# Medici Casket Sculpted With The Six-sphere Shield Emblem. Italy, 13th-14th Century.



4 500 EUR

Signature : scultore italiano

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 30 cm

Width : 10 cm

Height : 12 cm

## Description

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rosettes and flowers enrich the panels. On the sides, a sculpted squared lattice decoration resembling a mosaic is featured. The walnut structure lacks its original lock. (30 x 10 x 12 cm h). The object bears a simple oblong coat of arms, in 14th-century Gothic style, and we can presume that it is one of the oldest known Medici representations.