



Catawiki

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Catawiki was founded in 2008 and is one of the leading online auction marketplaces for buying and selling exceptional items. With over 100,000 items every week, Catawiki offers a wide selection in various categories such as art, design, jewelry, fashion, vintage cars and watches. Before each auction, the submissions are digitally checked by hundreds of internal experts. Some of the most curious items sold on Catawiki include a piece of the moon, a Ford Mustang belonging to Sylvester Stallone, the world's oldest stamp, Napoleon's favorite wine and the skeleton of a mammoth.

Passionate comic collector René Schoenmakers and IT developer Marco Jansen founded Catawiki as a community for collectors to celebrate the extraordinary. The idea for the company came when Schoenmakers had little success searching the internet for rare comics for his collection. In 2008, they founded Catawiki, a platform where collectors could exchange information and manage their collections. Three years later, the auction function was added to the website.

Following successful financing rounds in 2014, 2015 and 2020, in which the Dutch marketplace attracted investors such as Accel Partners, Lead Edge Capital, Permira and the Berlin-based company Project A Ventures, Catawiki has become one of the fastest growing auction houses in Europe. With over 750 employees worldwide, the company is headquartered in Amsterdam and has a branch office in Assen, the Netherlands.

Product

Company

Catawiki

Employees

750+

Founding Year

2008

Location

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Founders

René Schoenmakers & Marco Jansen

Website

<https://www.catawiki.com/en>

Concept

Catawiki is the leading online auction marketplace in Europe for special objects across multiple categories, selected by experts.

Way it Works

At Catawiki, buyers and sellers can sell or bid on special objects. All they need is a free account with Catawiki.

Advantages of Catawiki at one Glance

1. A global marketplace for everyone

Catawiki caters to every passion with over 100,000 special objects in auction every week, selected by experts. To date, the platform has sold over 15 million objects. Catawiki is a global marketplace with buyers and sellers from all over the world. Two thirds of the earnings of Catawiki sellers stem from foreign markets.

2. Special objects, selected by experts

Catawiki employs more than a hundred internal experts in various categories: Art, design, collectibles, jewelry, vintage cars and much more. They select each item by hand and check it digitally in detail before it is offered in an auction. In addition, the curators provide non-binding valuations for each item. In line with these quality standards, over one million bids are rejected on the platform every year.

3. Secure payment

Catawiki works with payment service providers to process all payments securely and reliably. A buyer's money is held in escrow and is not released to the seller until three days after receipt of the item. This allows the buyer to contact Catawiki before payment is made in case there is an issue. In addition, consumers in the EU have a 14-day right to return items they have purchased. Catawiki also confirms both the receipt of the goods and the payment.

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