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## BONHAMS CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF THE 300 SL AT INAUGURAL PADUA SALE



*1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster (€750,000-950,000)*

A **1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster** is the top lot at Bonhams inaugural Padua sale, taking place at Italy's largest and most widely attended motoring show, Auto e Moto d'Epoca on 28 October. The motor car is expected to achieve between €750,000-950,000.

2017 marks 60 years since the creation of what has now become one of the world's most iconic motor cars. Created as a road-going version of Mercedes' hugely successful W194 racing car, it remains arguably one of the most influential post-war sports cars ever made even six decades later. Losing the 'gullwing' doors allowed the roadster to develop in to an eminently driveable supercar, with improved handling, access and suspension.

Amongst the astonishing array of Italian classics heading to the auction, a fine selection of German automobiles will be joining the Mercedes-Benz. A **1954 Porsche 356 Pre-A Speedster** (€420,000-500,000) benefitting from the purest Porsche aesthetics will be offered, alongside three further examples from the Stuttgart marque; a **2016 Porsche 911 Targa 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** (€180,000-200,000) a **1973 Porsche 911 2.4 S** (€110,000-

130,000) and a **1970 Porsche 911 T Targa** (€85,000-100,000).

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<b>The Padua Sale</b>
Auto e Moto d'Epoca, Padua, Italy
28 October 2017
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