Cartier, jeweller to kings, king of jewellers, —Edward VII

Louis-François Cartier opened his modest store in Paris, France in 1847. Cartier acquired many valuable pieces of jewelry at low prices from desperate aristocrats fleeing the February Revolution of 1848.

Upon Louis-François Cartier's death in 1904, his son Alfred took the business to hew heights, catching the eye of the rich and elite.

At this point, Alfred also brought his three sons into the business, with Louis being the perfectionist of the three. Louis was essential for the brand's success across the world, as Cartier became synonymous with high quality. The brand has a rich and colorful history, such as the gems provided by the Maharaja of Patiala.

The images below illustrate the Indian influence prevalent in the jewelry manufactured by Cartier in 1925.

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Jacques Cartier in India acquiring gems, 1911. Photo from the Cartier Archives.

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Art Deco emerald, diamond, and enamel brooch, by Cartier. Photo by Christie's.



Cartier's Collier Berenice featuring the Taj Mahal Emerald on display in Paris at the Exposition internationale des arts décoratifs et industriels in 1925. Photofrom the Cartier Archives.

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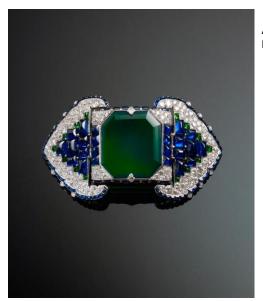
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Taj Mahal emerald, 141.13 carats. Photo by Christie's

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Art Deco belt buckle brooch, by Cartier. Photo by Christie's



Sybil Sassoon wearing the Art Deco belt buckle, by Cartier. Photo from The Cecil Beaton Archive at Sotheby's.