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Hermann Hugo Zwillenberg (1885-1966)

The German-Jewish jurist, entrepreneur and diplomat **Hermann Hugo Zwillenberg** was born in 1885 in the East Prussian Lyck, Masuren, (today Elk, Poland).

Until 1914 he studied law in Königsberg, Berlin and Munich. After completing his military service, in 1918 he joined the department store company Hermann Tietz & Co. After his marriage with Elise Regina Tietz in 1919, he already became general partner of the meanwhile very important company (Kaufhof, Ka De We, later Hertie).

Besides his entrepreneurial activities Zwillenberg was very active in the cultural Berlin of the 20s as a patron of the Berlin Society of Music Friends. He became its honorary member in 1933. Concerning his activity as a collector it is well established that he possessed an excellent collection of sculptures by the animal sculptor August Gaul.

In the course of the National Socialists' destruction and expropriation of Jewish property and business enterprises the company Tietz & Co. was also "aryanized". Zwillenberg had to leave the company in 1934. In March 1939 he emigrated to the Netherlands with his family where he was appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic Nicaragua in Rotterdam in the same year. Later, after World War II, he also became Consul General of San Marino. Even after the war Hermann Hugo Zwillenberg did not return to Germany, but stayed in Amsterdam with his family until 1964. In 1966 he died at the age of 81 in Bern. Parts of his art collection survived in direct family succession after 1966.

Works from this old collection can be found in the following lots:

505, 514, 515, 516, 518, 528, 529, 532, 533, 534, 537, 561, 607, 629, 644, 649, 656, 657, 660, 670, 675, 690, 691, 704, 707, 764, 768, 769

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