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London and New York-based, The Fine Art Group (TFG) announces Australian collaboration with Roger McIlroy Art Advisory

Australia: TFG is the largest art advisory company in the world. Its new alliance with Australian-based Roger McIlroy takes its reach into the Pacific region as McIlroy accepts position as Chairman, TFG, Australia and New Zealand.

TFG Founder and CEO, Philip Hoffman says, 'Roger has achieved an international reputation for excellence in the art world and is one of the most trusted individuals in the field. His experience, knowledge and extensive global networks make him the ideal new TFG senior resource in the region and we are delighted to have him join the team'.

Roger's successful 30-year association with Christie's led to the establishment in Australia of his leading independent art advisory business. Equally recognized for his expertise in the fine art auction room, Roger will continue his prominent role as head auctioneer of Deutscher+Hackett, Australia's top auction house.

This exciting new collaboration between TFG and Roger McIlroy reflects the global growth of art as a recognized alternative asset. TFG is the first international art group to respond to this shift and to move into Australia and New Zealand, providing unrivalled service and access to all aspects of the international art market. This development follows TFG's expansion into Asia through a joint venture with former Sotheby's executives Patti Wong and Daryl Wickstrom, and their collaboration with preeminent New York art advisor Allan Schwartzman and his team at Schwartzman&.

In Australia and New Zealand, Roger McIlroy will work in association with TFG Vice President, Leticia Hoffman, a member of TFG since 2014. With over a decade of experience in the art world, Leticia has handled some of the world's finest artworks, gemstones, and jewels. Notably, Leticia aided with the sale of the Cartier 'Sky Blue Diamond' for \$18 million.

With their combined skills and expertise, Roger and Leticia will continue to deliver private and corporate clients informed advice for the management, building, care and development of their art and tangible asset collections. Roger's and TFG's international alliances provide unrivalled leverage, offering Australian clients premium opportunities to sell, buy and secure finance across diverse categories within the art market.

Roger and Leticia will be supported by a team of 80 specialists and advisors from around the world, covering virtually every type of collecting category and available to provide ready assistance.

For over two decades, TFG has maintained an unrivalled track record across the art world. TFG helps clients navigate all aspects of the art market, from providing assistance with collection strategies, acquisitions, appraisals and the selling of works of art, through to art financing. This new collaboration with Roger McIlroy adds to the definition of TFG as an art industry innovator now available to meet new market demands in the Pacific region.

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As an independent, global team of art advisors and art finance experts, we are dedicated to guiding our clients worldwide through every stage of the art market across our five core services.

Founded over 20 years ago, The Fine Art Group has established an unrivaled track record across the art ecosystem. From first acquisitions and building collections, through to sales agency, appraisals, and art financing, we offer clients an experienced and deft hand – helping to navigate the opacities of the global market.

The acquisition of Pall Mall Art Advisors in 2021 and the recent expansion into Asia through a joint venture with Patti Wong & Associates, a new Hong Kong-based art advisory firm that will focus on the most significant collectors in Asia, brought greater depth and wider global reach to The Fine Art Group.

Today, our in-house expertise spans Western Art from 1500 to the present day, with a particular focus on Impressionism, Surrealism, Modern, Post-War, and Contemporary, and Chinese works of art. The Fine Art Group is also comprised of preeminent specialists in fine jewelry, luxury watches, wine, and other valuable collectibles – with a trusted network of vetted consultants to draw on for bespoke category insight.

Roger McIlroy Art Advisory | https://www.rogermcilroy.net/

Roger was born in Australia and started his auction career there before moving to London in 1977 where he commenced work at Christie's International.

During his tenure at Christie's, the first eight years were spent concentrating on European ceramics, culminating in the publication of two books on the subject.

A two-year period was spent as Managing Director of Christie's Scotland at a time when Scottish pictures – particularly Colourists – reached new heights.

Returning to Australia in 1989 as Managing Director of Christie's Australia, he was subsequently appointed Chairman of Christie's Australia and Deputy Chairman of Christie's Asia where he headed the Business Development Department for the region. Roger was auctioneer for the majority of the paintings auctions throughout Asia and Australia during this time.

Leaving Christie's in 2006 he went into partnership with Lady Angela Nevill, the London art dealer.

Roger's successful 30 year association with Christie's led to the establishment in Australia of his leading independent art advisory business, Roger McIlroy Art Advisory. The company helps collectors build museum quality collections, following best-practice principles in the provision of provenance, care and purchasing advice, enabling collectors to make informed acquisition decisions.

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