LOT 37
ÉDOUARD MANET
1832 - 1883
PERTUISET, LE CHASSEUR DE LIONS
Signed E. Manet and titled (lower left)
Pen and ink and pencil on paper
9 1/2 by 11 1/2 in.
24.1 by 29.2 cm
Executed in 1881.

ESTIMATE 250,000-350,000 USD
Lot Sold: 386,500 USD

This work will be included in the supplement to the critical catalogue of the work of Édouard Manet being prepared by the Wildenstein Institute.

PROVENANCE
Baron Joseph Raphaël Vitta, Paris (sold: Paris,Hôtel Drouot, May 27, 1926, lot 121)
Private Collection, Berlin (acquired by 1928)
Ellen Katzenellenbogen, Germany and Santa Monica, California (acquired by 1934)
Private Collection, Sweden
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EXHIBITED
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Paris, Huguette Berès, Manet, 1978, no. 16, illustrated in the catalogue
Tokyo, Isetan Museum of Art; Fukuoka, Art Museum & Osaka, Osaka Municipal Museum of Art, Édouard Manet, 1986, no. 54, illustrated in color in the catalogue
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LITERATURE
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Adolphe Tabarant, Manet: histoire catalogographique, Paris, 1931, pp. 560-61, no. 109
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A.C. Hanson, "Alain de Leiris, The Drawings of Edouard Manet" (book review), The Art Bulletin, No. 4, December
1971, p. 547
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Françoise Cachin, Charles S. Moffett & Michel Melot, Manet, 1832-1883 (exhibition catalogue), Galeries Nationales du
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CATALOGUE NOTE
Related directly to the artist's monumental composition now housed at the Museu de Arte in São Paulo, Portrait de M.
Pertusiet, Chasseur de lions, the current sketch was executed in 1881. The subject of this work is the celebrated lion
hunter, Eugène Pertusiet, who enjoyed relative acclaim during the Second Empire in France. Pertuiset posed for
Manet on the Boulevard de Clichy in 1880, though the lion pelt that appears behind him commemorates a 1866 hunt.
According to Juliet Wilson-Bareau, Manet completed this sketch in 1881, shortly after he had completed the
monumental oil. He mentioned in a letter of April 21st to the editor of L'Art that he would send along this sketch,
perhaps for reproduction in the publication.
Françoise Cachin writes of the dialogue between the artist and this celebrated sportsman, "Manet had long been
acquainted with Eugène Pertuiset, already a popular Paris figure under the Second Empire, who would appear at Tortoni's between expeditions to Algeria or Patagonia. He was a man of adventure, a mighty hunter, a sometime painter - some titles in the Pertuiset sale of 1888 were The Lion Awakens, African Night, Cape Horn, Moonlight - a dealer in weapons, and a collector of paintings, particularly those by Manet, and his stories were found entertaining by the artist. Very likely he tended to exaggerate. The lion hunter was a popular adventurer type in the 1860s... After military conquest, the elimination of predators becomes the very symbol of colonization” (Françoise Cachin, Charles S. Moffett & Michel Melot, Manet, 1832-1883 (exhibition catalogue), op. cit., p. 471).

Fig. 1

Édouard Manet, Portrait de M. Pertuiset, Le Chasseur de lions, 1880-81, oil on canvas, Museu de Arte, São Paulo