading players in the Swiss art market, particularly in Fine Art. By joining forces with the leading French auction house, we will be able to offer our clients an even more comprehensive service and benefit from Artcurial's network while maintaining our national roots. »

- Emmanuel Bailly,
Expert and CEO, Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen



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About Artcurial

Founded in 2002, the multidisciplinary Paris-based auction house Artcurial confirmed its leading position on the international art market in 2022.

With three sale venues in Paris, Monaco and Marrakech, the auction house achieved an overall sales total of 216,5 million euros in 2022. Artcurial covers all the major specialist fields including Fine Arts, Decorative Arts, Collectors' Cars, Jewelry, Watches, Fine Wines and Spirits...

With a strong international vocation, Artcurial maintains its presence abroad with offices in Brussels, Milan, Monte-Carlo, Munich, Vienna, and Spain. In October 2015, Artcurial held its first sales in Hong Kong and Morocco.

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