

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Christie's names next CEO

January 16, 2025



Bonnie Brennan will succeed Guillaume Cerutti as Christie's CEO. Image credit: Christie's

By LUXURY DAILY NEWS SERVICE

British auction house **Christie's** is shaking up leadership.

Per the support of the Pinault family, who also own luxury conglomerate Kering, and on the recommendation of current CEO Guillaume Cerutti, the company's board appointed Bonnie Brennan as CEO, effective Feb. 1, 2025. Mr. Cerutti will manage a new organization for the artistic activities of investment holding company Artmis.

"Christie's is a key asset for us, and we are deeply grateful for the positive changes and many successes the company has achieved under Guillaume's leadership," said Francois Pinault and Francois-Henri Pinault, in a statement.

"We have decided to entrust him with a broader role, overseeing all art-related projects within our entities under our direct authority," Mr. Pinault and Mr. Pinault said. "We are also thrilled to announce Bonnie Brennan as Christie's new CEO."

"Having served as President of Christie's Americas for several years, she brings with her a wealth of experience in the art market. With Guillaume as Chairman of the Board and Bonnie as CEO, we are confident that Christie's will continue to thrive, benefiting its clients, specialist community, employees, and art connoisseurs worldwide."

A period of growth

Ms. Brennan brings 28 years of art world experience to her role. She first joined Christie's in 2012, following 15 years at auction house Sotheby's, and served in various leadership roles.

She has acted as the regional president of the Americas since 2021. Her leadership ushered the department to new heights, with the Americas accounting for 48 percent of all auction sales.



Under Ms. Brennan's leadership, sales from the Americas now account for almost half of all auction sales. Image credit: Christie's

"It is an honor to be appointed as Christie's CEO and to succeed Guillaume Cerutti, who has been an inspirational and effective leader, growing our business over the last eight years," said Ms. Brennan, in a statement.

"I have been lucky to work closely with him and I am grateful that we will continue this relationship as he remains Chairman of the Board," Ms. Brennan said. "The global Christie's team reflects unmatched passion, talent and dedication to our clients and one another.

"To lead this extraordinary group of people is a privilege that I take very seriously and I look forward to building on our 259-year legacy of connecting exceptional art and objects to passionate audiences."

Alongside his new role, Mr. Cerluti will continue serving as Christie's chairman of the board. He will also become president of the Pinault Collection, which manages and exhibits the elder Mr. Pinault's art holdings.

"It has been a privilege and an absolute pleasure to serve as Christie's Chief Executive Officer over the past eight years, working with an extraordinary team and, together, achieving numerous successes at auction and in private sales, while navigating some challenging moments," said Mr. Cerutti, in a statement.

"I am truly grateful to Francois Pinault and Francois-Henri Pinault for their ongoing trust and support, and I am excited by the new role they have entrusted to me," Mr. Cerutti said. "I am also proud to pass the baton to Bonnie, with whom I have worked closely for many years.

She possesses all the qualities needed to uphold and expand Christie's market leadership."

In November, Christie's facilitated a new record sale for the Aga Khan emerald, first sold by the auction house in 1969 ([see story](#)).