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Monaco matters

Pieces of the past and planning for the future hold sway in the Principality



Summer of sales

As ever, it will be a busy summer on the sales front in Monaco with three major auction houses offering a sumptuous array of treasures in various categories. Located in the harbour, the **Hotel des Ventes de Monte Carlo** (hvmc.com, *above*) has established itself as one of the most respected auction houses in Europe, renowned as much for its expertise in appraising valuables for insurance and inventory purposes as its sales. This summer promises to enhance this reputation still further with a series of auctions. On 14 July, vintage fashion takes centre stage, kicking off a week of sales encompassing important jewels (15 July), important watches (16 July) and, perhaps the highlight of the week, a sale of modern painting and sculpture on the 18th. Another sales house with plenty to offer this summer is **Tajan** (tajan.com), which has been holding sales in the Principality for more than 30 years, with specialities ranging from tables and old drawings to Oriental paintings. And at the Hôtel Hermitage, the renowned house **Artcurial** (artcurial.com) will hold two sales – one on fine jewellery, the other on fine watches. The dates are to be confirmed.

Green machines

In March, at a ceremony at the Sporting Club in Monte-Carlo, the Italian-based shipyard **VSY**'s reputation for allying environmental objectives to superlative design on its superyachts was once more rewarded. At the UIM Environmental Awards 2013 gala the forward-thinking firm was honoured for its excellence in innovation, development and application of environmental-friendly technologies. The citation centred upon a Computational Sustainability model based programme which aims to “apply techniques from computer science, operations research, applied mathematics and statistics for balancing environmental, economic and social needs for sustainable development”. VSY's dedication to the cause – embodied by its revolutionary flagship *Stella Maris* (*above*) and an in-house department dedicated to environmental issues, can also be seen in the establishment of a collaboration with Eulabor Institute, the research organisation that develops models of integrated sustainability. vsy.it