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Dear reader

We are pleased to present the annual journal "Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia – 2022".

In line with the annual program on issuance of collector coins in 2022, the Central Bank of Armenia issued collector coins dedicated to a number of remarkable events in history and culture, once again highlighting that such events deserve to be further appreciated and popularized among not only Armenians, but the international and numismatic community as well.

On January 28, 2022, the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Armenian National Army was celebrated. In connection with this milestone event, two types of collector coins were issued, emphasizing the role and mission of the Armenian Army as the most important guarantor of security in the life of the Armenian people.

The Central Bank of Armenia embraced the 125th anniversary of the birth of Armenian poet, cultural and social activist Yeghishe Charents by issuing a gold collector coin, in gratitude to the renowned author.

Appreciating another prominent Armenian, whose life and artistic path is a vivid example of devotion and service to the art, in 2022 the Central Bank of Armenia issued a collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of conductor and composer Ohan Dourian, giving praise to the maestro's creative originality. Armenia hosted cultural events on the occasion of birthday anniversaries of Yeghishe Charents and Ohan Dourian, and the CBA has been an honored participant to these gatherings.

The year saw yet another add-on to the Central Bank issuances: a collector coin was dedicated to the leader of the Armenian national liberation movement of the 18th century, Davit Bek, a devotee who selflessly fought for the fate and liberation of the Armenian people.

The Central Bank of Armenia embarked, starting 2022, on issuing a series of collector coins that give account on the Armenian scientists' contribution to the world science. The series debuted a collector coin, "Oganesson (Og)", relating to the artificial radioactive element in the Mendeleev periodic table. The element "Og" was synthesized under a direct supervision of the world-famous scientist, physicist Yuri Oganessian, and was named after him by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry in 2016.

Carrying on with the tradition of introducing the Republic of Armenia collector coins to prestigious numismatic contests internationally, the CBA appeared with the coins of 2021 year of issue at the 16th international contest "Coin Constellation – 2022", held in the Russian Federation, attended by more than two dozen organizations worldwide. We had registered an unprecedented victory as the silver collector coin dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Arno Babajanyan's birthday won awards simultaneously in three categories – "Coin of the Year", "Best Artistic Solution" and "People's choice award".

Let us believe that the collector coins issued in the course of 2022 will also find their unique place in the history of Armenian and world numismatics thanks to original artistic design and content solutions, thematic peculiarities and the use of state-of-the-art technologies in minting.

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COLLECTOR COINS 2022

In 2022 the Central Bank of Armenia issued, in cooperation with the mints of Poland and Lithuania, six types of jubilee gold and silver collector coins, adding to the thematic series “Armenian Statehood”, “Celebrities” and “Culture”.

Under the thematic series “Armenian Statehood”, the Mint of Lithuania produced gold and silver collector coins “30th anniversary of formation of the Armenian Army”, congruent with the logic of the series: the gold coin is round and the silver coin, octagonal. The images depicted on the reverse of the coins – the winged eagle against the background of the sun, the shield and the sword, which form part of the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia Armed Forces – were made using classical minting techniques.

The other four collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2022 were minted at the Mint of Poland.

The gold collector coin dedicated to the 125th anniversary of birthday of Yeghishe Charents has been issued as part of the series “Celebrities”. On the obverse and reverse of the coin are

depictions of fragments from the monuments to the renowned poet as well as his signature, which stand out for their clarity and stylistic freshness. Specialists of the House-Museum named after Yeghishe Charents helped significantly with the compilation of a booklet that contains comprehensive information about the life and activities of the poet.

The series "Celebrities" had two add-ons: these are silver collector coins dedicated to Davit Bek and to the 100th anniversary of birthday of Ohan Dourian. They have been designed to demonstrate easiness of images, typical of the classical style, and are distinguished by the multi-content and dynamic presentation of characters on small surfaces. While doing the coin's designs and preparing an information booklet dedicated to Ohan Dourian's 100th birthday, we teamed up with the famous musician's family members who provided materials and deliverables related to the biography of the maestro as well as notes from his work called "Universalism".

As part of the theme "Science", we had a silver collector coin "Oganesson (Og)" issued in dedication to the new artificial radioactive element in the Mendeleev periodic table, thus starting a new series of collector coins in appreciation of the discoveries by Armenian scientists. During the work on the collector coin, we collaborated with the management of the United Institute of Nuclear Research of the Russian Federation and the scientific head of the Laboratory of Nuclear Reaction of the same institute, Yuri Oganessian, whom the said chemical element was named after.

The collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2022 were distinctive for their thematic variety, relevance, fascinating solutions, and minting techniques, attracting interest among both numismatists and aficionados and collectors of coins, appearing in private collections, as well as in various circles of the public.

On a continuous track for professional development and skill perfection, Armenian designers further created collector coins during 2022 with lavishly conceptual and original design, making the Armenian public's interest to grow toward the Central Bank issuances and helping the Armenian collector coins remain competitive in numismatic markets internationally.

30th anniversary of formation of Armenian Army (1992 – 2022)

Theme: **Armenian Statehood**
Armed Forces of Armenia

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia.
Reverse: a fragment of the coat of arms of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.
The coins are minted at the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	10 000 dram	Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900°	Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	8,6 g	Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm	Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof	Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed	Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	400 pcs	Quantity of issue	400 pcs
In circulation since	14. 04. 2022	In circulation since	14. 04. 2022

On January 28, 1992, the Government of the Republic of Armenia adopted the historical resolution "On the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia" proclaiming creation of the Armenian National Army.

The Armenian Army has developed by overcoming the hardest trials in the period of formation of independent statehood and has become the most crucial safeguard of the security of the Armenian people.

Having passed the glorious combat history the Armenian Army in the course of 30 years has honourably performed its mission to the country and people.

The Armenian Army is a symbol of collective will, strength and bravery, devotion and patriotism of the Armenian people. Serving in the Armenia Army is not only a matter of honor for every Armenian, but a holy mission.

The Armenian soldier glorifies Armenian Army with his devotion to homeland, military talent, fighting spirit, courage and heroism.

Davit Bek

Theme: Celebrities
Armenian Commanders

Obverse: the fortress wall of Halidzor against the background of Mount Khustup, a torch and a sword.
Reverse: a fragment of the monument to Davit Bek in Kapan *(sculptors: S. Baghdasaryan, M. Nurijanyan, 1978)*, the arms under the feet of the horse.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	250 pcs
In circulation since	23. 05. 2022

DAVIT BEK (date of birth unknown, died at the end of 1728) is a leader of the Armenian national liberation movement, a military commander.

He served in the army of the king of Georgia Vakhtang VI. At the request of the Armenians of Syunik, he entered Sisian and Kapan with his military force in 1722 and led the armed popular struggle against foreign occupiers.

In 1722-1725, Davit Bek liberated all of Syunik from the Iranian troops and Muslim invaders. In a short time, he organized regular Armenian contingents and a professionally trained army, restored old fortresses and fortifications, created new military strongholds, and established an independent Armenian principality with its center in Halidzor.

In 1725-1727, the Ottoman army attempted to seize Syunik. Starting from February 26, 1727, Davit Bek and his forces put up a heroic resistance to the numerically superior enemy who surrounded his major fortress of Halidzor, and on March 4, with a sudden counterattack, they defeated the invaders and threw them out of Syunik. In the battle of Halidzor 13000 Turkish soldiers were killed. The Armenians counted 148 military banners among the captured trophies. This victory contributed to the consolidation of the Armenian liberation movement in Syunik and Artsakh and to further successes of the Armenian troops.

Davit Bek is a symbol of patriotism and the national liberation struggle of the Armenian people.

The historical novel by Raffi “Davit Bek”, the eponymous opera by Armen Tigranyan and the feature film by Hamo Beknazaryan are dedicated to Davit Bek. A monument to Davit Bek is erected in the city of Kapan (Syunik region), streets in Yerevan and in other settlements of the Republic of Armenia are named after him.

Yeghishe Charents

125th anniversary of the birth

Theme: **Celebrities**
Literature

Obverse: a fragment of the sculptural composition “Frenzied Masses” dedicated to Charents *(sculptor: N. Nikoghosyan, architect: J. Torosyan, 1985)*.
Reverse: a fragment of the monument to Charents *(sculptor: Gh. Chubaryan, 1957)*, and his signature.

Designers: Lusine Lalayan *(obverse)*, Eduard Kurghinyan *(reverse)*.
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900°
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	300 pcs
In circulation since	14. 04. 2022

YEGHISHE CHARENTS (Yeghishe Soghomonyan, 1897-1937) is a famous Armenian poet, prose writer, translator, publisher, publicist, cultural and public figure. Born in the old Armenian city of Kars.

His first poem “The Flowers Gently…” was published in 1912 in the Tiflis almanac “Youth”. That was followed by the collections of poems “Three Songs to a Sad and Pale Girl”, “The Rainbow”, “Songbook”, the narrative poems “Dantesque Legend” and “Frenzied Masses”, the novel “Land of Nairi”, and other outstanding works.

Many of Charents’s writings are still actual and of great value worldwide. One of the poet's masterpieces, “My Sweet Armenia”, is like a prayer for every Armenian.

Charents’s last book was “Book of the Road”, which was printed but banned and never reached the public. He was accused of nationalism and anti-revolutionary activities and arrested.

Charents died on November 27, 1937 in a prison hospital in Yerevan, falling victim to Stalin’s dictatorship at the age of 40. He was rehabilitated in 1955.

There is a house-museum of Yeghishe Charents in Yerevan, his name is given to the city (Charentsavan), schools, streets and the Museum of Literature and Art.

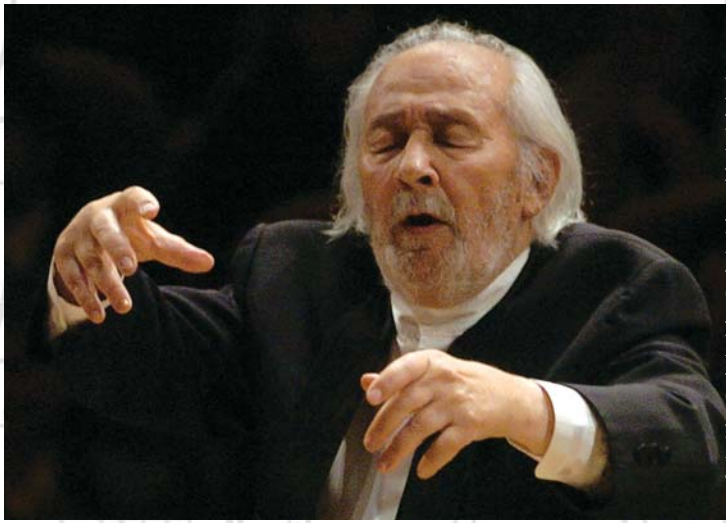
Ohan Dourian

100th anniversary of the birth

Theme: **Celebrities**
Music

Obverse: an excerpt from “Universalism” by Ohan Dourian, and his signature.
Reverse: the portrait of Ohan Dourian and his “talking” hands.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.



Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	200 pcs
In circulation since	13. 09. 2022

OHAN DOURIAN (Ohanes Khachaturyan, 1922-2011) is a renowned Armenian conductor, composer, People's Artist of the Armenian SSR (1967).

Born in Jerusalem, he received musical education at the Jerusalem Conservatory, and refined his conducting skills in Paris and Vienna.

In 1957-1974, as well as 1991-1994, he was the conductor of the State Symphony Orchestra of Armenia, the artistic director of the Television and Radio Symphony Orchestra, the chief conductor of the Academic Opera and Ballet Theater named after A. Spendiaryan.

His creative activity expanded beyond Armenia. From 1962 to 1969 he directed the Gewandhaus Orchestra and Opera Orchestra in Leipzig, and from 1987 to 1990 he was the musical director of the Avignon Opera House.

Ohan Dourian performed with more than 110 orchestras of the world, including the Vienna Opera, the Berlin Philharmonic, and the Moscow Symphony Orchestras.

Maestro Dourian captivated and enchanted the audience with his "talking" hands, not using a score and a conductor's stick. He wrote the "Ode to My Homeland" (lyrics by A. Isahakyan, 1945), 4 pastorals for chamber orchestra (1952-1953), Oratorio on the compositions by Komitas (1955), 2 "Komitasakan" suites for symphony orchestra (1962, 1971), created the "Universalism" music system (1975).

Dourian was awarded "Movses Khorenatsi" Medal (1996) and "St Mesrop Mashtots" Order (1997). In 1998, he was honored with the title of Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters of France.

Oganesson (Og)

Theme: **Culture**

Science, Literature

Obverse: an image of the Oganesson (Og) chemical element,
Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) emblem.
Reverse: the sculptural portrait of Yuri Oganessian *(sculptor: Gh. Chubaryan, 1979).*

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.
The coin is minted at the Mint of Poland.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	500 pcs
In circulation since	14. 04. 2022

OGANESSON (Og) is an artificial radioactive element of the Mendeleev periodic table with the atomic number 118. It was synthesized in 2004 at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) in Dubna (Russia) by a joint team of Russian and American scientists. In 2016, the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Chemistry named it after Academician Yuri Oganessian.

Yuri Oganessian (born in 1933) is a world-famous scientist, physicist, doctor of physical and mathematical sciences (1970), professor (1981), corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences (1990), Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2003), a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia (2006), the first winner of the UNESCO award named after D.I. Mendeleev (2021), Scientific Director of the Laboratory of Nuclear Reaction after G.N. Flerov at JINR in Dubna.

Under Yuri Oganessian's direct supervision, numerous experiments were successfully carried out to study superheavy chemical elements, a unique experimental device was developed to create superheavy nuclei and study their properties. Yuri Oganessian is a co-author of 8 discoveries in the field of artificial synthesis of new atomic elements under numbers 104-105, 107 and 114-118 in the Mendeleev periodic table. He is also the author of 3 monographs, 11 inventions and over 500 scientific papers.

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5000
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2007
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MARTIROS SARIAN
1880-1972
2200
MOTHER CATHEDRAL OF
HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
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Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia by series and years of issue

(1994 – 2022)

ARMENIAN STATEHOOD

History of Statehood

Artsakh	(silver, 1994)
National Assembly Building	(silver, 1995)
Artashessian Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Arshakuni Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Bagratuni Kingdom	(silver, 1995)
Kingdom of Cilicia	(silver, 1995)
10th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2001)	(silver, 2001)
15th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2006)	(silver, 2006)
20th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2011)	(silver, 2011)
25th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2016)	(silver, 2016)
25th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia/rus (1991–2016)	(silver, 2016)
100th Anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia (1918–2018)	(silver, 2018)
30th Anniversary of the Republic of Armenia (1991–2021)	(silver, 2021)

Armed Forces of Armenia

Sardarapat	(silver, 1994)
Armed Forces of Armenia	(gold/silver, 2005)
15th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2007)	(gold, 2007)
15th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi (1992–2007)	(gold, 2007)
20th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2012)	(gold/silver, 2012)
20th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi (1992–2012)	(gold, 2012)
25th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2017)	(gold/silver, 2017)
25th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi (1992–2017)	(gold, 2017)
30th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army (1992–2022)	(gold/silver, 2022)

Armenian Currency

Spindle	(silver, 1994)
5 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 1998)
15 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2008)
20 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2013)
25 Years of Armenian Currency	(silver, 2018)

ARMENIA AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

UN-50	(silver, 1995)
Armenia-Diaspora Forum	(silver, 1999)
New Millennium	(silver, 2000)
Armenia – a Member of European Council	(silver, 2001)
International Polar Year	(silver, 2006)
CST-20 and CSTO-10	(silver, 2012)
Eurasian Economic Union	(silver, 2015)
CST-25 and CSTO-15	(silver, 2017)
Anniversary of Armenia's Membership to IMF/WB	(silver, 2017)
Five Years of Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	(silver, 2019)
30th Anniversary of Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	(silver, 2021)

CELEBRITIES

Armenian Commanders

Marshal Baghramyan-100	(silver, 1997)
Garegin Nzhdeh	(gilded silver/silver, 2001)
Marshal Babajanyan-100	(silver, 2006)
Andranik Ozanyan-150	(silver, 2015)
Vardan Mamikonian-1625	(gold, 2016)
Vardan Mamikonian	(gold, 2016)
Admiral Isakov-125	(silver, 2019)
Gevorg Chavush-150	(silver, 2020)
Davit Bek	(silver, 2022)

State and Public Figures

Tigran the Great	(gold, 1999)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 2003)
Alexander Mantashian-175	(gold, 2017)
Galouste Gulbenkian-150	(gold, 2019)
Khrimyan Hayrik-200	(silver, 2020)

Science

Anania Shirakatsi-1400	(silver, 2005)
Artem Mikoyan-100	(silver, 2005)
Viktor Ambartsumian-100	(silver, 2008)
Movses Khorenatsi-1600	(silver, 2010)
Leo-150	(silver, 2010)
Joseph Orbeli-125	(silver, 2012)
Benjamin Margaryan-100	(silver, 2013)
Voskan Yerevantsi-400	(silver, 2014)
Grigor Tatevatsi-675	(silver, 2021)

Literature

Pushkin-200	(silver, 1999)
William Saroyan-100	(gold, 2008)
Khachatur Abovyan-200	(gold, 2009)
Raffi-175	(gold, 2010)
Vahan Terian-125	(gold, 2010)
Misaq Metsarents-125	(gold, 2011)
Hovhannes Shiraz-100	(gold, 2014)
Hovhannes Tumanyan-150	(gold, 2019)
Yeghishe Charents-125	(gold, 2022)

Fine Arts, Architecture

Arshile Gorky-100	(gold, 2004)
Martiros Sarian-125	(gold, 2005)

Hovhannes Aivazovsky (silver, 2006)
Hakob Gurjian-125 (gold, 2006)
Jean Garzou-100 (gold, 2007)
Vardges Sureniants-150 (silver, 2010)
Teodor Axentowicz (silver, 2010)
Toros Roslin-800 (gold, 2011)
Stepan Aghajanian-150 (silver, 2013)
Ara Beqaryan-100 (silver, 2013)
Eduard Isabekyan-100 (silver, 2014)
Panos Terlemezian-150 (silver, 2015)
Arshak Fetvadjian-150 (silver, 2016)
Alexander Bazhbeuk-Melikian-125 (silver, 2016)
Hovhannes Aivazovsky-200 (gold, 2017)
Hovhannes Zardaryan-100 (silver, 2018)
Vartan Mahokian-150 (silver, 2019)
Jansem-100 (gold/silver, 2020)
Yeghishe Tadevossian-150 (silver, 2020)

Music

Aram Khachatryan-100 (gold/silver, 2002)
Komitas (gold, 2006)
Sayat-Nova-300 (gold, 2012)
Komitas-150 (silver, 2019)
Arno Babajanyan-100 (silver, 2021)
Alexander Spendiaryan-150 (silver, 2021)
Ohan Dourian-100 (silver, 2022)

Cinema, Theatre, Circus

Leonid Yengibarov-75 (silver, 2010)
Sergei Parajanov (silver, 2012)
Vahram Papazyan-125 (gold, 2013)
Hamo Beknazaryan-125 (silver, 2017)
Henry Verneuil-100 (silver, 2020)
Hrachia Nersisyan-125 (gold, 2020)

Sport

Tigran Petrosian-70 (silver, 1999)
Kings of Football (silver, 2008-2011)
Pele, Eusebio, Lev Yashin, Franz Beckenbauer, Zbigniew Boniek, Yohan Cruyff, Mario Kempes, Michel Platini

CULTURE

Science, Literature

1600th Anniversary of Creation of Armenian Alphabet (gold, 2002)
1000th Anniversary of Poem "Book of Lamentations" (silver, 2002)
1600th Anniversary of Creation of Armenian Alphabet – Sahak A Partev (silver, 2005)
1600th Anniversary of Creation of Armenian Alphabet – King Vramshapouh (silver, 2005)
50th Anniversary of Foundation of Matenadaran (silver, 2007)
825th Years of "The Codex" written by Mkhitar Gosh (silver, 2009)
725th Anniversary of Glazdor University (silver, 2009)
500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing (silver, 2012)
Letters of Armenian Alphabet, 39 types (gold/silver, 2013)
100th Anniversary of Foundation of History Museum of Armenia (silver, 2019)
100th Anniversary of Foundation of Yerevan State University (silver, 2019)
Oganesson (Og) (silver, 2022)

Art

75th Anniversary of Foundation of Opera and Ballet Theater (silver, 2008)

Jazz (silver, 2010)

Armenian Carpet (gilded silver/silver, 2018)
Dragon Carpet, Sun Carpet, Eagle Carpet, Altar Carpet, Altar-Cross Carpet, Bee-Nest Carpet, Life Tree Carpet, Medallion Carpet, Vorotan Carpet, Proshaberd Carpet

Pottery of the World (silver, 2018)
Armenian Pottery, Russian Pottery, Greek Pottery, Chinese Pottery, Iranian Pottery

100th Anniversary of Foundation of Gabriel Sundukyan National Academic Theater (silver, 2021)

100th Anniversary of Foundation of Petros Adamyan Armenian State Drama Theater in Tbilisi (silver, 2021)

RELIGION

Mythology

David of Sassoun (silver, 1994)

Goddess Anahit (gold, 1997)

Haik Nahapet (gold, 2007)

Christianity

Noah Descending from Ararat (gold, 1999)

Armenian Catholicoi of the XX century (gold, 2008)

St Sargis the Commander (gold, 2009)

Gospel Scenes in Armenian Miniatures (silver, 2010)
Annunciation, Adoration of the Magi, Entry into Jerusalem, Ascension

200th Anniversary of Foundation of Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna (silver, 2011)

Noah's Ark (7,77 g/15,55 g/31,1 g) (silver, 2012)

200th Anniversary of Foundation of Lazarev Institute (silver, 2015)

Noah's Ark (1,0 g/7,78 g/15,55 g/31,1 g) (gold, 2017)

300th Anniversary of Foundation of Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice (silver, 2017)

200th Anniversary of Foundation of Armenian College and Philanthropic Academy of Kolkata (silver, 2021)

Religious monuments

Garni (silver, 1994)

Holy Etchmiadzin (gold/silver, 1998)

Ani (gold/silver, 1998)

Haghpat (silver, 1998)

Aghtamar (gold/silver, 1999)

Monastery of Gandzasar (silver, 2004)

Cross-stones of Armenia (silver, 2011)
Etchmiadzin cross-stone, Kecharis cross-stone, Gndevank cross-stone, Goshavank cross-stone, Noravank cross-stone, Sanahin cross-stone

Armenian Monasteries and Churches (silver, 2012)
Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, Kecharis Monastery, Gndevank Monastery, Goshavank Monastery, Noravank Monastery, Sanahin Monastery

Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin (silver, 2020)

Treasures of Etchmiadzin

Holy Lance (silver, 2013)

The Right Hand of Saint Gregory the Illuminator (silver, 2014)

Cauldron for Holy Chrism (silver, 2014)

Khotakerats Sourb Nshan (silver, 2016)

The Cross with the Relics of Saint John the Baptist (silver, 2016)

The Cross with the Relics of Saint George (silver, 2016)

HISTORY

10 Years of Earthquake (silver, 1998)

110th Anniversary of State Bank (silver, 2003)

10th Anniversary of Court of Cassation of the Republic of Armenia (gold, 2008)

Ani-1050 (gold, 2011)

Artashat-2200 (gold, 2011)

The Centenary of Armenian Genocide (silver, 2015)

20th Anniversary of Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia (silver, 2015)

Yerevan-2800 (silver, 2018)

100th Anniversary of Sardarapat Battle (silver, 2018)

75th Anniversary of the Victory in Great Patriotic War (silver, 2020)

NATURE

Flora

Apricot (silver, 1994)

Armenian Grapes (silver, 2007)

Beauty of Flowers (silver, 2010-2011)
Galanthus Artjuschenkoae, Tanacetum Zangezuricum, Sorbus Hajastana, Crocus Adamii

Pomegranate (gold, 2011)

The Oldest Trees of the World (silver, 2014)
Skhtorashen Platanus, Hundred Horse Chestnut, Angel Oak, General Sherman Tree

Fauna

Caucasian Otter (silver/CuNi, 1997)

Armenian Gull (silver/CuNi, 1998)

Wild World of Caucasus (silver, 2006-2008)
Wide-Eared Hedgehog, Trans-Caucasian Grey Bear, Caucasian Forest Cat, Mediterranean Tortoise, Fore-Asian Leopard, Wide-nosed Duck, Trout, Armenian Viper, Bezoar Goat, Armenian Moufflon, Caucasian Owl, Toad Agama

The Year of the Caucasian Leopard (silver, 2019)

Nature's monuments

Labyrinths of the World (silver, 2016-2017)
Boston Labyrinth, Vaals Labyrinth, Barcelona Labyrinth, Mazone Labyrinth

SPORT

32nd Chess Olympiad (silver, 1996)

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18th Winter Olympic Games (silver, 1998)

1998 Football World Cup (silver, 1998)

First Pan-Armenian Games (silver, 1999)

2006 Football World Cup (silver, 2004)

37th Chess Olympiad (gold, 2006)

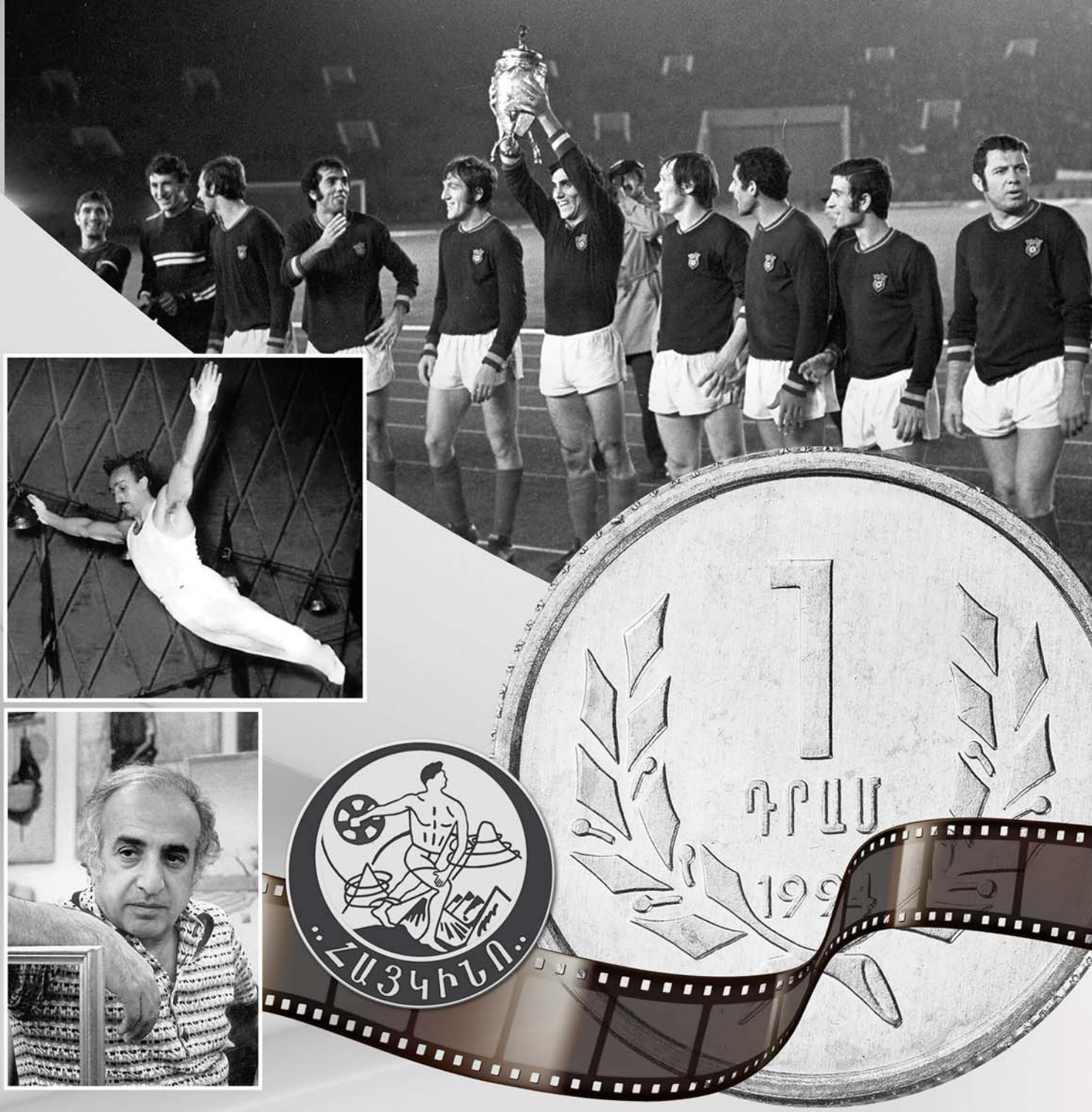
Art of Fighting (silver, 2011-2012)
Judo, Wushu, Karate, Kokh

2014 World Football Championship (silver, 2014)

2018 World Football Championship (silver, 2018)

SYMBOLS

The Signs of Zodiac (silver, 2007-2008/gold, 2008-2009)
Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces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Republic of Armenia Collector Coins Issue Program 2023

100th Anniversary of Foundation of Armenian Cinema

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Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	200 pcs

Hrant Sahinyan-100

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	200 pcs

Hagop Hagopian-100

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	28,28 g
Diameter	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity of issue	250 pcs

"Ararat-73" – 50 Years of Golden Double

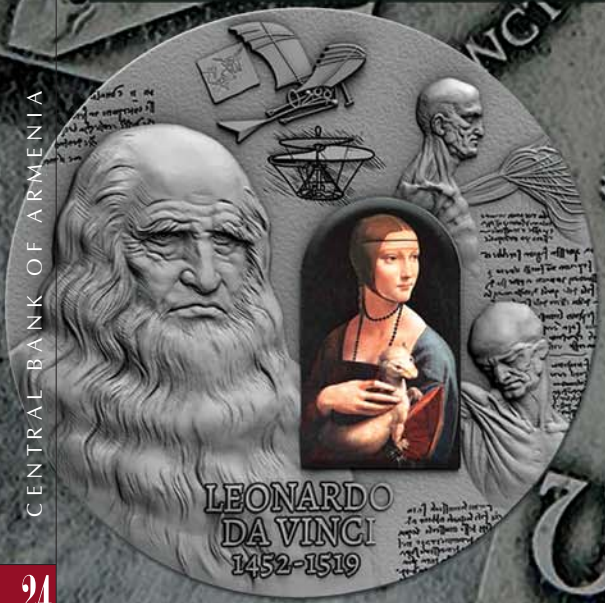
Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity of issue	400 pcs

30 Years of National Currency

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	168,1 g
Diameter	63,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even, numbered
Quantity of issue	400 pcs

Mints

Collector coins issued under the Central Bank of Armenia 2022 issue program were produced at the Mint of Poland and the Lithuanian Mint.



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The Mint of Poland

The Mint of Poland was established in 1766 by order of the Polish king Stanislaw August Poniatowski, who aimed at creating the mint where the most beautiful coins would have been produced.

Nowadays, the Mint of Poland is the main manufacturer of circulation coins and the sole manufacturer of collector coins issued by the National Bank of Poland. It also produces gold bars, commemorative medals, highest quality insignia, official and heraldic seals for the local government. The Polish collector coins win major awards in the most prestigious numismatic contests.

The Central Bank of Armenia has been cooperating with the Mint of Poland since 1993, when the decision was made to issue circulation coins of the independent Republic of Armenia. The 1st and 2nd series of the Armenian circulation coins were manufactured at the Mint of Poland.

The Mint of Poland has also produced a great number of Armenian collector coins and collections, among which are "Komitas", "Armenian Catholicoi of the XX century",

"Eurasian Economic Union", "20th Anniversary of Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia", "Vardan Mamikonian", "Kings of Football", "Pottery of the World".

The Central Bank of Armenia together with the Mint of Poland accomplished the project commemorating 100 years of the Armenian Genocide by issuance of commemorative medal "Forget-Me-Not" and medal collections "Martyred Armenian Intellectuals" and "Memorials of Loss and Struggle" dedicated to the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

LIETUVOS MONETŲ KALYKLA

LITHUANIAN MINT

The Lithuanian Mint

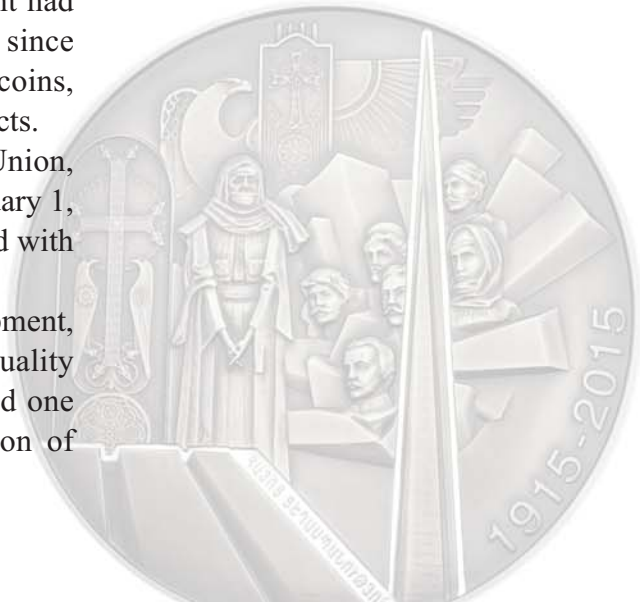
The Lithuanian Mint was founded on December 10, 1990, in Vilnius. In the first years of operation, the Mint had been striking only circulation coins, but since 1993 it started producing also collector coins, commemorative medals and souvenir products.

After Lithuania joined the European Union, EURO was put into circulation starting January 1, 2015, and the Lithuanian Mint was entrusted with the production of euro coins.

Today, thanks to the use of modern equipment, technological innovations and high quality products, the Lithuanian Mint is considered one of the leaders in the market for production of numismatic values. The prizes earned yearly at the World Money Fair and international numismatic contests is a good evidence of that.

The Lithuanian Mint produces coins for a number of countries, including Armenia, Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Luxembourg and Finland. During 32 years of operation, the Mint has implemented numerous projects, issued more than 5 million collector coins using more than 20 innovative minting techniques. The Lithuanian Mint is the first in the world to mint a digital coin.

The Lithuanian Mint has been cooperating with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2001. A great variety of collector coins under 2014-2021 collector coin issue programs, including the ones which earned awards at international numismatic contests (“The Centenary of Armenian Genocide”, “Yerevan-2800”, “Komitas-150”, “Jansem-100”, “Arno Babajanyan-100” and many more) were produced by the Lithuanian Mint.



Internal contest - 2022

In 2022 the Central Bank of Armenia organized the **“Best Collector Coin of the Year”** internal contest. All collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2022 participated in the contest.

The employees of the Central Bank of Armenia gave preference to **“Yegishe Charents-125”** gold and **“Davit Bek”** silver collector coins.

The coin “Yegishe Charents-125” is designed by Lusine Lalayan *(obverse)* and Eduard Kurghinyan *(reverse)*.

Designer of the coin “Davit Bek” is Vardan Vardanyan.

International contest - 2022

In 2022 the Central Bank of Armenia participated at the 16th international collector coin contest

“Coin Constellation-2022”

held in the Russian Federation.
The contest hosted 21 participants from 17 countries, which presented in total 140 collector coins of 2021 year of issue.
The winners of the contest were selected by a professional jury.

The silver collector coin **“Arno Babajanyan-100”** was awarded in three nominations:

“Coin of the Year” – the 1st place

“Best Artistic Solution” – the 3rd place

“People’s Choice Award”

The collector coin was minted at the Lithuanian Mint.
The designer of the collector coin “Arno Babajanyan-100” is Vardan Vardanyan.

VARDAN VARDANYAN is a designer of many Armenian collector coins and stamps awarded in international contests. In 2009, one of his works – the stamp “Europe”, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the scout movement, was recognized the best among 50 European post operators. In 2013, the collector coin “500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing” authored by him took the first prize at the 10th international contest held in Vicenza, Italy, and the collector coin “Yerevan-2800” was the winner of the 13th international contest “Coin Constellation-2019” (RF).

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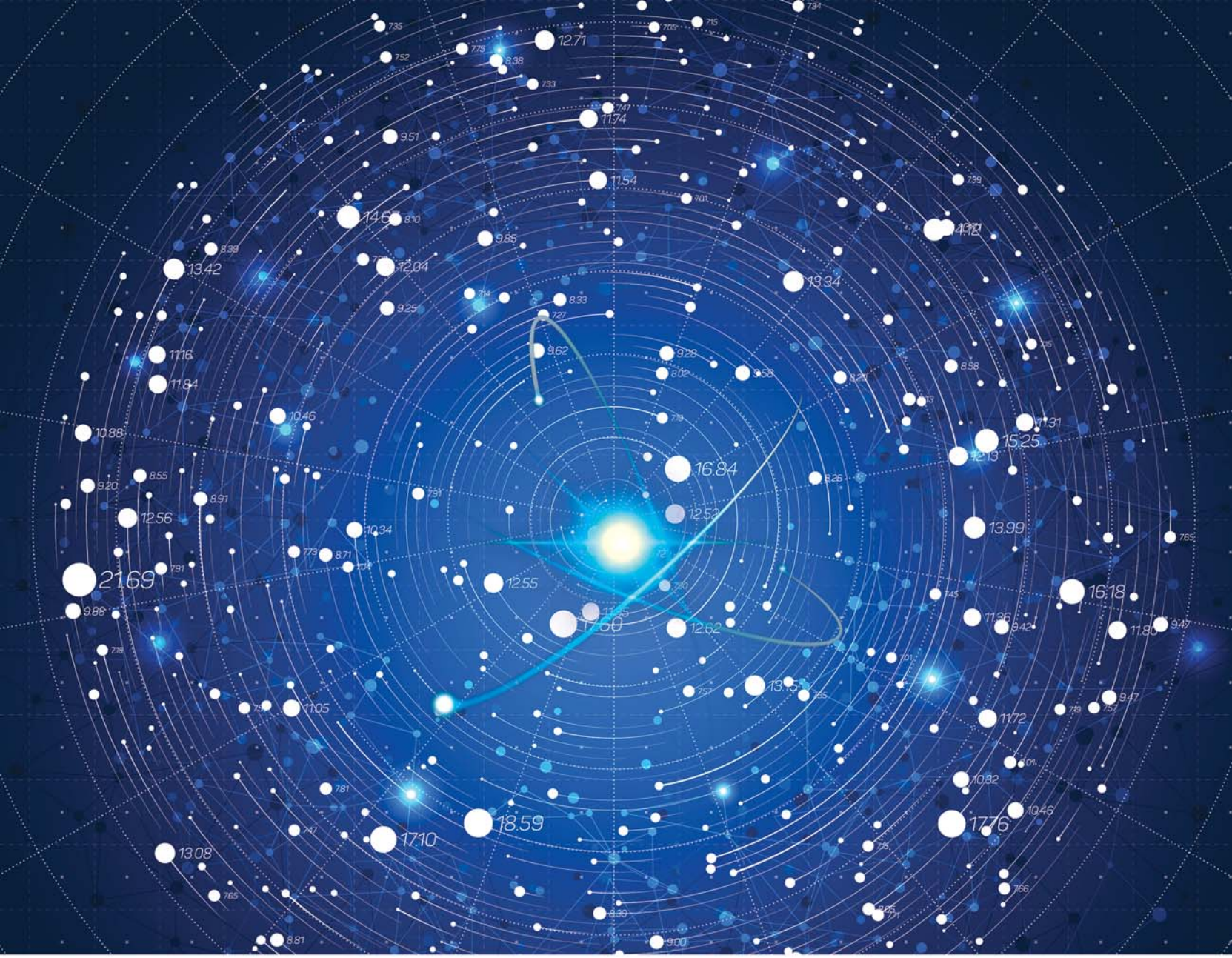

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