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Leica cameras at the upcoming L&H Photographica Auction in Hong Kong

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Some information on the upcoming <u>L&H Photographica Auction</u> that will be held on November 17th, 2013 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Hong Kong:

Description and pictures of selected Leica lots:

Lot Description Estimated Picture no. Price (HK\$)









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74 MP Black Paint Serial no.132, 1956

59

234

Initially, Leica early MP was custom-made for a very few professional photographers and reporters in 1957. With Leicavit, the user can quickly shoot up to two frames per second. Around 130 units of it were produced. This camera is made in original black paint. The serial number engraved at the bottom matches that of the body. It comes with Summicron-M 2/5cm (#1474804) Black Paint for MP and lens cap, extremely rare.

\$3,000,000 \$4,000,000

M3 Betriebsk "UR-M5" Prototype Serial

no. M3 - 1209Leitz Wetzlar rare original factory prototype M-camera with built-in TTL light meter. This camera represents one of the first units of prototyping of a built-in meter arm into Leica-M". Only a handful of those experimental units were completed, before the project turned into the M4/M5 development. As a set, complete with external display instrument built on basis of a Leicameter-MR, which connects to the camera with a plug and shows the value given from the camera's built-in meter. The camera is in nice conditions. This camera set has been authenticated by Lars Netopil. This comes with a meter (MR) and body cap, in excellent condition. Extremely rare.

\$600,000

\$800,000



M7 "Handmade titanium camera" 198

> Prototype, 2002Original factory prototype from the project "handmade titanium camera", which was made as a one of a kind model for Sheikh Saud Al-Thani of Qatar in the year of 2002. While the outer parts of the final version of this camera were in all-titanium, including the body cover, the unit here has a black leather body cover and some black knobs and levers, which let it look a bit like a "titanium Panda" version. The set finally delivered contained five different lenses, all with solid titanium mounts. The camera here comes with a later solid titanium mount version of the have been authenticated by Lars Netopil.

\$600,000 \$800,000



Summilux-M 1.4/50 ASPH of 2004 (from "50 years of Leica M"edition). This camera and lens

IIIf Black Paint"Swedish Military" Serial no.822990, 1956This IIIf was specially made for the Swedish national army in 1956. It can withstand very extreme weather conditions in Sweden and only 100 units were produced. The camera and lens are original, complete with matching black paint Elmar 3.5/5cm

\$600,000

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(#1427190) and early A36 Black Paint lens cap, in new condition, very rare. This camera has been authenticated by Lars Netopil.



185 M6 with Summilux-M 1.4/35mm Titanium Camera Set Serial no.1900000, 1993

A round numbers of M6 Titanium (#1900000) with M 1.4/35mm Titanium lens (#3600000) have never been seen among the special Edition cameras. These special editions are usually commemorative sets made for special clients. For example, Leica IIIf (#500000) dedicated to Ernst Leitz II; M3 (#800000) dedicated to the World War II West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer in 1956. In addition, these round numbers were assigned to particular camera models as well. For example, #3000000 was assigned to M7 Titanium Camera set to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Leica M series. This camera body decorated with lizard skin leather, in brand new condition.

\$450,000 to \$600,000

235 M3 Olive Bundeseigentum Military Camera Set Serial no.1100412, 1964

Bundeseigentum refers to "Property of Federal German Government" in English. In the record, this model was produced in 1957-1968 which batch only 50 units were produced, it becomes extremely rare. The rear of top plate engraved "Bundeseigentum", comes with Elmar-M 2.8/50mm Chrome (#1727638), ITOOY hood with Summaron-M 2.8/35mm Chrome (#2050525), Tele-Elmar-M 4/135mm in Black (#2046215) with a light meter. They all engraved special serial no. This lot also comes with goggles and olive leather lens case, an olive ever-ready leather case, filter and green leather case. Extremely rare.

\$400,000 to \$600,000



157 Summilux-M 1.4/50mm Black Paint
Serial no.2099114, 1965This lens belongs to
the first version of Summilux-M 1.4/50mm
Black Paint, with brass mounting bayonet, only
very small numbers of them were produced,
extremely rare. It comes with keeper and front
lens cap, clear lens, in like new condition and
good working order.

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\$180,000 to \$220,000



M6 Platinum 150 Jahre Optik Set Serial

\$180,000

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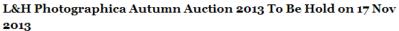


no.2490056(1905), 1996

In 1999, in order to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Wetzlar Optischen Institute, Leica launched 30 sets of M6 Platinum 150
Jahre Optik with with Summicron-M 2/50mm (1880-1909), body decorated with lizard skin, platinum plate finished. The memorial year of this set is 1905, it comes with Summilux-M 2/50mm lens (150 Jahre Optik 1905). This set is completely brand new, it comes with outer box, wooden box, front and rear lens caps, built-in hood, strap, body cap, lens cloth and papers, very precious.







Estimated valued over HK\$28 million

Hong Kong – L&H Auction is delighted to announce the 2nd Photographica Auction will be held on the 17th November 2013, at Library and Lounge, Grand Hyatt Hotel Hong Kong. As Leica collectors like you, you can't definitely miss it out! Mr. James L. Larger is the consulter, the renowned Leica researcher and historian. There are around 300 lots will be offered in the auction that are valued over HK\$25 million.

Mr. Henry Chau, CEO of L&H Auction remarked, "The first L&H Auction completed with a Hammer price of HK\$23million in total. Attracted collectors from worldwide to participate in our auction and the hammer price were much higher than our estimated. It gives an impressive performance in Asia Pacific auction markets."

One of the highlights piece in coming autumn auction is the early Leica MP Black Paint Camera (#MP-132) with Summicron-M 2/5cm (#1474804) Black Paint for MP. Initially, Leica early MP was custom-made for a very few professional photographers and reporters in 1957, with Leicavit in order to quickly shoot up to two frames per second. Only around 138 units of it were produced. This camera is made in original Black Paint. The estimated value is ranged from HK\$3million to HK\$4million.

Another highlights piece is lot 59, M3 Betriebsk "UR-M5" Prototype is from Leitz Wetzlar rare original factory prototype M-camera with built-in TTL light meter. This camera represents one of the first units of prototyping of a built-in meter arm into Leica-M". Only a handful of those experimental units were completed, before the project turned into the M4/M5 development. As a set, complete with external display instrument built on basis of a Leicameter-MR, which connects to the camera with a plug and shows the value given from the camera's built-in meter. The camera is in nice conditions. This camera set has been authenticated by Lars Netopil. This comes with a meter (MR) and body cap, in excellent condition. Extremely rare. Estimated value from HK\$6million to HK\$8million



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