



MONITOR ARTWORKS AND CULTURAL OBJECTS **OPTIMISE CONSERVATION AND VALUE**

CONDITION REPORTS AND TECHNICAL ANALYSES DELIVER DATA ANYTIME ANYWHERE

SGS

GLOBAL ART MARKET PRESENTS NEW CHALLENGES

Global markets, international exhibitions and the number of fraudulent works, mean that the art world contends with increasingly complex issues.

With more artworks and cultural objects on the market than ever before, the need for specialised inspection, technical and analytical services has never been greater. In addition, the globalisation of the art market means artworks are subject to complex logistical operations, with pieces transported and handled by various fine art logistics companies, exhibitors and other custodians.

At the same time, the size and value of art collections and funds means that managing collections is becoming more challenging.



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CONDITION REPORTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES

At SGS, we offer a range of independent services tailored specifically to the needs of the art world. Our network of experienced professional art experts, conservation scientists and paintings conservators provides accurate data to meet your requirements. Internationally recognised for our independence and rigour, our services include:

Technical Analyses

Physical and chemical analyses, and technical imaging help to date artworks and assess condition, as well as determine authenticity and even uncover unknown masterpieces. Our highly specialised technical services include high resolution photography, UV fluorescence imaging, stereomicroscopy, infrared reflectography, x-ray radiography and x-ray fluorescence.

Condition Reporting

Each day, thousands of art objects are manipulated, transported, stored, exhibited or insured. Independent expertise to monitor the condition of artwork at each stage of these complex logistical operations is vital.

- Sale condition reports assess the exact state of conservation of an artwork before purchase
- Transport and exhibition condition reports allow monitoring of artworks or cultural objects through international logistics operations

Our systematic and standardised documentation methodology ensures consistency, transparency and ease of reference for our clients worldwide.

Inventory of Collections and Funds

Specialised inventory services for fine art collections and funds help you to keep a systematic, up-to-date inventory of your collection for insurance and logistics purposes.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Our centre of excellence for art services is a fully equipped, 350 square metre laboratory based in the Geneva Freeport. It offers climate control, high security, high precision analytical and imaging methods, with works stored in the very best conditions.



BENEFITS

Our arts & culture services provide you with:

- Documentation and verification of an artwork's condition before and after any logistics operation
- Independent, expert advice on the condition of an artwork, prior to purchase
- Accurate systematic documentation of art collections
- Analysis and dating In-depth understanding of an artwork's materials, techniques and condition
- Data needed for authentication, or to uncover unknown masterpieces
- Technical data for conservators/restorers either prior to a restoration intervention, or to monitor the state of conservation of the artwork

WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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