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FRANÇOIS PINAULT TAKES A STAKE IN WENG FINE ART

Paris-Krefeld. The private holding company of French billionaire François Pinault, Artémis, acquired a minority stake in the German art dealer Weng Fine Art, Krefeld-Duesseldorf on the 4th June. Artémis is the owner of the world's largest auction house, Christie's, and the smaller Paris auctioneer PIASA and invests globally in a widely dispersed manner. The participation of Artémis (less than 25 percent) has been effected through the auction house PIASA.