

# GAVIN GARDINER LIMITED

Auctioneers of Fine Modern and Vintage Sporting Guns, Rifles and Accessories

## PRESS RELEASE

### **GAVIN GARDINER LTD'S AUCTION OF MODERN & VINTAGE SPORTING GUNS AT GLENEAGLES WILL BE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF AUCTIONS**



Gavin Gardiner Ltd's auction of Modern & Vintage Sporting Guns at the prestigious Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder, Perthshire on **Monday, August 28, 2017 at 5pm** will be celebrating 50 years of auctions since Sotheby's started the annual flagship sales in 1967.

Highlights over the years have included the "Crocodile" gun, which was a magnificent Malcolm Appleby engraved 12-bore round-action ejector gun by David McKay Brown, that sold for £48,000 in 2009, while Edward VIII's pair of 12-bore sidelock ejector guns by E J Churchill were included in the sale in 1988 and a rare Purdey 12-bore hammer ejector gun built for the Greatest Game Shot of all time, Lord Ripon fetched just over

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£35,000 in 1999. The historic prototype of the Boss over/ Under was offered in 2011 and realised £19,200, while in 2009, a magnificent pair of 12-bore round bodied self-opening sidelock ejector guns by James Purdey sold for £96,000.

Gavin Gardiner has been involved in the auctions since 1985. He commented: “I am delighted to celebrate 50 years of auctions at Gleneagles with our annual auction of Fine Sporting Guns, an auction that I have personally been involved with since 1985. The auction is known worldwide and attracts a unique cross section of sportsmen and international wealth to Scotland just two weeks in to the grouse shooting season.. It is a tremendous honour to celebrate this anniversary and we look forward to coming back to the wonderful atmosphere and hospitality of the Gleneagles Hotel for many years to come.”

This years sale will include around 200 lots of Fine Modern and Vintage Sporting Guns, Rifles and Accessories from 1860 to the present day. Highlights include a fine pair of 12-bore sidelock ejector guns built by James Purdey & Sons and carrying an estimate of £30,000 to £40,000. Built in 1931 the pair remain in fine condition and retain much original finish and hardening colour. Elsewhere, there is a fine .240 Apex bolt action rifle by Holland & Holland estimated at £2,000 to £3,000 and a scarce .350 Magnum bolt action sporting rifle by John Rigby & Co that is expected to sell for between £4,000 and £6,000.

Viewing:  
Saturday 26th 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 27th 10am to 5pm  
Monday 28th 10am to 3pm

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

Gavin Gardiner is the only specialist firearms auctioneer holding his auctions in the heart of London's West End, where he holds two sales each year as well as his prestigious sale at the Gleneagles Hotel,

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Scotland in August. Gavin has over 35 years experience in this field. Coming from a traditional background, he was brought up with guns and shooting and has been involved with the Gun Trade from an early age. He first worked for Sotheby's in 1982 helping with weekend viewing of a Sporting Gun auction, while still at School. From that moment he was hooked and has been involved in almost every Sotheby's Sporting Gun auction since. His passion became a full time job in 1987 when he joined Sotheby's initially as a porter on a one day a week assignment to the Gun Department, this soon became five days and he never looked back. He has been involved with many memorable auctions over the years, including Sotheby's sales in New York and Geneva as well as the renowned Gleneagles auction that has remained the market leader in this sector for over twenty years. He has also worked for one of the leading London Gunmakers which gives him a unique perspective in this field. Returning to Head Sotheby's Sporting Gun Department Worldwide in 2001 he doubled turnover in his first year, and has continued to develop and refine the auctions since. He left Sotheby's at the beginning of 2006 to establish his own company.

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