

RITCHIES

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Jewellery Appraisals

Ritchies is Canada's premier auction house - and is known internationally as one of the world's most prestigious auctioneers of jewellery. 2012 alone saw Ritchies conduct numerous specialised jewellery auctions around the world, from Dubai to Hong Kong to the USA, and across Canada, both under the Ritchies brand and in conjunction with numerous partners and satellites.

Ritchies holds numerous domestic and international records for jewellery at auction, including the first, second and third highest prices paid for gems at auction in Canada, including a 50.24ct J colour round diamond that sold for over \$3.1 million.

The numerous successes seen at auction lend to Ritchies' credibility as appraisers. Being leaders in jewellery at auction, Ritchies can substantiate its appraisal valuations through its auction services. Additionally, Ritchies processes tens of thousands of pieces of jewellery, gems, watches and other wearable pieces of art each year through its various operations.

Ritchies' operation has a firm foundation in jewellery - a number of members of its board are substantial names in the jewellery industry:

- Sam Poddar, AGTA (American Gem Trade Association) treasurer, board member of the Toronto Diamond Bourse, is the largest coloured gem trader in Canada.
- Ravi Poddar, an internationally-respected gemmologist, grew up in the business and has travelled the world to improve his craft, from Sri Lanka to Africa to Belgium.
- Kashif Khan, Canada's leading jewellery auctioneer, has been conducting high-value jewellery auctions internationally for almost 20 years. Kashif also travelled the world

to train in gemmology, with stops in Thailand, USA and Hong Kong. He has personally handled jewellery auctions in excess of \$150 Million in total.

Additionally, Ritchies employs one of Canada's top gemmologists, Mr. Helmut Koenig, FCGmA. Mr. Koenig is a fixture in the industry, having held positions such as education director, vice president and gemmology instructor within the Canadian Gemmological Association since 1991. He is a teacher for the Professional Gemmology Program at the CGA and in 2007 launched a new workshop entitled "Coloured Gemstone Grading and Valuation"

Ritchies also enjoys extensive partnerships with renowned jewellery appraisers both in Canada and abroad. In the event that Ritchies comes across exceptional or rare items, our partnerships with the worlds most respected labs assure our buyers that they receive exactly what they pay for.

Ritchies is a name synonymous with trust. For the sake of accurate valuations and transparency, items are generally inspected and valued by multiple experts. Items are extensively researched and tested prior to Ritchies putting its name to any valuations.