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## Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Identified as Buyer of Record-Breaking da Vinci

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman is the buyer of a painting by Leonardo da Vinci that sold for a record \$450.3 million last month, according to U.S. government intelligence and a Saudi art-world figure familiar with the purchase, a disclosure that offers a rare glimpse inside a rivalry between two Persian Gulf nations to scoop up some of the world's masterpieces.

Prince Bader bin Abdullah bin Mohammed, a lesser-known figure and a distant relative of the crown prince, was the nominal winner of the auction, held at Christie's in November, the Saudi art-world figure said, "but he is a proxy for MBS."

The revelation that the crown prince is the purchaser of the sought-after portrait of Jesus Christ—the most expensive painting ever sold at auction—settles one of the biggest mysteries in the art world. And it comes at a fraught political moment for the 32-year-old Saudi leader, who is trying to portray himself as a reformer determined to root out corruption in the oil-rich kingdom.

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