



Chinese Export "thousand Lohan" Set Of Five Cups & Saucers, Late 19th Century



500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Porcelain

Diameter : 10.3 cm

Height : 4.7 cm

Description

A cohesive set of five Chinese export porcelain tea cups with five matching saucers, late Qing (c. 1880-1900). Each cup and saucer is densely painted in iron-red, gilt and coloured enamels with the celebrated "Thousand Lohan" motif: ranks of tiny arhat (Lohan) heads radiating from a central gilt roundel to form a hypnotic kaleidoscope. The decoration continues inside the cups as well as outside, demonstrating meticulous miniature brushwork typical of the Canton/Hong Kong finishing workshops.

Undersides bear an overglaze iron-red shop mark ??? (Guang Yi Ji / Kwong Yick Kee), a known Cantonese/Hong Kong retailer in the export trade; this is a commercial retailer signature, not an imperial reign mark.

Dimensions

Dealer

Gillers Antiques

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Five cups and five saucers.

Saucer: Ø 12.7 cm; H 2.0 cm

Cup: rim Ø 8.6 cm; width over handle 10.3 cm; H 4.7 cm

Condition

No repairs, restorations or cracks. Minor age-consistent rubbing to the gilding; otherwise excellent antique condition.

Shipping & Packaging

Fully tracked and insured delivery.

Professional packaging with careful handling.

Recycled materials used where possible.

Please study all photographs as they form part of the description. Questions are welcome.