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John Kapon is CEO of Acker Merrall & Condit, the world's largest auction house and America's oldest wine merchant, a firm that has been selling fine and rare wines since 1820. Through his visionary leadership and ceaseless energy, Mr. Kapon spearheaded the Company's transformation from a single New York City storefront to the largest fine and rare wine auction house in the world.

Since joining the Company in 1994, Mr. Kapon has elevated Acker Merrall & Condit to the forefront of the auction world. Recognizing a growing thirst for fine and rare wine overseas in tandem with significant changes in the global economy, Mr. Kapon pioneered the market for wine auctions in Hong Kong, now the world's leading fine wine center, with the creation of Acker Merrall & Condit Asia. Today, Acker Merrall sits atop the global wine market, and has six out of the last seven years – an unprecedented run.

The third generation of his family to lead Acker Merrall & Condit, Mr. Kapon has brought a uniquely passionate and personal approach to an industry often viewed as conservative, formal and cold. Under his direction, Acker Merrall has delivered a very personal, direct and approachable experience for wine auctions, gaining the trust and confidence of a loyal, ever-growing community of fine and rare wine collectors worldwide, many among the most prominent in the world. A leading fine wine expert and master taster, he has also released his first book, *The Compendium: Tasting the World's Finest Wines – Volume I* (\$75, finewinebook.com). This definitive collection, featuring hundreds of tasting notes beautifully illustrated with dozens of photos of the world's greatest estates and vineyards, provides an insider's glimpse into the exclusive world of fine wine.