



# NUMFIL

numismatics & auction representation



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Our company offers expert advice on choosing, buying and selling historically precious coins (mainly from the Classical Times, the Middle Ages to the present day), medals, banknotes, stamps and faleristic jewelry (orders and decorations) ad well as precious specimens mainly from the period of the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Middle East.

We will apply the experiences that we have gained throughout the world especially in Europe and in the U.S. very well in assisting our potential clients mainly in the areas of numismatics, faleristics, notafilia and ancient art, etc. With the Ancient art and numismatic banking services our company NUMFIL GmbH offers a good knowledge of the field with a strong background of our strategic foreign partners.

As an independent advisor we can offer our experiences and pursuant to the mutual agreement with the client we can recommend a concept to expand his investment portfolio at the selection of these precious things, including their purchase. This activity, however, cannot be done without a current and complete analysis of the item in the world market.

With our approach and activities we would like to proactively support our clients in a positive approach to art, to awaken their collector and protective passion and help them increase the certainty of their choice.



Collecting needs understanding, time, and a partner who shares your interests. We would be honored to work with you to build your collection, look for precious specimens and to introduce you to the world of professional collecting associated with investing.

**In the area of collecting we specialize in the following areas:**

Numismatics - it is the historical science of coins and their history

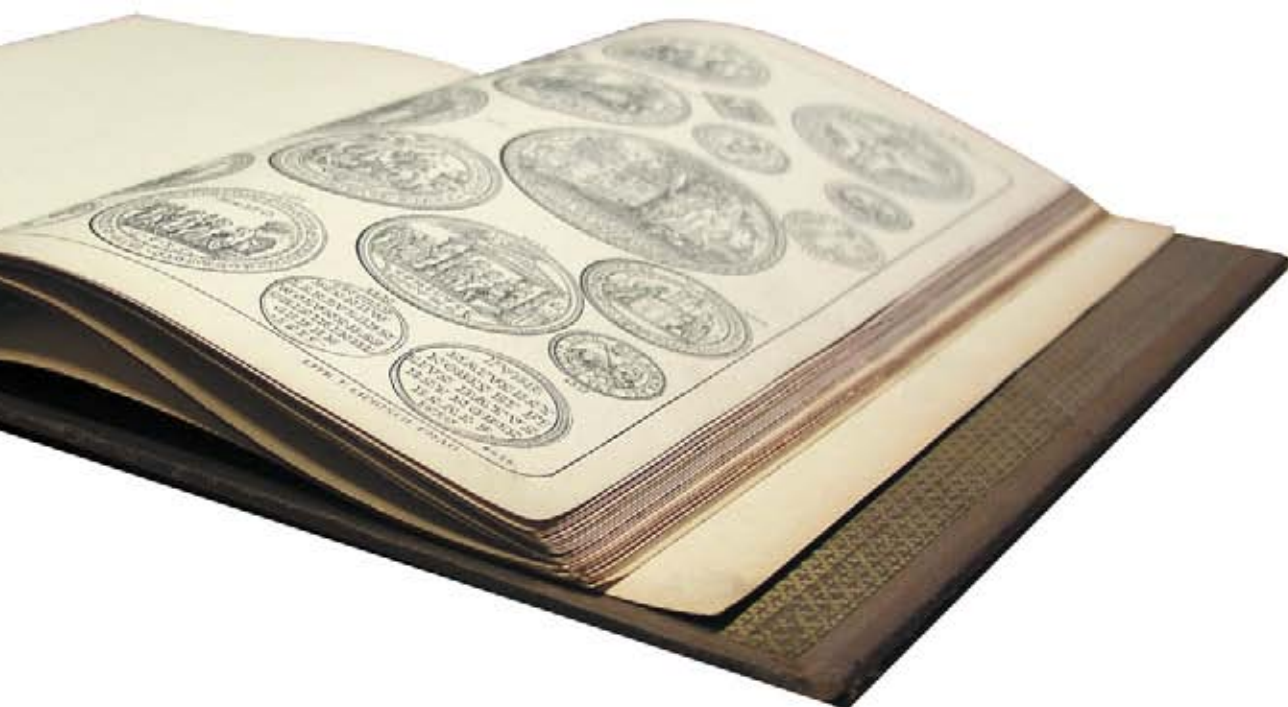
Notafilia - it is the science of paper means of payment

Phaleristics - it is an auxiliary historical science dealing with the description and history of orders and medals

Philately - it is a discipline dealing with postage stamps

Ancient Art services - specimens from the period of the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Middle East

Our company was founded in 1998 on the basis of lack of professionalism in these fields within the Czech Republic and Austria. We prefer an individual and personal consulting in our fields based on years of experience gained throughout the world, especially in European, American and Asian markets.



# Numismatics



Also sometimes written as numismatology (extended version) (from lat. Nummus = coin, coins), is a historical science that deals with the means of payment (coins, tokens and pre-coin types of legal tender) and their historical role. In narrower sense, it is a historical science that only deals with metallic money, coins, in relation to economic and social phenomena; it illuminates the historical development and the historical task of money.

## The most expensive coin

the U.S. dollar „Flowing Hair Dollar“ sold in 2013 at an auction for U.S. \$ 10,016,875

# Notaphily



Means collecting paper money and studying them (banknotes, representative money, bills, checks, securities, emergency tenders, vouchers, tokens and pre-coin types of legal tender) and their historical role. People have probably collected banknotes since they have been introduced. However, a more systematic development of Notaphily only took place in the 1960's and in the 1970's. In 1961 The International Banknote Society (IBNS), an international organization of collectors of banknotes was founded.

## The most expensive banknote

US \$1,000 from 1891 with a portrait of „U.S. General George Meade“ sold at an auction in the USA in 2013 for U.S. \$ 2,585,000.



# Philately

Is the discipline dealing with postage stamps and revenue stamps as well as their appearance, production and use, after they have been issued by the postal authorities. Although many people put philately in the same plane as stamp collecting, philately is actually a much broader concept. For example, a philatelist can study a very precious post mark, while not even considering the possibility of possessing them. (Some post marks are only few specimens left and those are usually in museums and private collections.)

## The most famous postage stamp

Blue Mauritius is probably the best known among non-philatelists, although not the most valuable stamp. One of several specimens of the stamp with a value of two pence was sold at auction for 1.6 million Swiss francs, but the rarest form of the Blue Mauritius is on the cover with both blue and red variant. A private collector paid 4 million U.S. Dollars for this letter.



## Hobby and investments



### **Why should we consider investing in coins, banknotes, stamps, medals and other historically precious specimens?**

There are several important reasons why it is prudent for investors to consider investing a portion of their available resources in precious coins, banknotes, stamps and medals

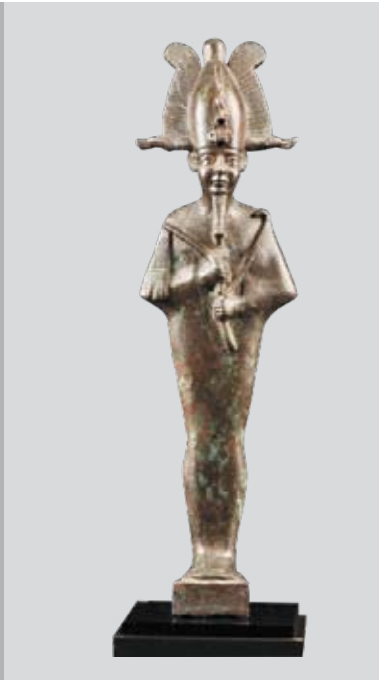
- distribution and reducing the risk as this type of investment is not directly dependent on changes in financial and commodity markets
- expansion of one's investment portfolio
- big advantage - the worldwide clientele from the U.S., Europe, Russia, Middle East, Japan, China and newly Singapore
- proven capital growth
- no maintenance fees
- perfect family treasure
- flexibility
- portable

### **Main factors of a successful collection of precious items**

Four key elements determine its market value and therefore the investment value of precious coins, banknotes, medals, etc. They include the **individual quality, rarity, provenance and popularity.**



## Ancient art



Is a unique new product of Numfil,, which has been professionally active in the global market since 1998. Ancient Art Services offers clients the latest information in the art items market, terms of important events, including fairs, exhibitions and auctions mainly from the period of the ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Middle East. The main reason for collecting antiques from this period is not only an investment effect, but also the enjoyment of possessing a beautiful precious historical piece of art, sometimes older than 2000 years, which was created by best artists in the country and the possibility to use a given specimen as a unique decoration for one's home or office.

### **The most expensive ancient antique**

The statue of a lioness, originally from the ancient Mesopotamia almost 5000 years old, which was sold in 2007 at a Sotheby's auction for U.S. \$ 57.2 million.

## Our services

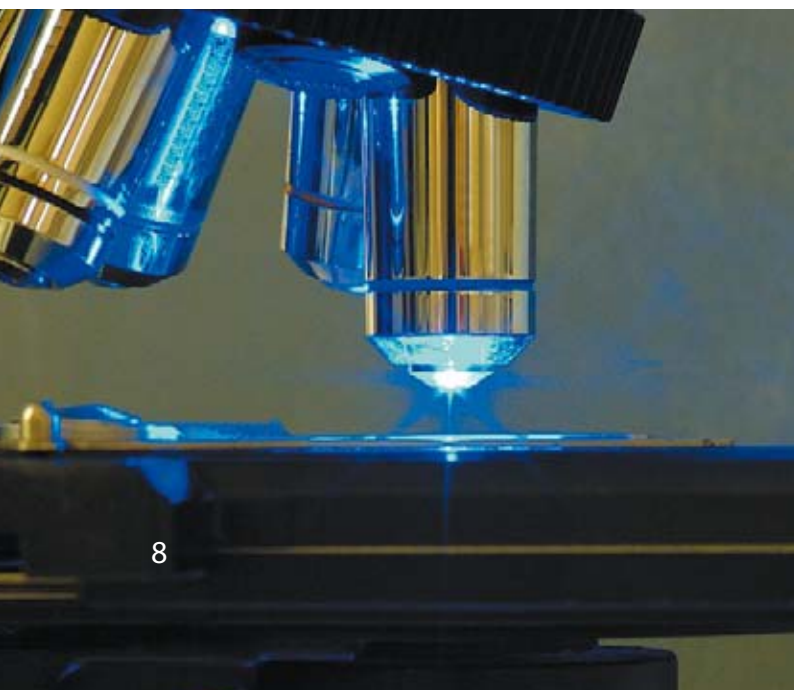
- brokering these deals for private purposes or institutions (purchase, sale, auction)
- financial Services - possibility of purchasing objects and payments (from about EUR 200,000)
- expert opinions and proof of origin of goods - forgery is as old as collecting, and therefore we provide on demand expertise and expert opinions on your valuables, including authenticity, condition and price
- self-organized own auctions - we organize our own auctions several times a year (hall, written and internet auctions). The participation of both domestic and foreign clients is a guarantee of good sales results.
- expert literature and tools
- organization of transport-insurance, customs clearance and other necessary legislative formalities
- assistance in drafting and filing collections
- organization of exhibitions
- a very personal approach
- confidentiality
- Global overview of information obtained in these areas based on years of experience throughout the world, especially in European, American and newly also in Asian markets
- evaluation, purchase or sale of individual pieces or entire collections - we are ready at any time to redeem your valuables or arrange the sale at our or foreign auctions. In our online or physical store, we have a permanent offer of coins, medals, banknotes and stamps etc.
- assistance in obtaining basic overview of the market

High demands on the selection of truly valuable and high-quality specimens in the world market and the complexity of determining a precious item requires very specific know-how and many years of expertise that our company has had established during its long practice.

We take part in the world auctions at the purchase or sale of these precious specimens, especially in the world's most famous auction houses in Switzerland (Zurich, Geneva and Basel), England (London), Germany (Munich, Osnabrück, Berlin), USA (New York, Los Angeles), Denmark (Copenhagen), France (Paris), Finland (Helsinki), Sweden (Stockholm), Belgium (Bruxelles), Asia (Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore) and so on.

The verification of the authenticity of valuable specimens is carried out in the aforementioned world famous auction houses using the latest computer and other available high technology. For this reason, the falseness of those precious items is virtually eliminated.

Each deal concluded with a client takes place on the basis of absolute discretion and with all the guarantees. The whole deal is completely transparent and the client can continuously monitor the whole buying process or participate in the price calculation of ongoing auctions.



# Investing in precious specimens

Our company can offer you a simple investment purchase of precious specimens. Your purchase can be made in person at our demo site in Vienna, Zurich, Brno and Znojmo, or via telephone, fax or internet. The contract may be picked up in person, by mail or delivery service and worldwide. A payment can be made by check, cash, transfer or money order. You can buy items during your virtual or personal visit to [www.numfil.com](http://www.numfil.com) or for the proposal of your investment simply fill in our portfolio form which can be found on [www.numfil.com](http://www.numfil.com), in the „Why invest“ section and send it by email to [info@numfil.com](mailto:info@numfil.com).

## How to do collecting right?

- make sure that your artwork has a certain quality and preservation
- buy with caution
- do not buy precious specimen just because it is currently very popular
- if possible ask an expert for consulting
- before making purchase determine your investment limit. If you like a more expensive object, we can offer you an installment purchase.
- try to learn as much as you can on the area you are interested in
- trade with a leading auction hall or a trader, who knows the market very well
- distribute your financial risks by purchasing specimens from various periods, cultures (such as coins from the ancient Rome etc.)
- buy the best specimens you can afford in a given category
- beware of too repaired coins, orders and other specimens.



We believe that the information and recommendations contained herein are accurate and reliable, but we assume no liability and are not responsible for their bad or careless use. All information is provided regardless of any people, events, investment plans and financial situation.



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