

Malt whisky sells for record-breaking US\$628,000

HONG KONG: A bottle of malt whisky has gone under the hammer in Hong Kong for the record-breaking sum of HK\$4.9m (US\$628,205), an auction house says.



The 6-litre bottle of whisky similar to the one that sold for a record price in Hong Kong. Image: [Luxury Insider](#)

The Macallan 'M' Decanter 6-litre Imperiale attracted global interest at a Sotheby's auction, the firm said in a statement which identified the buyer only as an Asian private collector.

The former British colony has become a hub for auctions of collectibles and rare items ranging from diamonds to stamps, thanks to growing wealth in China and other parts of Asia.

An Asian buyer purchased a rare Leica camera, one of only four surviving in the world, for US\$620,000 at a Hong Kong auction in November.

Sotheby's said the bottle of whisky sold on Saturday broke the record for any single malt whisky bottle sold at auction, surpassing the US\$460,000 paid in New York in 2010.

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