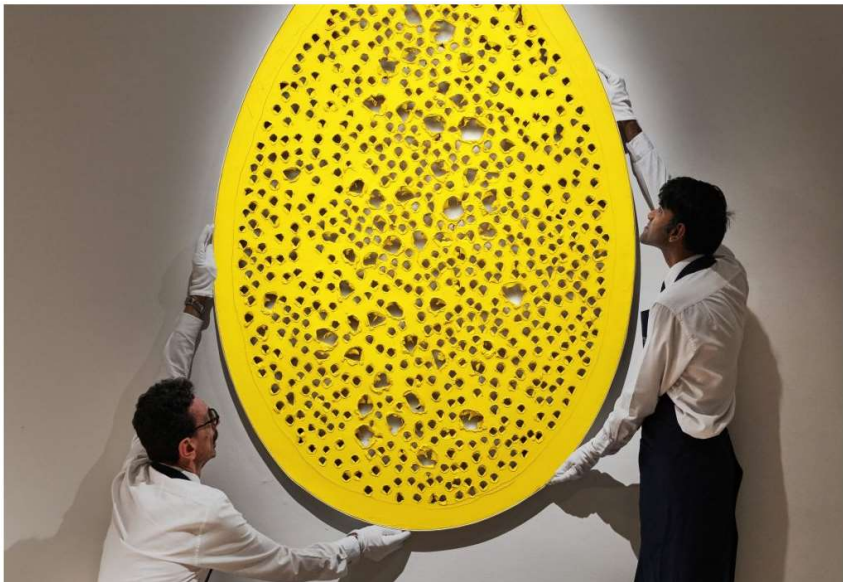


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Paint Drippings: Everything You Missed in the Art Industry Last Week

Succession planning is underway at Christie's, a \$30 million Lucio Fontana work will go under the hammer at Sotheby's, and more industry news.



Lucio Fontana, *Concetto spaziale, La fine di Dio* (1963-4). Courtesy of Sotheby's.

Art Fairs

– **Helen Allen**, the executive director of the **New York's Winter Show**, has been tapped as the new development director for **Treasure House Fair** in London. (*Press release*)

– **Liste Art Fair** in **Basel** has named the **91** galleries that will participate in this year's edition in June. Among the 22 newcomers are Seoul's **Cylinder**, Los Angeles-based **Murmurs**, and Vienna's **Wonnerth Dejaco**. (*Press release*)

Auction Houses

– The grandson of **François Pinault** has joined the board of **Christie's**, according to a filing published by the luxury group **Kering**. **Louis Nicolas Pinault**, 26, replaced Kering founder and family patriarch François Pinault, 87, as a director on the board of the auction house on March 26. The Pinault family's holding company, **Artémis**, bought Christie's in 1998; the younger Pinault's appointment to the board is the first sign of third-generation succession planning within the family business. Kering, which owns brands including **Gucci** and **Saint Laurent**, has been led by the elder Pinault's son, François-Henri Pinault, 61, since 2003. (*Bloomberg*)

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