

Press Release

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Outstanding auction result for the DATOGRAPH UP/DOWN “Hampton Court Edition”

The unique A. Lange & Söhne timepiece raises 877,919 euros for
The King’s Trust

The DATOGRAPH UP/DOWN “Hampton Court Edition” was auctioned by Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo at the Geneva Watch Auction XX on 9 November 2024 at an outstanding price for CHF 825,500 (EUR 877,919, incl. buyer’s premium). All proceeds from this sale will be directed to The King’s Trust, a British youth charity, dedicated to empowering young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to recognise their potential and build a brighter future.



Aurel Bacs at the auction of the DATOGRAPH UP/DOWN “Hampton Court Edition” on 9 November 2024 in Geneva.

With the DATOGRAPH UP/DOWN “Hampton Court Edition”, A. Lange & Söhne commemorates the 25th anniversary year of the renowned DATOGRAPH with a special contribution to a meaningful cause. This unique timepiece in white gold, with a grey dial and black subsidiary

dials, was first presented in August 2024 at the Concours of Elegance at Hampton Court Palace in London, before being subsequently showcased in New York, Dubai, Singapore, Hong Kong and Geneva. On 9 November 2024, the watch was auctioned by Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo in Geneva, achieving CHF 825,500 (EUR 877,919, including buyer's premium). All proceeds from the sale will go to The King's Trust, a UK-based youth charity founded by His Majesty King Charles III and dedicated to supporting young people aged 11 to 30 by helping them develop the confidence and skills they need to prepare for future career opportunities and ultimately to have a brighter future.

"We would like to thank A. Lange & Söhne and everyone involved for the outstanding sum achieved at the auction of the DATOGRAPH UP/DOWN 'Hampton Court Edition'," says Jonathan Townsend, UK Chief Executive of The King's Trust. "This one-of-a-kind piece is not only a watchmaking masterpiece, but also invaluable support for young people striving to unlock their potential."



The proceeds from the auction of the unique piece will go to The King's Trust



Aurel Bacs and Wilhelm Schmid at the Geneva Watch Auction XX

Auctioneer Aurel Bacs commented on the auction result: "With the DATOGRAPH legacy, A. Lange & Söhne continues to set new standards in precision watchmaking with its combination of sophisticated technology, craftsmanship and unmistakable design. The DATOGRAPH UP/DOWN 'Hampton Court Edition' captured the admiration of enthusiasts and collectors, reflecting the manufacture's dedication to technical and aesthetic perfection. It has been an honour for Phillips to have been part of this great project."

Lange CEO Wilhelm Schmid also expressed satisfaction with the auctions outcome: "The result is showcasing the high appreciation for our watches within the global collector's community. Our sincerest thanks go to all bidders and our partners who contributed to the success of the auction."

About The King's Trust (formerly The Prince's Trust)

The King's Trust believes that every young person should have the chance to succeed, no matter what their background or the challenges they are facing. We help those from disadvantaged communities and those facing the greatest adversity by supporting them to build the confidence and skills to live, learn and earn.

The courses offered by The Trust help young people aged 11-30 to develop essential life skills, get ready for work and access job opportunities. We support them to find work because having a job or running a business can lead to a more stable, fulfilling life.

Since The Trust was founded by HM The King in 1976, when he was HRH The Prince of Wales, we have helped more than a million young people across the UK. Three in four of those we supported over the last five years have moved into work, education or training.

We are pleased to have changed our name to The King's Trust, reflecting our Royal Founding President's continued dedication to our work. We remain committed to working for young people and enabling them to create a better future for themselves. By helping them today, the benefits will be felt for years to come – not just for those we support, but for their communities and the wider economy.

For more information on the King's Trust, visit www.kingstrust.org.uk or call 0800 842 842.

The King's Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales (1079675) and Scotland (SC041198).

About Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo

Dedicated to an uncompromising approach to quality, transparency and customer service, Phillips Watches' team of specialists made a total revenue of \$209.3 million in 2021 at auctions – the most successful year in the history of a watch auction house. 2023 marked the second most successful year for Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo with an annual total of \$215.8 million.

About Phillips

Phillips is a leading global platform for buying and selling 20th and 21st-century art and design. With expertise in 20th-century and contemporary art, design, photography, publications, watches and jewellery, Phillips offers professional services and advice on all aspects of collecting. Auctions and exhibitions are held in showrooms in New York, London, Geneva and Hong Kong, while customers are served through representative offices across Europe, the United States and Asia. Phillips also offers an online auction platform that can be accessed from anywhere in the world. In addition to offering buying and selling opportunities through auctions, Phillips also facilitates private sales and offers valuations, appraisals and other financial services.

About A. Lange & Söhne

Dresden watchmaker Ferdinand Adolph Lange laid the foundations for Saxony's precision watchmaking industry when he established his manufacture in 1845. His precious pocket watches remain highly coveted among collectors all over the world. The company was expropriated after World War II, and the name A. Lange & Söhne nearly vanished. In 1990, Ferdinand Adolph Lange's great-grandson, Walter Lange, had the courage to relaunch the brand. Today, Lange crafts only a few thousand wristwatches per year, predominantly in gold or platinum. They are equipped exclusively with movements made in-house that are elaborately finished and assembled by hand. With 73 manufacture calibres developed since 1990, A. Lange & Söhne has secured a top-tier position in the world of watchmaking. Its greatest achievements include the LANGE 1, the first regularly produced wristwatch with an outsize date, and the ZEITWERK, with its precisely jumping numerals. Extraordinary complications such as the ZEITWERK MINUTE REPEATER, the DATOGRAPH PERPETUAL TOURBILLON and the TRIPLE SPLIT represent what the manufacture always strives for: to drive the traditional art of watchmaking to ever-new heights. Launched in 2019, the sporty-elegant ODYSSEUS in stainless steel marked the beginning of a new chapter for the manufacture.

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