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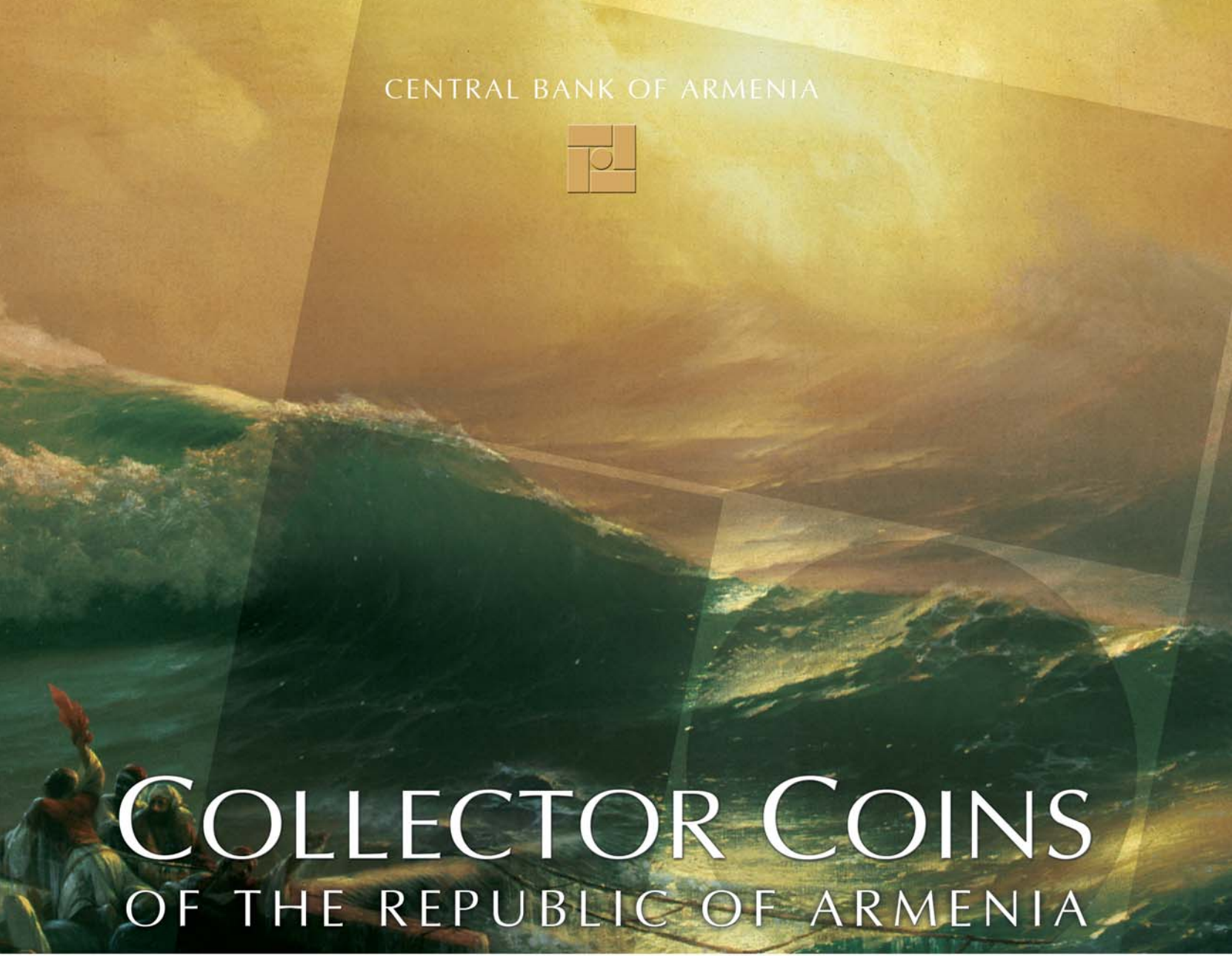

COLLECTOR COINS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

2017

NOAH'S ARK

2017
10000
10000

25

5000
2017
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
MASONE · ITALY

ALEXANDER MANTASHIAN
1842-1911

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Dear reader,

The annual journal "Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia" presents the collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia in 2017, which are dedicated to the events of pan-Armenian significance and birth anniversaries of prominent Armenians.

Year 2017 marked the 25th anniversaries of the formation of the Armenian Army and the liberation of Shushi. On the occasion of such milestone events for the Armenian statehood, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold and silver collector coins "25th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army" and the gold collector coin "25th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi".

In 2017 the Republic of Armenia and the other member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization celebrated the 25th year of signing the Treaty and the 15th year of establishing the Treaty's Organization. Highlighting the activities of this international organization, which are aimed at strengthening peace, regional security and stability, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the silver collector coin "CST-25 and CSTO-15".

The 25th anniversary of Armenia's membership to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank was another internationally significant event. The membership of many countries to these two major international institutions has greatly contributed to maintaining the stability of the global currency system. On the occasion of this event, the Central Bank of Armenia issued the silver collector coin "Anniversary of Armenia's Membership to the IMF/WB".

Year 2017 was also remarkable for celebrating jubilee anniversaries of prominent Armenian figures, and the 200th anniversary of birth of the world-famous marine artist Hovhannes Aivazovsky might be the most outstanding one. This jubilee was solemnly celebrated not only in Armenia but also in other countries around the world (e.g. Russia, Ukraine, USA). The Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold collector coin dedicated to Hovhannes Aivazovsky; it portrays a fragment of the artist's famous canvas "The Ninth Wave".

In 2017 more collector coins were issued in celebration of the 175th birthday of prominent Armenian businessman, benefactor Alexander Mantashian and of the 125th birthday of the founder of Armenian cinematography Hamo Beknazaryan. These issuances signify the huge role the Armenian enthusiasts played in contributing to the social and cultural life.

As in previous years, the Central Bank of Armenia participated in international numismatic programs in 2017. In addition to the silver collector coins "Boston Labyrinth" and "Vaals Labyrinth" issued in 2016 under the program "Labyrinths of the World", the collector coins which depicted the labyrinths of Barcelona and Masone were issued in 2017. Also in 2017, in the framework of the international numismatic program "Noah's Ark", the Central Bank of Armenia issued the gold collector coin "Noah's Ark" in four-weight categories, which were highly appreciated by the Armenian and international community.

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COLLECTOR COINS 2017

In 2017 the Central Bank of Armenia issued a total of 15 names of collector coins, 6 of which in the framework of international numismatic programs.

The series of collector coins "Armed Forces of Armenia" was added by two gold and one silver coins dedicated to the jubilee anniversaries of formation of the Armenian Army and liberation of Shushi. Following the two decades' established tradition, the new collector coins carry the depiction of state awards of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Artsakh, which are granted to people having provided exceptional service to their homeland.

The theme "Celebrities" has been added with several jubilee issuances. The gold collector coin dedicated to Hovhannes Aivazovsky's 200th birth anniversary, just like the previous coins dedicated to renowned representatives of fine arts, has been issued in an illustrated informational blister.

The issuance of the gold collector coin dedicated to Alexander Mantashian's 175th birth anniversary marked a start for the series of collector coins dedicated to public and political figures. This is perhaps the reason why the obverse of the coin bear a symbolic engraving of the collective image of the Armenian philanthropists. The silver collector coin dedicated to the 125th birth anniversary of the well-known film director and actor Hamo Beknazaryan has also been issued under the theme "Celebrities". The film screen depicted on the obverse of the coin uses a pad-printing technology which goes hand in hand with the film relief-cutting technology.

On the occasion of Armenia's membership to international organizations, two names of silver collector coins "CST-25 and CSTO-15" and "Anniversary of Armenia's Membership to the IMF/WB" were issued under the theme "Armenia and International Community".

One of the remarkable issues in 2017 was the second collector coin "300th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation of Venice" dedicated to the Mekhitarist Congregation representing the Armenian Catholic Church. The first coin was issued in 2011 and was dedicated to the 200th anniversary of establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna.

The silver collector coins "Barcelona Labyrinth" and "Masone Labyrinth" issued under the program "Labyrinths of the World" are among the series of the coins that boast complex and exciting technical solutions. Complementing the series of coins "Labyrinths of the World", issued since 2016, these coins stand out for their unique geometric forms and artistic design.

Following a sustainable cooperation with "Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH" of Germany, the Central Bank of Armenia issued collector coins "Noah's Ark" made of the highest-alloy gold, in weight categories of 1.0, 7.78, 15.55 and 31.1 gram. It is worth mentioning that the 1.0 gram "Noah's Ark" is the smallest gold coin issued by the Central Bank of Armenia.

In addition to technical specifications of the coins issued in 2017, the annual journal "Collector Coins of the Republic of Armenia" usually includes short info about the mints and designers, collaborating with the Central Bank of Armenia, as well as it publishes the 2018 program for issuance of collector coins.

200th Birth Anniversary of Hovhannes Aivazovsky

Theme - **Celebrities**

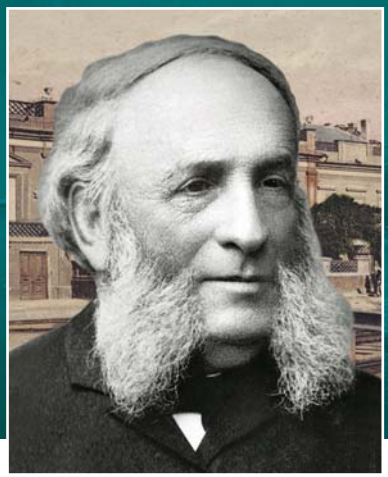
(fine arts)

Obverse: a fragment from Hovhannes Aivazovsky's "The Ninth Wave" painting.

Reverse: portrait of Hovhannes Aivazovsky.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.



Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	1000 pcs
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

HOVHANNES AIVAZOVSKY (1817-1900) is a world-renown marine artist, a classic of the Armenian and Russian art.

Aivazovsky studied at the parish school of Theodosia. He continued studying at the Simferopol Russian Gymnasium and later at the St. Petersburg Academy of Arts. In Russia in 1844, Aivazovsky was awarded the title of Academician of the Academy of Fine Arts; then he was appointed the main painter of the Chief Naval Staff. In France in 1857, he was awarded the Legion of Honor.

Aivazovsky travelled to many countries and presented his paintings at exhibitions. World fame came to him for his seascapes. He also created dozens of paintings in the Armenian thematic, which are permeated with deep patriotism and humanism.

Aivazovsky was active in organizing charities, including providing shelter and material assistance to Armenian refugees who fled to the Crimea from the 1890s massacres in Western Armenia. He supported the Greeks, the Italians in their combat for national liberation. In Theodosia, his place of birth, Aivazovsky opened the School of Fine Arts, which now carries his name, contributed to the construction of an archaeological museum, a library, a concert hall there.

Prominent museums of the world are home to around 6000 pieces of works created by Aivazovsky. A large collection of his paintings is kept in the Hovhannes Aivazovsky Gallery in Theodosia. The National Gallery of Armenia is also rich with the collection of Aivazovsky's works.

175th Birth Anniversary of Alexander Mantashian

Theme - **Celebrities**

(public and political figures)

Obverse: the monument symbolizing the collective image of the Armenian benefactor (the "Alley of Armenian Benefactors" memorial complex).

Reverse: the monument to Alexander Mantashian (Yerevan) and Mantashian's signature.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	1000 pcs
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

ALEXANDER MANTASHIAN (1842-1911) is a prominent Armenian businessman and philanthropist.

Mantashian was engaged in oil exports business. The "A. I. Mantashev & Co." oil industry and trading joint-stock company established by Mantashian had branches operating in various cities of Russia, Poland, Turkey, Romania, England, France, Egypt, Iran and India. A number of trade and financial dealings with foreign companies secured him an accumulation of great wealth.

Mantashian combined his commercial work with social and charitable activities. He sponsored the largest orphanage in the Caucasus, provided big funds for the construction and repair of Armenian schools in that region. Thanks to Mantashian's sponsorship, more than two hundred young Armenians got education at the best educational establishments of Russia and Europe, and many of them have become well-known figures in science, culture, arts and literature. They are Nikoghayos Adonts, Alexander Khatisian and Constantine Khatisian, Stepan Shahumian, Komitas, Siamanto, Hakob Manandian, to name a few.

Mantashian financed construction of Baku-Batumi oil pipeline, construction of dozens of buildings and churches in Yerevan, Tbilisi, Baku, Moscow and St. Petersburg. He channeled funds for renovation of Mother Cathedral of Holy See of Etchmiadzin and for building of St. John the Baptist Church in the center of Paris.

In 1895 Mantashian was elected a lifelong honorary chairman of the Armenian Charitable Society in the Caucasus.

In 1904, in recognition of humanitarian activities expanded in France, Mantashian was awarded the Legion of Honor.

25th Anniversary of Formation of Armenian Army

Theme - Armenian Statehood

(Armed Forces of Armenia)

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia.

Reverse: the order of Saint Vardan Mamikonian and the coat of arms of the Armenian Armed Forces.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	10 000 dram / 1000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900⁰ / silver 925⁰
Weight	8,6 g / 33,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm / 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs per type
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

On January 28, 1992 the Government of Armenia passed a historic decision on the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia, thus heralding the establishment of Armenian National Army.

Serving in Armenian Army is not only a matter of honor but mission for each young Armenian.

Armenian Army fought a glorious way in twenty-five years to fulfill its mission with honor to the country and the people. It did not loosen vigilance for a second, reliably protecting the peace and tranquility of our borders to all kinds of abuse.

Overcoming the most difficult challenges Armenian Army was formed in the period of restoration of independent statehood. It has become the most important guarantee of maintaining the security of the Armenian people and his greatest achievement.

25th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi

Theme - Armenian Statehood

(Armed Forces of Armenia)

Obverse: the coat of arms of the town of Shushi.

Reverse: the coat of arms of the Artsakh Republic and an image of one of State Decorations – the Order of Battle Cross.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan (obverse), Lusine Lalayan (reverse).

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	10 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 900⁰
Weight	8,6 g
Diameter	22,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

Town of Shushi (the Republic of Artsakh) is one of the important centers of Armenian culture.

In a naturally hardly accessible location in Artsakh province of historical Great Armenia, the town was of a strategic importance since ancient times. Fenced, the town has turned into a stronghold to withstand the attacks of foreign invaders. In 1921 Shushi consisting in Nagorno-Karabakh region was given to Azerbaijan by the Soviet authorities. A policy of cleansing Armenian people in the course of many decades has triggered the struggle for liberation. The Armenian self-defense forces led by A. Ter-Tadevosyan (Commandos) liberated Shushi on May 9, 1992. Many people representing Armenian culture, movement for freedom as well as state and military figures were born in Shushi. The town played an important role as an educational center. The residents of Shushi had a great contribution to the development of architecture, printing and art.

Noah′s Ark

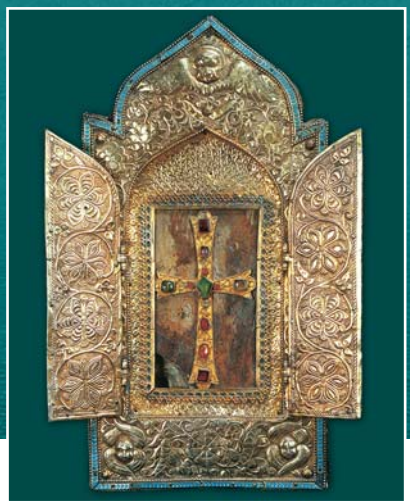
Theme - History of Armenia

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia.

Reverse: Noah′s Ark, a dove with an olive branch in the beak and the Mount Ararat at the sunrise.

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan.

Minted in Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH (Germany).



Face value	100 / 10 000 / 25 000 / 50 000 dram
Metal/fineness	gold 999,9⁰
Weight	1,0 / 7,78 / 15,55 / 31,1 g
Diameter	13,9 / 20,0 / 25,2 / 30,2 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	3000 / 1000 / 800 / 500 pcs
In circulation since	30. 03. 2017

Noah's Ark is the symbol for humanity's salvation and rebirth.

According to the Bible, God instructed Noah to build an ark in order to save the human life from the Flood. The ark where Noah took cover with his family, paired animals and birds landed on the Mount Ararat. Noah let a dove out of the ark, and the dove flew back with an olive branch in the beak and became the herald of new life. The rainbow appeared in the sky as the God's covenant with all living creatures to never again send a flood to destroy the earth.

For centuries, attempts were made to find Noah's Ark on the Mount Ararat. Jacob of Nisibis, a 4th century cleric canonized by Armenian Apostolic Holy Church, was the first person in history who, according to the church tradition, headed for the Mount Ararat and received a fragment of Noah's Ark from the God's angel.

At present the fragment of Noah's Ark is kept in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and is the immutable symbol of humanity's rebirth.

125th Birth Anniversary of Hamo Beknazaryan

Theme - **Celebrities**

(cinema, theatre, circus)

Obverse: a fragment of the poster of Hamo Beknazaryan's "Pepo" film and a videotape.

Reverse: the portrait of Hamo Beknazaryan and a camera.

Designed by Susanna Petrosyan.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925⁰
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even
Quantity	500 pcs
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

HAMO BEKNAZARYAN (1892-1965) is a prominent Armenian film director, screenwriter, the founder of the Armenian cinema and a film studio "Hayfilm" ("Armenfilm"), People's Artist of the Soviet Armenia (1935).

Beknazaryan graduated from the Moscow Institute of Commerce. In the period 1914-1921 he starred in movies, playing tens of roles. Since 1921 Beknazaryan worked in Georgia, where he headed the studio of Georgian state film production and started directing films.

In 1925 Beknazaryan moved to Armenia and founded the film studio "Hayfilm" which, starting from 1966, carries his name. In 1925 Beknazaryan shot the first Armenian feature film "Namus" ("Honor"). He scripted and directed the first Armenian comedy "Shor and Shorshor" as well as the first historical films, which are the best examples of the Armenian silent film era.

Combining the characteristic features of Armenian artistic school and literature, Beknazaryan introduced a national style to the Armenian cinema. He created films about the struggle of the Armenians for national liberation in the 18-19 centuries, the Armenia's civil strife. "Pepo", the first Armenian sound film, produced by Beknazaryan is indeed the achievement of the national cinema.

Beknazaryan's unique artistry has greatly contributed to the development of the Armenian cinema, and the epic style and originality of the films earned him an exclusive place in the history of national filmmaking.

300th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice

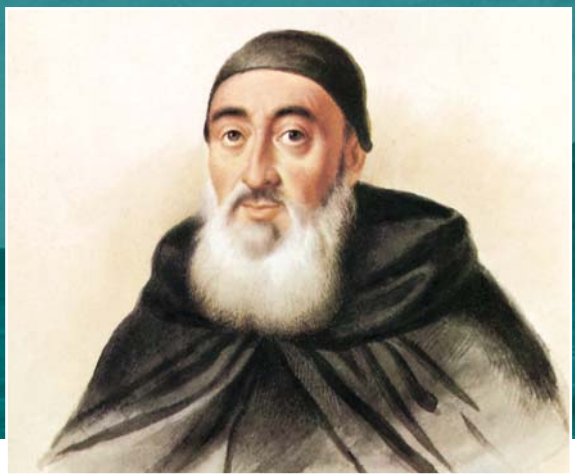
Theme - Armenia and International Community

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice, the emblem of the city of Venice in the form of a lion and an image of St. Lazarus Island with Armenian and Italian inscriptions.

Reverse: a tower of the monastery of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice and the statue of Mekhitar of Sebastia. On the background – a pattern of the stained glass window of the monastery entrance.

Designed by Vardan Vardanyan.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.



Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	500 pcs
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

The Mekhitarist Congregation is a spiritual, educational, scientific and cultural congregation of monks of the Armenian Catholic Church. It was founded by Mekhitar of Sebastia in Constantinople in 1701. In 1717, the Congregation started operating at the island of St. Lazarus (San Lazzaro) close to Venice, Italy. The Vatican recognized Mekhitar of Sebastia as a leader of the Congregation, and he was awarded the title of Abbot. The objective of the college founded in St. Lazarus in 1732 was to develop a generation that would continue the activities of the Congregation. In 1789, the Mekhitarist Congregation established its publishing house which has since published numerous works of world and Armenian classics as well as philological, religious, scientific studies and periodicals.

An edict issued by French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte on August 17, 1810 recognized the Congregation of St. Lazarus as a scientific establishment, giving it an honorary title "Armenian Academy".

The Congregation has since been engaged in scientific, educational and cultural activities. Using the personal library of Mekhitar of Sebastia the Congregation created a repository of books, which was later supplemented by donations and purchases.

The second half of the 19th century marked a new height for the Mekhitarist Congregation, as Armenian authors – H. Avgeryan, Gh. Inchichyan, M. Chamchyan, G. Avetiqyan, Gh. Alishan, among others – wrote valuable studies and literary works.

In 2000, the Mekhitarist Congregation of the Venice and Vienna branches held a joint general meeting at which they decided to create the United Mekhitarist Congregation, with the Monastery of San Lazzaro having become its center.

The members of the Congregation are working closely with the scientists of the Republic of Armenia. Activities of these members include attending conferences on Armenian studies.

25th Anniversary of Collective Security Treaty and 15th Anniversary of Collective Security Treaty Organization

Theme - **Armenia and International Community**

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia and the stylistic images of the CSTO member-states′ flags.

Reverse: the logotype with notation of the CST and the CSTO anniversary years.

Designed by Eduard Kurghinyan (obverse) and Davit Dovlatyan (reverse).

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	200 pcs
In circulation since	16. 01. 2017

The Collective Security Treaty was signed on 15 May 1992. Intensification of cooperation within the CST member-states led to creation of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) in 2002.

The CSTO member-states include the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan.

The collective security, stability, territorial integrity and sovereignty of member-states are the main principles of the activities of the CSTO.

The initiatives for foreign policy coordination within the CSTO, strengthening defense potential and in response to threats and challenges are in the focus of attention by the Republic of Armenia.

Anniversary of Membership of the Republic of Armenia to the IMF/WB

Theme – Armenia and International Community

Obverse: the coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia.

Reverse: the IMF and the WB logotypes with an inscription notifying of the 25th anniversary of membership of the Republic of Armenia.

Designed by Haroutiun Samuelian.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925⁰
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	300 pcs
In circulation since	15. 05. 2017

The idea of creation of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank originated at the International Currency Conference organized in Bretton Woods, USA, in 1944. The conference hosted delegates from 44 countries. The participants have expressed their readiness for long-term cooperation in order to promote economic recovery of the countries affected by World War II and to reduce the negative impact of the global economic crises in the future.

Started in 1992, membership of the Republic of Armenia to the above organizations is aimed at contributing to the stability of the international monetary system, as well as the implementation of development programs in agriculture, health, education and other areas of relevance.

Barcelona Labyrinth

Theme - **Nature**

(environment)

Obverse: the Barcelona labyrinth and the statue to Eros.

Reverse: contours of the Barcelona labyrinth with a pool at the entrance and a platform in the center, a gilded ball rolling through the labyrinth's paths.

Designed by Giedrius Paulauskis.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925⁰
Weight	62,2 g
Diameter	individual
Quality	proof
Edge	even
Quantity	up to 1500 pcs
In circulation since	30. 05. 2017

The Barcelona Labyrinth with its spacious park (Parc del Laberint d'Horta) is located in Barcelona's Horta-Guinardó district, Spain.

The park was established in 1791 when the Desvalls family planted many cypress trees in their estate. Later, an architect Elies Rogent expanded the park by adding flowerbeds, pavilions, waterfalls and canals. The park also holds temples, grottoes and high reliefs, dedicated to the Greek mythological heroes.

The Barcelona labyrinth is dedicated to the Greek myth "Theseus and the Minotaur" and portrays the Minotaur's castle. At the entrance of the labyrinth one can see a spherical obelisk symbolizing the Ariadne's thread, whereas at the central platform there is a statute to Eros, the God of love, which stands as a sign of overcoming the labyrinth.

The Barcelona labyrinth was fully renovated by the European Union funding assistance and along with the surrounding park was given the status of a park museum. At present it is a renowned cultural center.

Masone Labyrinth

Theme - **Nature**

(environment)

Obverse: the Masone labyrinth and the pyramid-shaped chapel.

Reverse: contours of the Masone labyrinth with a platform in the center, a gilded ball rolling through the labyrinth's paths.

Designed by Giedrius Paulauskis.

Minted in the Lithuanian Mint.

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925⁰
Weight	62,2 g
Diameter	individual
Quality	proof
Edge	even
Quantity	up to 1500 pcs
In circulation since	30. 05. 2017

The Masone labyrinth is located in one of the nearby settlements of Parma, Italy. It was created by Italian publisher and designer Franco Maria Ricci, in 2015.

Around 200 000 bamboo plants in dense rows make the walls of the labyrinth. There is a platform in the center of the labyrinth which is surrounded by buildings and leads visitors to the pyramid-shaped chapel and an art museum of the Renaissance period.

The labyrinth is built on the basis of the octagonal star-like "ideal city" project, which was conceived and developed by Italian architect Antonio Filarete back in the 15th century. The idea of building the "ideal city" was called to confront the medieval traditions of irregular town building and to ensure peaceful coexistence of citizens.

The Masone labyrinth hosts many art lovers. It is a well-known cultural center where concerts and exhibitions are in routine.

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
DRAM 100
2014
20 YEARS OF NATIONAL CURRENCY
FRANZ BECKENBAUER
125
ALEXANDER
BAZHBEUK-MELIKIAN
MOVSES KHORENATSI
1600
10000
1000
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
GOSHAVANK
2011
1915-2015
VIRGO
HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
5000
2012

Collector coins of the Republic of Armenia by series and years of issue

(1994 - 2017)

ARMENIAN STATEHOOD

History of Statehood

Artsakh	(silver, 1994)
National Assembly Building	(silver, 1995)
Artashesian 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)

Armed Forces of Armenia

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

Armenian Commanders

Marshal Baghramyan-100	(silver, 1997)
Garegin Nzhdeh	(gilded / silver, 2001)
Marshal Babajanyan-100	(silver, 2006)
Andranik Ozanyan-150	(silver, 2015)
Vardan Mamikonian-1625	(gold, 2016)
Vardan Mamikonian	(gold, 2016)

Armenian Currency

Spindle	(silver, 1994)
5 Years of National Currency	(silver, 1998)
15 Years of National Currency	(silver, 2008)
20 Years of National Currency	(silver, 2013)

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)
200th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna	(silver, 2011)
Collective Security Treaty and the Treaty Organization	(silver, 2012)
Eurasian Economic Union	(silver, 2015)
300th Anniversary of Establishment of the Mekhitarist Congregation in Venice	(silver, 2017)
CST-25 and CSTO-15	(silver, 2017)
Anniversary of Membership of the Republic of Armenia to the IMF/WB	(silver, 2017)

CELEBRITIES

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)

Fine Arts

Arshille Gorky-100	(gold, 2004)
Martiros Sarian-125	(gold, 2005)
Hakob Gyurjian-125	(gold, 2006)
Jean Garzou-100	(gold, 2007)
Vardges Sureniants-150	(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)

Music

Aram Khachatryan-100	(gold / silver, 2002)
Komitas	(gold, 2006)
Sayat-Nova-300	(gold, 2012)

Science

Anania Shirakatsi-1400	(silver, 2004)
Artem Mikoyan-100	(silver, 2005)
Viktor Hambartsumian-100	(silver, 2008)
Movses Khorenatsi-1600	(silver, 2010)
Leo-150	(silver, 2010)
Hovsep Orbeli-125	(silver, 2012)
Benjamin Margaryan-100	(silver, 2013)
Voskan Yerevantsi-400	(silver, 2014)

Cinema, Theatre, Circus

Leonid Yengibarov-75	(silver, 2010)
Vahram Papazyan-125	(gold, 2013)
Hamo Beknazaryan-125	(silver, 2017)

Sport

Tigran Petrosyan-70	(silver, 1999)

Public and Political Figures

Alexander Mantashian-175	(gold, 2017)

ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS

Sardarapat	(silver, 1994)
David of Sasoun	(silver, 1994)
Garni	(silver, 1994)
Monastery of Gandzasar	(silver, 2004)
Armenian Monasteries and Churches Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, Noravank, Gndevank, Sanahin, Goshavank, Kecharis	(silver, 2012)

ARMENIAN CULTURE

Science, Education

50th Anniversary of Establishment of Matenadaran	(silver, 2007)
825th Anniversary of "The Codex" written by Mkhitar Gosh	(silver, 2009)
725th Anniversary of Gladzor University	(silver, 2009)
200th Anniversary of Foundation of Lazarev Institute	(silver, 2015)

Literature, Art

1600th Anniversary of the Armenian Alphabet	(gold, 2002)
1000th Anniversary of the Poem "Book of Lamentations"	(silver, 2002)
Sahak A Partev	(silver, 2005)
King Vramshapouh	(silver, 2005)
Hovhannes Aivazovsky	(silver, 2006)
75th Anniversary of Establishment of the Opera and Ballet Theatre	(silver, 2008)

Jazz	(silver, 2010)
Teodor Axentowicz	(silver, 2010)
Sergei Parajanov	(silver, 2012)
500th Anniversary of Armenian Book Printing	(silver, 2012)
Letters of the Armenian Alphabet, 39 types	(gold / silver, 2013)

Mythology

Goddess Anahit	(gold, 1997)
Noah Descending from Ararat	(gold, 1999)
Haik Nahapet	(gold, 2007)

Religion

Holy Etchmiadzin	(gold/silver, 1998)
Ani	(gold/silver, 1998)
Haghpat	(silver, 1998)
Aghtamar	(gold/silver, 1999)
Armenian Patriarchs of the 20th Century	(gold, 2008)
St Sargis the Commander	(gold, 2009)
Gospel Scenes in Armenian Miniatures	
Annunciation, Adoration of Magi, Entry into Jerusalem, Ascension	(silver, 2010)
Cross-stones of Armenia	
Etchmiadzin, Gndevank, Goshavank, Kecharis, Sanahin, Noravank	(silver, 2011)
Treasures of Etchmiadzin	
Holy Lance	(silver, 2013)
The Right Hand of St Gregory the Illuminator	(silver, 2014)
Cauldron for Holy Chrism	(silver, 2014)
Khotakerats Sourb Nshan	(silver, 2016)
Cross with the Relics of St John the Baptist	(silver, 2016)
Cross with the Relics of St George	(silver, 2016)

ARMENIAN HISTORY

10th Year of the Earthquake	(silver, 1998)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 1999)
Tigran the Great	(gold, 2003)
110th Anniversary of the State Bank	(silver, 2003)
10th Anniversary of the Court of Cassation	(gold, 2008)
Ani-1050	(gold, 2011)
Artashat-2200	(gold, 2011)
Noah's Ark (7,77 / 15,55 / 31,1 g)	(silver, 2012)
The Centenary of the Armenian Genocide	(silver, 2015)
The 20th Anniversary of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia	(silver, 2015)
Noah's Ark (1,0 / 7,78 / 15,55 / 31,1 g)	(gold, 2017)

NATURE

Flora

Apricot	(silver, 1994)
Armenian Grape	(silver, 2007)
Beauty of Flowers	
Galanthus Artjuschenkoae, Tanacetum Zangezuricum, Sorbus Hajastana, Crocus Adamii	(silver, 2010-2011)
Pomegranate	(gold, 2011)

Fauna

Caucasian Otter	(silver/CuNi, 1997)
Armenian Gull	(silver/CuNi, 1998)
Wild World of Caucasus	
Wide-Eared Hedgehog	
Trans-Caucasian Grey Bear	

Caucasian Forest Cat
Mediterranean Tortoise
Fore-Asian Leopard
Wide-nosed Duck
Trout
Armenian Viper
Bezoar
Armenian Moufflon
Caucasian Owl
Toad Agama (silver, 2006-2008)

Envirement

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

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

Sport

32nd Chess Olympiad (silver 1996, «LIALOOSIN»)
32nd Chess Olympiad (silver/CuNi 1996, «ROYAL MINT»)
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)

Kings of Football
Pele, Eusebio, Lev Yashin,
Franz Beckenbauer, Zbigniew Boniek (silver, 2008-2009)
Mario Kempes, Yohan Cruyff
Michel Platini (silver, 2010-2011)

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

2014 Football World Championship (silver, 2014)

Other

The Signs of Zodiac
Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo,
Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn,
Aquarius, Pisces (silver, 2007-2008)

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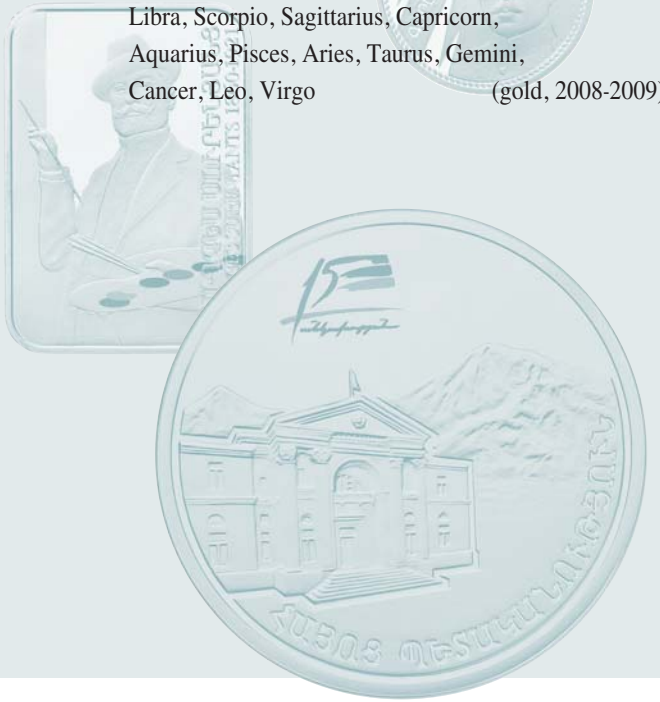

Armenian Collector Coins Issue Program 2018

Centenary of Sardarapat Battle

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33,6 g
Diameter	40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	proof
Quantity	500 pcs

Yerevan-2800

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	168,1 g
Diameter	63,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	700 pcs

25 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	300 pcs

Centenary of the First Republic of Armenia

Face value	5000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	168,1 g
Diameter	63,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even, numbered
Quantity	300 pcs

Hovhannes Zardaryan-100

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	28,28 g
Size	28,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	BU
Edge	even
Quantity	500 pcs

2018 World Football Championship

Face value	100 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	20,0 g
Diameter	38,6 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 5000 pcs

Armenian Pottery

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	31,1 g
Size	40,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 2000 pcs

Greek Pottery

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	31,1 g
Size	40,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 1500 pcs

Russian Pottery

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	31,1 g
Size	40,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 1500 pcs

Chinese Pottery

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	31,1 g
Size	40,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 1500 pcs

Iranian Pottery

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	31,1 g
Size	40,0 x 40,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	ribbed
Quantity	up to 1500 pcs

"Armenian Carpet" coin series

(Dragon Carpet, Sun Carpet, Eagle Carpet, Altar Carpet, Altar-Cross Carpet, Life Tree Carpet, Bee-Nest Carpet, Medallion Carpet, Vorotan Carpet, Proshaberd Carpet)

Face value	1000 dram
Metal/fineness	silver 925°
Weight	33.6 g
Size	32,5 x 48,0 mm
Quality	proof
Edge	even
Quantity	up to 500 pcs per type

Mints

In 2017 the Central Bank of Armenia collaborated with the Lithuanian Mint and "Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH" of Germany. The colletor coins "Noah's Ark" with weight categories of 1.0, 7.78, 15.55 and 31.1 grams were minted at "Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH" and the rest of the collector coins were struck at the Lithuanian Mint.

Lithuanian Mint

Lithuanian Mint was officially founded on December 10, 1990 in capital Vilnius. Initially, the Mint only struck circulating coins, and starting from 1993, it minted collector coins as well. Lithuanian Mint cooperates with those central banks which do not have their own mint (Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, etc.).

Lithuanian Mint has been cooperating with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2001. A vast number of collector coins specified under the coin issuance programs for 2014-2017 were struck by Lithuanian Mint. These include, among others, "200th Anniversary of Foundation of the Lazarev Institute", "Panos Terlemezian-150", "The Centenary of the Armenian Genocide", "Andranik Ozanyan-150", "Vardan Mamikonian-1625", "Alexander Bazhbeuk-Melikian-125", "Hovhannes Aivazovsky-200", "Alexander Mantashian-175", "Labyrinths of the World".

Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH, Germany

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Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH is located in Leipzig, Germany. The company is engaged in the precious metals industry, has facilities for striking different weight gold, silver and platinum bars and investment coins. The company is an international market leader in the sale of products made of precious metals. Geiger Edelmetalle GmbH has been cooperating with the Central Bank of Armenia since 2011 when silver investment coins "Noah's Ark" were first issued. The gold collector coins "2014 FIFA World Cup" and "Noah's Ark" were struck in this mint.

Internal Contest - 2017

In 2017 the Central Bank of Armenia organized an internal contest for collector coins which were offered in the categories "**Best Gold Collector Coin of the Year**" and "**Best Silver Collector Coin of the Year**". The contest was open to all collector coins issued by the Central Bank of Armenia during that year. In the category "**Best Gold Collector Coin of the Year**" preference was given to the coin "**Hovhannes Aivazovsky-200**" while in the category "**Best Silver Collector Coin of the Year**" the coin "**Hamo Beknazaryan-125**" was the best choice.

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