

Spink and Son Ltd.
Established 1772
Art, Coin, and Medal Dealers



Advertisement, Burlington Monograph, *Chinese Art*, 1925

In 1666 John Spink opened a business as a goldsmith and pawnbroker located on Lombard Street in the City of London. By the time Spink and Son was established in 1772, the firm was dealing in coins and jewelry from premises at 1 and 2 Gracechurch Street. A century later it was designing and minting its own medals. Around 1902 Spink moved to 17 and 18 Piccadilly and opened an art business that specialized in British and Oriental art. In 1927 it moved to 5–7 King Street, St. James's.

Andrew Weir and Company acquired Spink and Son in 1977 and then sold it to Christie's in 1993. It was sold again in 2002 to an investment capital firm based in Singapore. Today Spink deals primarily in the sale of coins, banknotes, philately, stock and bond certificates, and medals. Its headquarters are at 69 Southampton Row in London.

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