



## White Marble Bust Of Marcus Aurelius, Early 20th Century



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Marble

Width : 66 cm

Height : 80 cm

Depth : 37 cm

### Description

Important sculpted white marble bust representing the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, based on ancient models. The work displays a fine quality of execution, particularly in the treatment of the face with its fine, balanced modelling. The deep-set gaze lends the whole an expression imbued with gravity and serenity, true to the image of the philosopher sovereign. The hair and hairline of the face are of the highest quality. The hair and beard, richly worked in deep, even strands, testify to meticulous craftsmanship. The ample, structured drapery is held in place at the shoulder by a circular fibula, in the tradition of Roman imperial representations. The marble, with its deep, regular strands, bears witness to meticulous craftsmanship. The marble, in a beautiful white hue, has a natural patina. This

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large-scale decorative bust is in the tradition of copies after Antiquity, highly prized at the turn of the 20th century for the ornamentation of libraries, salons or amateur cabinets. Marcus Aurelius (121-180 AD), emperor of Rome and Stoic philosopher, embodies the ideal of the enlightened ruler. His image, widely disseminated by ancient sculpture, has endured the centuries as a symbol of wisdom and self-control.