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Oliver Barker, President of Sotheby's Europe, states: "We are delighted to support this benchmark exhibition, which will further strengthen our understanding of the remarkable culture of Imperial China. Bringing together major loans from the Forbidden City, together with works from some of the biggest museums in the world, this will be one of the exhibitions not to be missed in 2017."

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