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[A pair of mighty 1980s F1 cars spearhead this Japanese auction](#)

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On 12 January at the Warehouse Terrada art hub in Tokyo, BH Auction will offer 25 collector cars spearheaded by two very special 1980s Formula 1 cars: a Lotus 88B and a Ferrari F187...

While the catalogue for [BH Auction's Tokyo Terrada sale on 12 January](#) is studded with fascinating cars from a beautifully maintained 1978 Fiat X1-9 and an ultra-rare 1990 BMW M3 Sport Evolution to a white 2006 Porsche Carrera GT, it's the pair of historic Formula 1 cars offered that really piqued our interest.



The first is the Lotus 88B, one of Formula 1's greatest 'what-ifs'. Colin Chapman's reputation for innovation preceded him. Yet when he revealed the Lotus 88 with its radical twin-chassis set up and carbon-fibre monocoque, a move to exploit the rules of ground effect, his rivals and the sport's governing bodies deemed it a step too far and the car was outlawed immediately. Just two were built, the second of which is the car offered by BH Auction in January. Following its ban, this Lotus 88 was kept in the Chapman family for many years, until the well-known historic racer Katsuaki Kubota added the car to his collection. A Grand Prix de Monaco Historique winner, this could be your greatest chance to taste the champagne in the principality in May.



The second car is a Ferrari, more specifically the F187 in which Gerhard Berger raced at Paul Ricard, Silverstone and Hockenheim during the 1987 season. The last Ferrari Formula 1 car that Enzo saw racing, the F187 boasted one of the most powerful engines of the crazy turbocharged era – in qualifying trim, the 1.5-litre V12 produced a colossal 950bhp. This chassis, number 099, has sat in a closed collection for a long time and will need a spruce up before returning to the track once again. You can find our 10 highlights from BH Auction's Tokyo Terrada sale below or, alternatively, [browse the entire catalogue in the Classic Driver Market](#).

Our 10 favourites from BH Auction in Tokyo

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