



## JOHN VENEKAMP OF BROWN HARRIS STEVENS DESIGNATED AS '2015 CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE LUXURY SPECIALIST' AT TOP AGENTS CONFERENCE

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*Specialized distinction was presented by Christie's Education as part of two-day Christie's International Real Estate symposium in Chicago*

Leading **Brown Harris Stevens** sales associate **John Venekamp** was awarded the elite distinction of "**Christie's International Real Estate Luxury Specialist**" following his participation in the second edition of the world's leading luxury real estate network's Top Agents Conference.

**John Venekamp** was among the most successful real estate professionals within the Christie's International Real Estate network who took part in the symposium, hosted at the Trump International Hotel in Chicago on June 8-9. The 2015 Top Agents Conference provided an in-depth focus on the global luxury real estate market, trends in the art market, and other important topics in marketing through a range of special seminars led by top industry experts.

Criteria for participation in the Top Agents Conference required that each attendee be among the top 10% in sales volume of their affiliated brokerage. The prestigious designations awarded by Christie's Education were presented to each of the attendees at the event's close.

"We were delighted that John Venekamp was able to participate at our Top Agents Conference," said Dan Conn, Chief Executive Officer of Christie's International Real Estate. "He is a leader in the luxury real estate market and is well positioned to meet the needs of the world's most discerning buyers. This specialist symposium offered insights into marketing to buyers and sellers in the upper-tiers of the luxury real estate market, and allowed attendees to explore ways in which to increase their level of service to clients through their exclusive connection with Christie's International Real Estate and Christie's auction house."

Along with CIRE leaders and several affiliate representatives, conference guest speakers included Agnes Berecz, an associate professor for Christie's Education; Alessandra Branca of noted design firm

Branca, Inc.; Jane Hanson, a former NBC News anchor with Civiello Communications Group; Anna Petric of Google; Bill Liu of the Hurun Report, a leading luxury publishing and events group targeted at China's high-net-worth individuals; and Joseph Kerschbaum of 3Q Digital.

### About Christie's International Real Estate

Christie's International Real Estate is an invitation-only affiliate network composed of the world's most proven and qualified real estate specialists in the luxury residential sector. The company has offices in London, New York, Hong Kong, Beverly Hills, and Palm Beach, and 139 global affiliates with 32,000 real estate professionals in 47 countries. For additional information about Christie's International Real Estate, please visit [www.christiesrealestate.com](http://www.christiesrealestate.com).

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