



A Roman Republican Banded Agate Intaglio. Caduceus With Letters V - A



2 400 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Dimensions: 12 × 10 × 2 mm (mounting on request)
Date: 1st century BC
Condition: light wear
Oval intaglio in black-and-white banded agate, whose natural white stratum runs horizontally across the composition. The caduceus of Mercury is engraved at the center, executed with globular elements incised and polished with great finesse, in the distinctive Republican style also found on contemporary coinage. On either side, the letters V - A, probably the owner's initials or a votive formula. A symbol of mediation, balance and good fortune, the caduceus is one of the most characteristic motifs of Roman Republican glyptic. Light wear consistent with the antiquity of the stone.

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